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To all Committee Members: You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Transport & Infrastructure Committee at the Town Hall on **Wednesday 13th September 2023** at 7.15pm to transact the business shown on the agenda below.

Members of the public and press are welcome to attend.

Any member of the public may submit a written statement of no more than 500 words relating to any item on this agenda. These must be received by 10am on Tuesday 12th September 2023 by email to deal.town.council@deal.gov.uk or post to the above address. These statements will be circulated to all present at the meeting and become part of the public record of the meeting, names will be redacted.

Laura Marney – Committee Clerk

Date: 4th September 2023

AGENDA

1	Chairman's opening remarks	Chairman
2	Apologies for absence	Committee Clerk
3	Declarations of interest: To receive any declarations of interest from Members in respect of business to be transacted on the agenda.	Attach 1
4	Public Participation and Statements received: For councillor information: Members of the public may make representations, answer questions and give evidence at the meeting in respect of the business on the agenda. This shall not exceed 15 minutes.	
5	The minutes of the Transport & Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 12th July 2023 for approval and signing: Decision required	Attach 2
6	Town Plan Actions: Decision required.	Attach 3
7	Emerging Local Transport Plan Consultation: Decision required	Attach 4
8	Fair Trade Signage: Information to note.	Attach 5
9	Town Signage: Information to note.	Attach 6
10	Committee Clerk Report: Information to note.	Attach 7
	Date of next meeting: 15th November 2023.	

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Committee members: Cllr Bano, Cllr Walters, Cllr Bond, Cllr D Cronk, Cllr Eddy, Cllr Parks, Cllr Jull, Cllr Brookfield.

Declarations of Interest

Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI)

Where a Member has a new or registered DPI in a matter under consideration they must disclose that they have an interest and, unless the Monitoring Officer has agreed in advance that the DPI is a 'Sensitive Interest', explain the nature of that interest at the meeting. The Member must withdraw from the meeting at the commencement of the consideration of any matter in which they have declared a DPI and must not participate in any discussion of, or vote taken on, the matter unless they have been granted a dispensation permitting them to do so. If during the consideration of any item a Member becomes aware that they have a DPI in the matter they should declare the interest immediately and, subject to any dispensations, withdraw from the meeting.

Other Significant Interest (OSI)

Where a Member is declaring an OSI they must also disclose the interest and explain the nature of the interest at the meeting. The Member must withdraw from the meeting at the commencement of the consideration of any matter in which they have declared a OSI and must not participate in any discussion of, or vote taken on, the matter unless they have been granted a dispensation to do so or the meeting is one at which members of the public are permitted to speak for the purpose of making representations, answering questions or giving evidence relating to the matter. In the latter case, the Member may only participate on the same basis as a member of the public and cannot participate in any discussion of, or vote taken on, the matter and must withdraw from the meeting in accordance with the Council's procedure rules.

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Where a Member does not have either a DPI or OSI but is of the opinion that for transparency reasons alone s/he should make an announcement in respect of a matter under consideration, they can make a VAOI. A Member declaring a VAOI may still remain at the meeting and vote on the matter under consideration.

Note to the Code:

Situations in which a Member may wish to make a VAOI include membership of outside bodies that have made representations on agenda items; where a Member knows a person involved, but does not have a close association with that person; or where an item would affect the well-being of a Member, relative, close associate, employer, etc. but not his/her financial position. It should be emphasised that an effect on the financial position of a Member, relative, close associate, employer, etc OR an application made by a Member, relative, close associate, employer, etc would both probably constitute either an OSI or in some cases a DPI.

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The Minutes of the Transport & Infrastructure Committee meeting held on Wednesday 12th July 2023 at Deal Town Hall.

