

**To:** Ashford Joint Transportation Board  
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**Subject:** Sevington Inland Border Facility  
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**Summary:** Update on the Sevington Inland Border Facility (include Operation Fennell)

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Sevington Inland Border Facility:

- Sevington Inland Border Facility (SIBF) has been in operation since 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 with HMRC operating together with Border Force.
- Construction has continued on site for infrastructure that will be required in 2022. Additional Inspection sheds for HMRC required from 01.01.22 have been completed. In addition, the Border Control Post (BCP) for Defra and the Port Health Authority (PHA) is continued to be constructed. From 01.01.22 the PHA will be on site carrying out documentary checks on imports. From 01.07.22 physical checks will be carried out at the BCP.
- A further BCP is being constructed near Dover, however Sevington will be the larger site and will deal with goods from both Port of Dover, and Eurotunnel.
- There are still issues with rogue HGVs having incorrect site post codes, meaning they head into Mersham or along Church Road, Sevington. The Department for Transport (DfT) have distributed leaflets with the site location across Europe, and strategic signing is being arranged by DfT.
- KCC have received funding from National Highways (formally Highways England) and DfT to carry out repairs and some improvements to Kingsford Street, Mersham following problems with rogue HGVs using the road, these works are currently scheduled for the new year.

Operation Fennell:

- Op Fennell is the overall Traffic Management plan developed by the Kent Resilience Forum (KRF) for Kent.
- The plan is currently being re-written to include Op Brock and changes to the traffic management following the loss of the use of Manston.

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