

Joint Transportation Board Tuesday September 11th 2018.

Agenda Item 8 Experimental Overnight HGV Enforcement and Clamping Trial .

Comments from Westwell and Hothfield Parish Councils .

Both Westwell and Hothfield parishes appreciate the ongoing priority and resource that KCC and ABC are giving to both the A20 trial and the wider issue of overnight lorry parking provision and control in the Borough.

The improvement in overnight and overweekend conditions along the A20 is transformative for residents and for road users . The road is much safer because there is less turning across it especially at night. The noise, vibration and airquality is much improved by the absence of overnight and overweekend chiller trucks.

The parishes are concerned that the experiment could end in March 2019 unless DfT can agree an extension to the temporary arrangements that allow HGV clamping on first offence and fines of £150. There is also a need to bridge the time gap until the expanded Waterbrook lorry park is open for use.

The parishes are willing to help in anyway to support the present scheme and to explain the benefits to other parishes.

Members involved with planning will be aware that revised National planning policy was published in July : the new NPPF . It includes a new national requirement in paragraph 107 *that planning policies and decisions should recognise the importance of providing adequate overnight lorry parking facilities, taking into account any local shortages to reduce the risk of parking in locations that lack proper facilities or could cause a nuisance.*

Ashford is a national example of how to comply with this new NPPF policy.

Westwell and Hothfield parishes hope Members will agree that achieving a smooth extension of the trial and a smooth transition to permanent arrangements with an expanded Waterbrook continue to be very important for KCC and Ashford Borough, and their leadership on this issue.