Present: Cllr B Bano (Chairperson)
Cllr M Walters (Vice Chairperson)
Cllr P Jull
Cllr S Brookfield

Cllr M Eddy
Cllr T Bond
Cllr D Cronk

Officers: Mrs L Marney (Committee Clerk)
Miss J Harper (Asst. to the Town Clerk)

Other: None

MINUTES

1	Chairperson's opening remarks: The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting and read out the fire evacuation procedures and advised Councillors to put their mobile phones on silent.	Chairperson
2	Apologies for absence: Cllr D Parks was absent.	Committee Clerk
3	Declarations of interest: None received.	
4	Public Participation and Statements received: None.	Committee Clerk
5	The minutes of the Transport & Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 15th March 2023 for approval and signing: Members RESOLVED: To accept the minutes of the Transport & Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 15 th March 2023 as a true and accurate record. (P)ME (S)DC. All Agreed. The Chairperson duly signed the minutes.	Chairperson
6	Highways Improvement Plan Update: Following discussion Members RESOLVED: To accept the following recommendations. 1) To accept the KCC EHI Team's offer of 30 mph kits, and they be positioned along St Richards Road and St Leonards Road to tackle speeding at these locations. 2) To request that Officers compile a report containing details of locations for the proposed dropped kerbs and the London Road crossing and bring the report to the next meeting of this committee for agreement. 3) The Committee Clerk to contact KCC and report overgrown vegetation that is covering cycling signage. 4) The Committee Clerk to bring back DTC's second HIP application item to November's Transport and Infrastructure Committee, which will be 6 months before the KCC next review date. (P)DC (S)ME. All Agreed.	Committee Clerk/RFO
7	Deal Station Accessibility Update: Following discussion Members RESOLVED: To accept the following recommendation: The Committee delegates authority to the Committee Clerk to see through the remainder of this project with Southeastern and provide relevant status updates to the Transport & Infrastructure Committee and clarifies the time limits for disabled parking bays. (P)DC (S)ME. All Agreed.	Committee Clerk

8	Local Bus Forum: Following discussion Members RESOLVED to accept the following recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deal Town Council attends DDC's District Local Bus Forum and does not set up an additional forum. Committee members agreed that Cllr Ben Bano to be recommended to Full Council as the Council representative at the District Local Bus Forum. This councillor will attend the meetings and submit regular reports to the T&I committee. (P)DC (S)TB. All Agreed. 	Committee Clerk
9	Co-opted Member – Deal Speaking Up Group: Following discussion Members RESOLVED: To accept the Chairperson's recommendation for Chrissie Dubber to become a co-opted member on the Transport & Infrastructure Committee and to submit this to July's Full Council for final approval. (P)ME (S)DC. All Agreed.	
10	Cycle Friendly Deal 2 Update: Members RESOLVED: To note the information. (P)DC (S)MW. All Agreed	
11	Town Plan Update: Members RESOLVED: To note the information. (P)DC (S)ME. All Agreed.	
12	Committee Clerk Report: Members RESOLVED: To note the report. (P)DC (S)TB. All Agreed. Members thanked and expressed their appreciation to the Committee Clerk for her work.	
	Date of next meeting: 13th September 2023.	
	The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.08	

DEAL TOWN COUNCIL
MEMORANDUM

To: Councillor B Bano – Chairperson of the Transport & Infrastructure Committee;
Committee members

From: Laura Marney – Committee Clerk

Date: 2nd August 2023

Subject: Town Plan - Future Actions

The Town Plan was adopted at the Full Council meeting on the 27th June 2023. Following this decision, the Officers have gone through the Action Plan within it and are separating out the Committee work to be undertaken.

Members will be aware that there are ongoing actions listed within the Town Plan and the work for these continues.

In addition to the ongoing actions please see below the list of work for the Transport & Infrastructure Committee that has been prioritised within the plan.

2023/24

Deal Town Council to consult on the permanent pedestrianisation of the north part of the High Street – Saturday Road Closure now permanently in place between 10am – 2pm

The Committee Clerk will approach KCC to ask about the feasibility of permanent pedestrianisation of the north part of the High Street. A report will then be submitted to the committee which updates members on the previous process followed for the Saturday Road closure. Report will include recommendations for the consultation to permanently pedestrianise the north part of the High Street and KCC advice. Members to agree the method for the consultation.

