

## Ashford Joint Transportation Board

Minutes of a Virtual Meeting of the Joint Transportation Board held on Microsoft Teams on the **2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021**

### Present:

Mr M J Angell (Chairman);  
Cllr B Heyes (Vice-Chairman);

Cllrs. Burgess, Feacey, Harman, Krause, Spain  
Mr P W Bartlett, Mrs C L Bell, Mr D Farrell, Mr P M Hill.

In accordance with Procedure Rule 1.2 (c) Councillor Harman attended as a Substitute Member for Councillor Cornish.

Note: Mr T Bartlett, Mrs C Drury and Mrs A Hicks – KALC Ashford Area Committee could not access the live meeting but observed via the web site.

### Apologies:

Mr Simkins, Cllr Cornish, Senior Highway Manager (EU Exit Highway Lead) – (KCC)

### Also present:

Cllrs Forest, Ledger, Michael, Wright.

### In Attendance:

Ashford District Manager – (KCC), Community Safety and Wellbeing Manager – (ABC), Parking, Highways and Transportation Team Leader – (ABC), Parking, Highways and Transportation Technical Officer - (ABC), Civil Enforcement Officer Team Leader – (ABC), Member Services Liaison Manager – (ABC),

## 246 Declarations of Interest

Mr Bartlett	Made a 'Voluntary Announcement' as he lived close to the Sevington Inland Border Facility.	250
-------------	--	-----

## 247 Minutes

### Resolved:

**That the Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020 be approved and confirmed as a correct record.**

## **248 Parking and Waiting Restrictions – update summary**

The report provided an update and summarised parking and waiting restriction schemes that had been through the Joint Transportation Board. The Parking, Highways and Transportation Technical Officer explained that the Amendment No 7 Order had been made in January and that the majority of lining works had now taken place. There were, however some issues in terms of undertaking lining works in Thompson Road due to vehicles being parked on the highway before the lining contractors arrived on site. Also in terms of the TENT1 development, the developer was still to undertake lining and signage works before enforcement could be taken, but he hoped that these works would be completed by the start of April.

The Parking, Highways and Transport Technical Officer also drew attention to the KCC amendment schemes at Hinxhill, Gravel Walk and Hilton Road and the ongoing parking liaison and public transport meetings held between ABC and KCC, the latter which involved public transport providers. He also commended the work involved in the production of a Highway Improvement Plan by KCC and Wye Parish Council and endorsed that process.

In response to a question about the TENT1 restrictions, the Parking, Highways and Transport Technical Officer advised that once lining and signing works had been completed, ABC could enforce the restrictions prior to the highway being adopted. However, in terms of the safety of the junction, he explained that this was subject to a KCC Safety Audit and the developer was responsible until such time as the roads were adopted.

In response to a question about the problems with undertaking lining works in Thompson Road, he explained that the contractors had gone back several times and he was considering coning the relevant sections of road which would therefore enable Penalty Charge Notices to be issued. If problems still existed he said that he may seek the help of the police in clearing the highway of parked vehicles to allow the lining works to be undertaken.

### **Resolved:**

**That the report be received and noted.**

## **249 Highway Forward Works Programme 2020/21 Onwards**

The report updated Members on the identified schemes which had been programmed for delivery in 2020/21.

In response to questions about the works to be undertaken at AU7, Bockhanger Lane and the location of the works scheduled for Ashford Road, the Ashford District Manager undertook to ensure that the County and Borough Members concerned be provided with the appropriate information.

**Resolved:**

**That the report be received and noted.**

## **250 Update on the Sevington Inland Border Facility**

The Chairman advised that the Senior Highway Manager was unable to attend the meeting but he had indicated that he would be happy to respond to any questions raised at the meeting.

A Member said that he wished to remind the Board that the DfT consultation on the latest scheme of works to be undertaken on the site ended on 14 March 2021 and therefore if any Members had comments they should be made by this date.

The Vice Chairman said that Operation Brock had now been in place for two months and he asked how long would this continue. He also asked how it was proposed to channel lorries from Junction 9 to the Sevington site when Brock was removed. Another Member referred to the status of the current control post situated at Junction 9 and also asked whether there was any information about whether lorries had been using non designated routes. A Member also asked how long the Automatic Number Plate Recognition camera would be in place on the junction of the A251 and Sandyhurst Lane and asked what it was being used for. The Chairman said that the Member Services Liaison Manager would refer these questions to the Senior Highway Manager for a response.

In response to a question about the problems associated with the postcode for the Sevington facility and SatNav, the Community Safety and Wellbeing Manager advised that the confusion had been caused by incorrect information being included in a flyer given out to HGV drivers, but said that this had now been withdrawn and the correct post code was now in place. She further explained that if any Members or residents had complaints about routes being taken by HGV's they could be submitted via the dedicated 'Report It' app for Brexit – on the Ashford Borough Council web site. Based on the lack of reports of such instances to date the Community Safety and Wellbeing Manager said that it appeared that HGV's were sticking to the designated routes, but agreed to raise this issue in due course with the Senior Highway Manager.

In response to a question about the placement of a marshall at the entrance to Mersham from the A20, the ABC Ward Member explained that this had arisen from a request both he and the County Member had made due to problems experienced by residents with HGV's trying to gain access to the Sevington facility via the village.

The Chairman sought the views of the Board as to whether this item should be kept on the agenda for future meetings and the Board agreed that it should.

**Resolved:**

**That the report be received and noted and the item be kept on the agenda for future meetings.**

## **251 KCC HGV Parking Update - EU Exit HGV Parking Enforcement**

The report provided an update on the operation of the Kent County Council HGV enforcement operation of the Experimental Traffic Order, which included the Borough of Ashford.

The Civil Enforcement Officer Team Leader – (ABC) explained that the KCC Order covered seven East Kent Districts and was in operation 24 hours a day, seven days a week and had the same release fee for clamping of vehicles previously applied by Ashford. From 11<sup>th</sup> January to 14<sup>th</sup> February, KCC had issued 910 Penalty Charge Notices, 267 of them applied with the Ashford Borough. Of these 96 had been applied in respect of vehicles parked along the A20 corridor and 55 within the 4 industrial areas covered by the permanent overnight parking ban. She further advised that 118 responses had been received to the KCC consultation on the Traffic Regulation Order, with 76 of those in support.

In response to a question, the Civil Enforcement Team Leader said that there was no evidence in Ashford to suggest that drivers who had been issued with a fine reoffended but she agreed to raise this at her next weekly meeting with KCC.

A Member, who was also the ABC Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Community Safety and Wellbeing, said that this was the last meeting the Parking, Highways and Transportation Technical Officer would attend as he was leaving the Borough Council and he said that on behalf of the Board he wished to thank him for his work and wish him the best for the future.

Another Member said that he wished to thank the Chairman for his contribution to the work of the Board and said that he understood that it would be his last meeting and wished him well for the future. The Chairman thanked the Member concerned and Members of the Board for all their help and said that it had been a wonderful experience.

### **Resolved:**

**That the report be received and noted and a further update be submitted to the next meeting.**

## **252 Date of Next Meeting**

1 June 2021

---

Queries concerning these Minutes? Please contact Member Services:  
Telephone: 01233 330564 Email: [memberservices@ashford.gov.uk](mailto:memberservices@ashford.gov.uk)  
Agendas, Reports and Minutes are available on: <http://ashford.moderngov.co.uk>