2024/25

Deal Town Council to set up a campaign to reduce car use in the town by promoting walking, scooting, and cycling – Cycle Friendly Deal Part One completed and Part Two now in place.

The Committee Clerk will explore ideas for a campaign to reduce car use in the town by promoting walking, scooting, and cycling. Members of the committee will be asked via email to send over any suggestions that they have for consideration. The Committee Clerk will bring a completed action plan template to a future committee meeting for decision.

Recommendation: Members to note the report and feedback suggestions to the Committee Clerk.

Decision required: Members to consider the above.

DEAL TOWN COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM

To: Councillor B Bano – Chairperson of the Transport & Infrastructure Committee;
Committee members

From: Laura Marney – Committee Clerk

Date: 17th August 2023

Subject: KCC Emerging Local Transportation Consultation

Deal Town Council have received the following draft Emerging Local Transportation consultation from Kent County Council.

KCC would like feedback to this initial consultation to help them understand the transport challenges faced in Kent and ensure their ambition for the future of Kent's transport network is stretching but realistic, focusing on the right outcomes and objectives to make journeys better within the county whilst supporting the delivery of net zero by 2050. The feedback will help KCC develop proposals for how and where in Kent they should focus on improving transport.

The KCC Emerging Local Transport Consultation questionnaire and supporting documents can be found using the following link: www.kent.gov.uk/ltp5

The consultation closes on **18th September 2023**.

When the feedback has been considered by KCC, their aim is that a full draft Local Transportation Plan will then be consulted on next year which will then illustrate where KCC's priorities in Kent are for delivering improvement.

Priority Questions taken from website:

Section 2 - Local Transport Plan:

We want to improve the health, wellbeing and economic prosperity of lives in Kent by delivering a safe, reliable, efficient and affordable transport network across the county and as an international gateway. We will do this by delivering emission-free travel by getting effective dedicated infrastructure for electric vehicles, increase public transport use, and make walking and cycling more attractive.

4) Do you support our new ambition? Yes/No/Partly/Don't know.

5) Reason for this answer?

6) Our emerging draft Local Transport Plan describes nine challenges concerning Kent that we intend to address. Please tell us if you **agree/disagree/don't know** with us focusing on these challenges listed below.

- Our highways assets are in a phase of managed decline which in turn makes them less resilient to new pressures?
- Following a decline in the number of injuries and fatalities on Kents roads, these levels have risen in 2021?
- Traffic is causing congestion, poor air quality and impacting Kent's economy?
- Transport challenges in Kent arise from how the existing population of 1.6 million people and 70,000 businesses in the county choose to travel, as well as traffic generated by new developments being built?
- Some indicators of public health, such as obesity and life expectancy, are worsening?
- The financial viability of the public transport service has declined due to the cost pressures and changes in passenger demand?
- Kent's international gateways need government leadership – impacts which arise and affect our local communities and the national economy cannot be resolved entirely by ourselves?
- Carbon Dioxide (CO2e) emission reductions from management and use of the road network are forecast to go off-track, compared to the levels of reduction needed to contribute towards reducing the worst effects of climate change?

7) If you would like to make comments on the challenges or would like to suggest others we should consider?

KCC is required to present the level of carbon emission generated by transport use on the Kent network and demonstrate how we think that will change in the future if we do not take any new actions.

8) To what extent is lowering the carbon emissions of travel helping to reduce the severity of climate change, important to you?

Very Important/Slightly Important/Neutral/Low Importance/Not at all important/Don't know.

9) Please select from the list below those actions that you think we should consider taking if funding were available:

- Provide on-street electric vehicle charging points in residential areas and town centres.
- Provide rapid charging hubs to help with using electric cars or vans for longer distance journeys in Kent.
- Provide access to more car club vehicles that are electric and zero emission.
- Run more events like Maidstone Cycle Fest, to help people experience walking, cycling and taking public transport around town.
- Provide more choice by introducing hubs at bus and rail stations and around community facilities that provide access to shared transport such as bicycles for hire, car club vehicles.
- Provide one single digital service on smart phones and computers, to book and pay for whole journeys in one go across all forms of transport used.
- A scheme to scrap vehicles in return for travel vouchers that can be used on the bus, trains, car clubs and other shared transport.
- Reduce speed limits in towns to make roads safer to help people walk and cycle and help car journeys produce less emissions.

- Reduce traffic around schools where appropriate to make walking and cycling more popular, safer and easier.
- Reduce air pollution and emissions from deliveries in urban areas by support deliveries by electric cargo bikes.
- No actions should be taken.
- Other (please specify)

In response to the transport challenges we face, and to help us deliver our overall ambition for transport in Kent, we have identified 9 proposed policy outcomes that we want to achieve in Kent.

10) Do you support/oppose/don't know on each proposed policy outcome?

- The condition of or managed transport network is kept to satisfactory levels, helping to maintain safe and accessible travel and trade.
- Deliver our Visions Zero Road Safety Strategy through all the word we do.
- International travel becomes a positive part of Kent's economy, facilitated by the county's transport network, with the negative effects of international haulage traffic decreased.
- International rail travel returns to Kent and there are improved public transport connections to international hubs.
- Deliver a transport network that is quick to recover from disruptions and future-proofed for growth and innovation, aiming for an infrastructure-first approach to reduce the risk of highways and public transport congestion due to development.
- Journeys to access and experience Kents historic and natural environments are improved.
- Road-side air quality improves as decarbonisation of travel accelerates, contributing towards the pursuit of carbon budget targets and net zero in 2050.
- A growing public transport system supported by dedicated infrastructure to attract increased ridership, helping operators to invest in and provide better services.
- Transport makes a positive contribution to public health due to increasing numbers of people using a growing cycling and pedestrian network with dedicated infrastructure and any increase in disturbance from aviation noise is avoided.

11) If you would like to make comments about the policy outcomes or would like to suggest other outcomes we should consider?

12) We would like to know which of the proposed policy outcomes above are most important to you? Select the 3 most important.

For each of the 9 planned policy outcomes we have proposed Policy Objectives to help us target our work to improve transport. We will measure the proposals we develop for our full draft Local Transport Plan against these.

13) Do you support/oppose/don't know each proposed policy objectives?

- Achieve the funding necessary to deliver a sustained fall in the value of the backlog of maintenance work over the lift of our Local Transport Plan.

- Achieve a fall over time in the volume of people killed or very seriously (life-changing) injured occurring on KCC's managed road network, working towards the trajectory to reach zero by 2050.
- Increase resilience of the road network serving the Port of Dover and Eurotunnel crossing, by adding holding capacity for HGV parking across the southeast region equivalent in capacity to Operation Brock, to reduce reliance on these disruptive schemes and the burdens and impacts they create on the transport network and affected communities in Kent.
- Increase resilience of the road network serving the Port of Dover through delivery of the KCC bifurcation strategy including improvement to the M2/A2 road corridor and its links to the M20 and a new Lower Thames Crossing for traffic towards the north.
- International rail travel returns to Ashford International and Ebbsfleet International stations, supported by the infrastructure investment needed at Kent's stations wherever necessary.
- A fall in the time it takes by public transport to reach international travel hubs compared to conditions in 2023.
- Strengthen delivery of our Network Management Duty to deliver the expeditious movement of traffic by using our new moving traffic enforcement powers and keeping on-street parking enforcement, delegated to the Districts, under review.
- Reduce the amount of forecast future congestion and crowding on highways and public transport that is associated with demand from development by securing funding and delivery of our Local Transport Plan.
- The prospects for the future of transport increase across the whole country, with new innovations in transport services having a clear pathway to trial or delivery in Kent.
- Proposals in our Local Transport Plan are clearly evidenced in terms of their contribution in providing new, faster, or more inclusive access to historic and natural environment destinations in the country, with proposals targeting access to such locations where appropriate.
- Reduce the volume of carbon dioxide equivalent emissions entering the atmosphere associated with surface transport activity on the KCC managed highway network by an amount greater than our forecast "business as usual" scenario. This means achieving a greater fall than those currently forecast of 9% by 2027, 19% by 2032 and 29% by 2037.
- No area in Kent is left behind by the revolution in electric motoring, with charging infrastructure deployed close to residential areas, reducing barrier to adoption.
- Proposals are clearly evidenced in terms of their contribution in providing lower emissions from transport in Air Quality Management Areas in the country.
- We will aim to obtain the further funding to deliver the outcomes our Bus Service Improvement Plan (or its replacement) beyond its current horizon of 2024/25. We will ensure that our Local Transport Plan proposals are clearly evidenced in terms of their contribution towards achieving our Bus Service Improvement Plan.
- We will identify and support industry delivery of priority railway stations for accessibility improvements to reduce journey times and improve reliability.
- We will aim to deliver walking and cycling improvements at prioritised locations in Kent to deliver increased levels of activity towards the Active Travel England target and support Kent's diverse economy, presented in a Kent Walking and Cycling Infrastructure Plan.
- Represent and protect Kent residents from the impact of noise disturbance arising from new and expanding airports including maintaining our opposition to a second runway at Gatwick and the need for reduction in night flights.

14) If you have any comments on the policy objectives or would like to suggest any more objectives.

15) If you have any other comments or suggestions on the emerging draft Local Transport Plan or its evidence base, please tell us (comments that do not address content of the plan or evidence based will not be considered).

Section 3 – Equality and Health analysis

To help ensure that we are meeting our obligations under the Equality Act 2010 we have prepared an initial Equality Impact Assessment on our emerging Local Transport Plan. (A copy of the EqIA is available in the supporting documents section)

16) We welcome views on our equality analysis and if you think there is anything we should consider relating to equality and diversity, please comment.

We are required to develop a Health Impact Assessment (HIA) as part of a Strategic Environmental Assessment to support the full final plan. We have prepared a HIA on our emerging Local Transport Plan. (A copy of the HIA is available in the supporting documents section).

17) We welcome your views on our Health Impact Assessment and if you think there is anything we should consider relating to health and wellbeing, please comment.

Recommendations:

- 1) Members to complete the questionnaire individually online.
- 2) Members to agree an official collective response to the priority questions stated above and to delegate to the Committee Clerk to upload the Committee's response to the consultation.

Decision required: Members to consider the above recommendations.

**DEAL TOWN COUNCIL
MEMORANDUM**

To: Councillor B Bano – Chairperson of the Transport & Infrastructure Committee;
Committee members

From: Paul Bone – Responsible Finance Officer

Date: 4th September 2023

Subject: Fairtrade Signage

At the March 2023 Transport & Infrastructure Committee meeting, *following a discussion Members RESOLVED: To accept the following recommendations.*

- 1) *To delegate authority to the R.F.O and Committee Clerk to liaise with KCC to see if additional 'A Fairtrade Town' signs can be added to the existing 'Welcome to Deal' notice poles below the signs.*
- 2) *Subject to KCC approval of the signage, the R.F.O. and Committee Clerk to arrange the purchase and installation of the signs with a budget of up to £300 from the T&I budget.*

At the July 2023 T&I Committee the Committee Clerk advised that she had received confirmation back from Kent County Council that Deal Town Council would be able to proceed with work on the two existing "Welcome to Deal" signs.

The Committee Clerk also stated that the whole signage needs to be replaced as it is in bad need of refurbishment, the new signage will include "A Fairtrade town". Also, moving the project in this direction ensured that DTC would not incur inspection charges from KCC as the size will be a like-for-like replacement.

The replacement signs are now on order and should be installed during October this year.

Please find attached a copy of the sign artwork for information only.

Decision required: Members to note the above information.



Welcome to
DEAL
Please drive carefully

**A Cinque Port &
Fairtrade Town
Twinned with Saint-Omer**

DEAL TOWN COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM

To: Councillor B Bano – Chairperson of the Transport & Infrastructure Committee;
Committee members

From: Laura Marney – Committee Clerk

Date: 31st August 2023

Subject: Town Signage Refurbishment

The refurbishment of the Town Signage in Deal has been an ongoing project since 2020, which was delayed due to the COVID pandemic.

At the May 2022 Transport and Infrastructure Committee, Members *RESOLVED*:

- 1) *Sandown Castle Community Garden be abbreviated to Sandown Castle Garden.*
- 2) *To purchase from Broxap 5 new fingerposts: 4x Town Hall & Tourist Info symbol and 1 x Sandown Castle Gardens at a cost of £1,001 plus VAT*
- 3) *To select Contractor C, Cinque ports construction Ltd to carry out the refurbishment of the Fingerposts, and to recommend to Full Council that the project proceed and the cost of the refurbishment is charged to the T&I budget.*

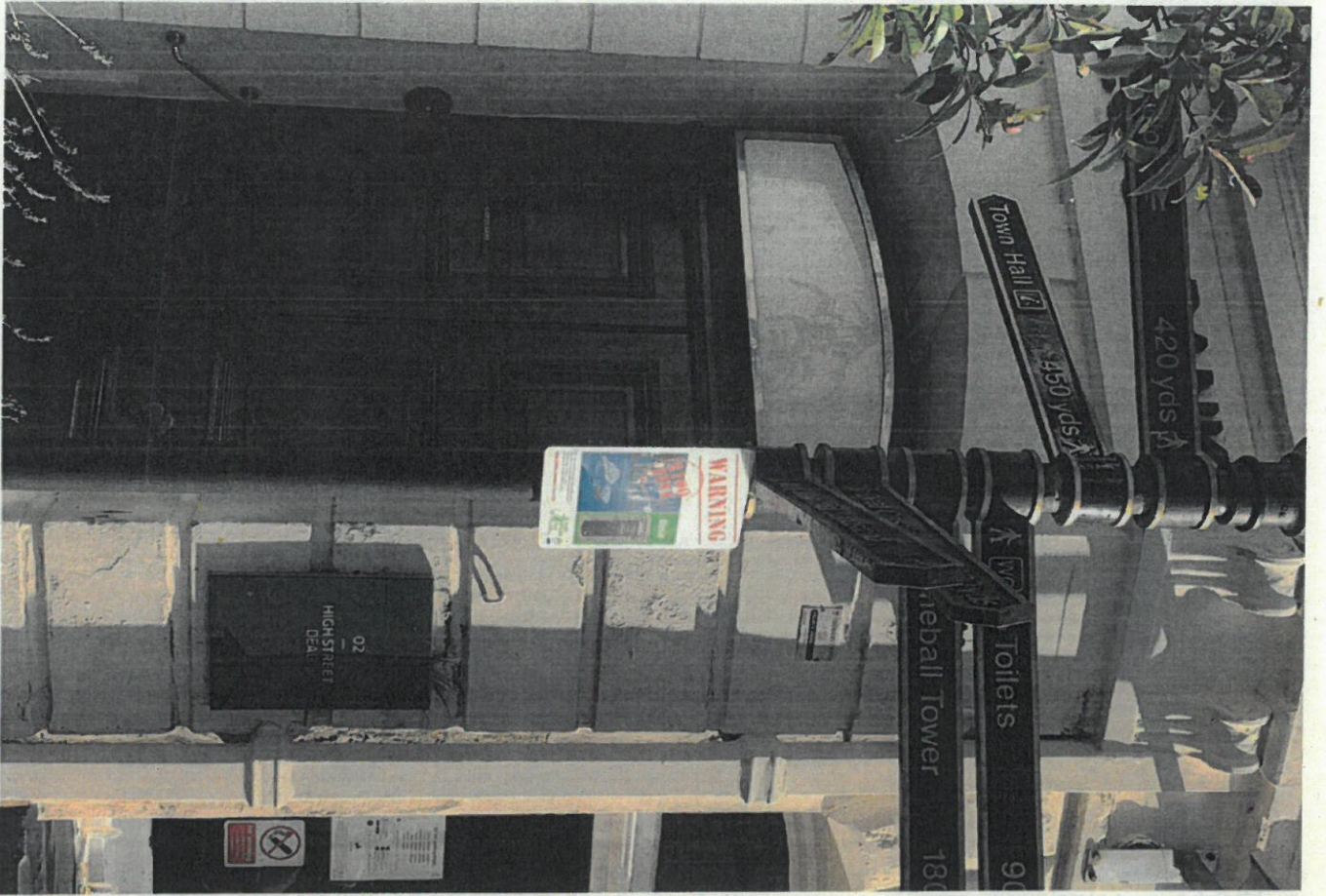
At Full Council, Members *RESOLVED*: *That the project to refurbish the fingerposts proceeds and the cost of £6,301 are charged to the Transport & Infrastructure Earmarked Reserve.*

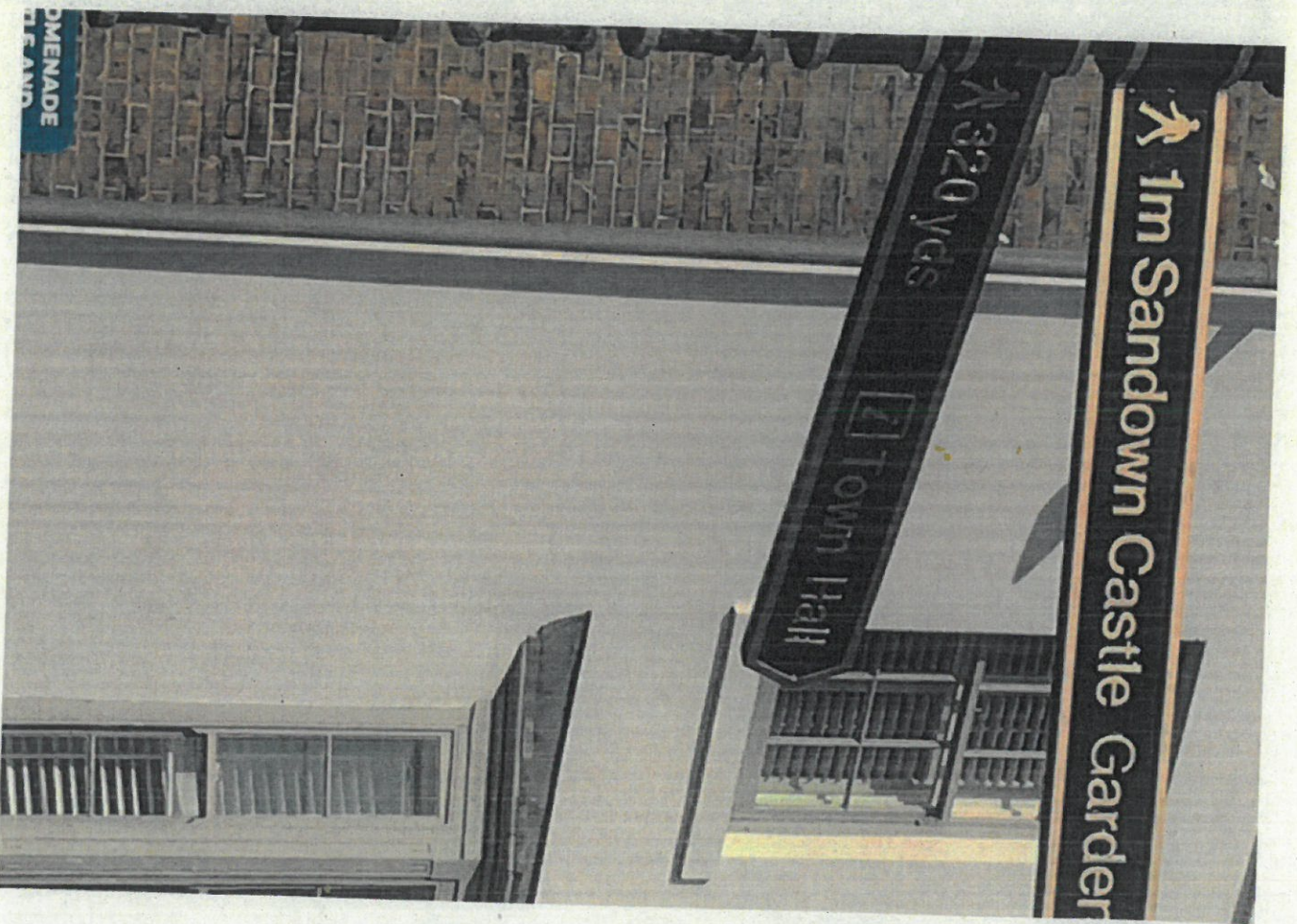
Broxap the original manufacturer was contacted to create templates for the replacement fingerarms. These were then approved by Deal Town Council Officers and the go ahead given to the manufacture the replacement fingerarms.

The replacement fingerarms were received by DTC at the end of May 2023, the Committee Clerk had a meeting with the Contractor at the end of June 2023 and discussed refurbishment of the Posts and the adding of the replacement fingerarms.

The Contractor has now advised that the replacement fingerarms have been added to the existing Posts and the relevant refurbishment works needed on each post have been completed. **(See over for photo's).**

Decision required: Members to note this information and that this project is now completed.





DEAL TOWN COUNCIL
MEMORANDUM

To: Councillor B Bano – Chairperson of the Environment Committee, Committee members
From: Laura Marney – Committee Clerk
Date: 4th September 2023
Subject: Committee Clerk Report

Please see below updates for information only.

30mph Tool kits – (HIP)

At the 12th July Transport & Infrastructure Committee meeting, Members RESOLVED: *To accept the KCC EHI Team's offer of 30 mph kits, and they be positioned along St Richards Road and St Leonards Road to tackle speeding at these locations.*

As part of the Deal Town Council Highways Improvement Plan, the KCC East Highways Improvement Team offered DTC 30 mph tool kits for St Leonards Road and St Richards Road.

The tool kits have now been received and the Deputy Town Clerk, Committee Clerk and Premises Team will be positioning these in the next couple of weeks at the above locations to combat the speeding. Once completed the Committee Clerk will liaise with the Communications Officer to promote this on the DTC website.

DTC Officers are still currently exploring the exact locations for the proposed dropped kerbs and the London Road crossing that were requested by the KCC EHI Team as part of the DTC HIP and will bring an update to the next T&I Committee in November.

Bus Timetable changes – Stagecoach

From the Sunday 3rd September, Stagecoach are making changes to their bus service timetables in the area.

Route 12 (Deal to Canterbury) will be enhanced with double the frequency of buses during the daytime and more bus journeys on Saturdays.

There will also be timetable changes affecting routes around Deal, Walmer, Sandwich, Eastry, Aylesham and Folkestone, including some school-time buses.

The following link shows the new timetables: [Changes to bus services in Dover Deal and Sandwich from 3 September 2023 | Stagecoach \(stagecoachbus.com\)](https://www.stagecoachbus.com/changes-to-bus-services-in-dover-deal-and-sandwich-from-3-september-2023)

The new up-to-date timetables have been put on display in the Town Hall reception for the residents of Deal.

Deal Station Accessibility

At the July meeting, the Committee Clerk provided the Committee with design layouts for the proposed accessibility project by Southeastern at the Station and advised that the project is due to be completed by late autumn 2023.

At this meeting, Members RESOLVED: *To accept the following recommendation: The Committee delegates authority to the Committee Clerk to see through the remainder of this project with Southeastern and provide relevant status updates to the Transport & Infrastructure Committee and clarifies the time limits for disabled parking bays.*

The Committee Clerk has contacted the Southeastern Project Manager and is still awaiting a response regarding time limits for disabled parking bays and an update on the proposed project and hopes to bring back a more detailed update to the next T&I Committee meeting.