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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 17th January 2024** 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 16th January 2024 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: 11th January 2024

AGENDA

1	Chairman's opening remarks	Chairperson
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 Wednesday 15th November 2023 for approval and signing: Decision required.	Attach 2
6	KCC Cycling & Walking Consultation: Decision required.	Attach 3
7	HIP 2nd Draft Update: Decision required.	Attach 4
8	Mill Hill History Boards Update: Decision required.	Attach 5
9	Cycle Friendly Deal 2 – Decision required.	Attach 6
10	Correspondence rec'd: 1. Douglas Rd – Road markings: Decision required. 2. Dossett Court Bus Stop: Decision required.	Attach 7 Attach 8
11	Committee Clerk Report: Information to note.	Attach 9
	Date of next meeting: 13th March 2024.	

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Committee members: Cllr Bano, Cllr Walters, Cllr Bond, Cllr D Cronk, Cllr Eddy, Cllr Parks, Cllr Jull, Cllr Brookfield and Mrs C Dubber.

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.

Voluntary Announcement of Other Interests (VAOI)

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 15th November 2023 at Deal Town Hall.

Present: Cllr B Bano (Chairperson) Cllr T Bond
 Cllr M Walters (Vice Chairperson) Cllr S Brookfield
 Cllr D Cronk Ms C Dubber (Co-opted member)
 Cllr M Eddy

Officers: Mrs L Marney - Committee Clerk Other: 1 member of the public
 Mrs C McKay - Clerical Officer

MINUTES

1	Chairman'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: Apologies received from Cllr Parks. Cllr Jull Absent.	Committee Clerk
3	Declarations of interest: None received.	
4	Public Participation and Statements received: None received.	Committee Clerk
5	The minutes of the Transport & Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 13th September 2023 for approval and signing: Members RESOLVED: To accept the minutes of the Transport & Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 13 th September 2023 as a true and accurate record. (P) Cllr D Cronk (S) Cllr M Eddy. All Agreed. The Chairperson duly signed the minutes.	Chairperson
6	<p>HIP Application - 2nd Draft: Following a lengthy discussion. Members RESOLVED: To accept two of the recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Members to bring back further suggestions for the second HIP application to the January 2024 Committee meeting. 2. That the Deal Speaking up Group be asked if they would consider exploring exact location points for the crossings already on the 2nd HIP application and providing feedback to the Committee Clerk prior to the March 2024 Committee meeting. <p>Members further RESOLVED: That the Committee Clerk contacts KCC Highways and Cllr D Cronk speaks to DDC Planning for further information regarding Deal Castle Crossing.</p> <p>(P) Cllr B Bano (S) Cllr D Cronk. All Agreed.</p>	<p>Cllrs/ Deal Speaking Up Group</p> <p>Committee Clerk/Cllr D Cronk</p>
7	Southeastern Annual Stakeholder Survey: Following a discussion. Members RESOLVED: It would not be practical to get all committee members to collectively answer the survey at the meeting and accepted the Chairperson recommendation to individually submit answers to the Committee Clerk by 5pm on 16 th November 2023 and for the Committee Clerk to forward the survey comments to Southeastern. (P) Cllr B Bano. (S) Cllr M Eddy. 5 For, 1 Against. Motion Carried.	Committee Clerk

8	<p>Correspondence received: Mill Hill Accessibility Report: Following a discussion. Members RESOLVED: That the Committee Clerk, Speaking Up Group and Mill Hill Ward Councillors undertake a more detailed survey of the Mill Hill/Mill Road area to highlight exact areas where improvement is needed and bring the report to the January meeting.</p> <p>(P) Cllr M Eddy. (S) Cllr D Cronk. All Agreed.</p>	Committee Clerk
9	<p>Correspondence received – Ranelagh Road: Following an update from the Committee Clerk, advising that KCC are putting in a traffic survey in the next couple of months on Ranelagh Road. Members RESOLVED: to note the correspondence received and</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Committee Clerk responds to residents to advise them that a traffic survey is being installed by KCC in the next couple of months. 2) When the survey results are received, write back to KCC and highlight the issue of the eroded road surface on this road. <p>(P) Cllr B Bano. (S) Cllr M Walters. All Agreed.</p>	Committee Clerk
10	<p>Report from Deal Speaking Up Group:</p> <p>Member RESOLVED: To note the information on the report.</p> <p>(P) Cllr M Eddy. (S) Cllr T Bond. All Agreed.</p>	
11	<p>Committee Clerk Report: Members RESOLVED: To note the information and the Chairperson recommended that the Mayor take part in a photo call during the inauguration of the new Signage.</p> <p>(P) Cllr M Eddy (S) Cllr D Cronk. All Agreed.</p>	Committee Clerk
	Date of next meeting: 17th January 2023.	
	Chairperson closed the meeting at 8.30pm.	

**DEAL TOWN COUNCIL
MEMORANDUM**

ATTACH 3

To: Cllr B Bano, Chairman of the Transport & Infrastructure Committee; Members of the Transport & Infrastructure Committee

From: Mrs L Marney - Committee Clerk

Date: 21st December 2023

Subject: **Kent Cycling & Walking Consultation**

Kent County Council (KCC) are consulting on proposals for new and improved walking, wheeling and cycling routes as part of the county-wide Kent Walking and Cycling Infrastructure Plan (KCWIP).

They have undertaken detailed data gathering and analysis at a county level to understand the existing and future walking, wheeling and cycling travel patterns, challenges and opportunities across Kent and reviewed the existing active travel network to identify gaps.

KCC advise that the feedback they have received so far has been used to help identify and prioritise 15 walking and wheeling zones and 15 cycling routes within Kent, which will form the first version of the KCWIP. KCC have identified a prioritised cycling route for Deal and proposed walking routes and improvements. **(See both KCC proposals attached).**

KCC would like to hear views on these routes so that they can continue to understand the opinions of local communities and other stakeholders. Feedback is essential in helping KCC finalise their Plan.

The deadline for this consultation was 10th January 2024, as this was prior to the T&I Committee meeting, the Committee Clerk contacted KCC, and they have given Deal Town Council a short extension to provide comments/details.

The following consultation questions need to be answered regarding the proposed Deal routes. The Committee Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk have added information into these boxes based on the previous Committee decisions.

Deal

Q28. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposed Deal walking and wheeling zone? Select **one** option. You will be given the opportunity to feedback on the proposed improvements in Q29.

<input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/>	Strongly agree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tend to agree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tend to disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly disagree
<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know

Q28a. Please tell us the reason for your answer in the box below.

If your comment / suggestion relates to a specific location in the zone, please make this clear in your response. You will be asked in Q29 for any feedback on the proposed improvements. We ask you not to identify yourself or anyone else within your response.

Deal Town Council agree that the proposed routes by KCC will enhance the cycling and walking routes within Deal.

Q29. We are proposing a number of high-level improvements for the Deal walking and wheeling zone. If you would like to provide any feedback on these or would like to suggest any other improvements, please tell us in the box below. If your comment / suggestion relates to a specific location or improvement, please make this clear in your response. We ask you not to identify yourself or anyone else within your response.

Deal Town Council would like to suggest the following further improvements:

1. Cycle route at the bottom of Telegraph Road needs safe access across Hamilton Road.
2. Improved shared space and signage for cycling/walking along the Seafront from Deal Castle to North side of The Royal Hotel.
3. Improved accessible routes into Deal Town Centre from Mill Hill, Mongeham Road, Church Lane - Sholden and Sandown Castle need more drop kerbs.

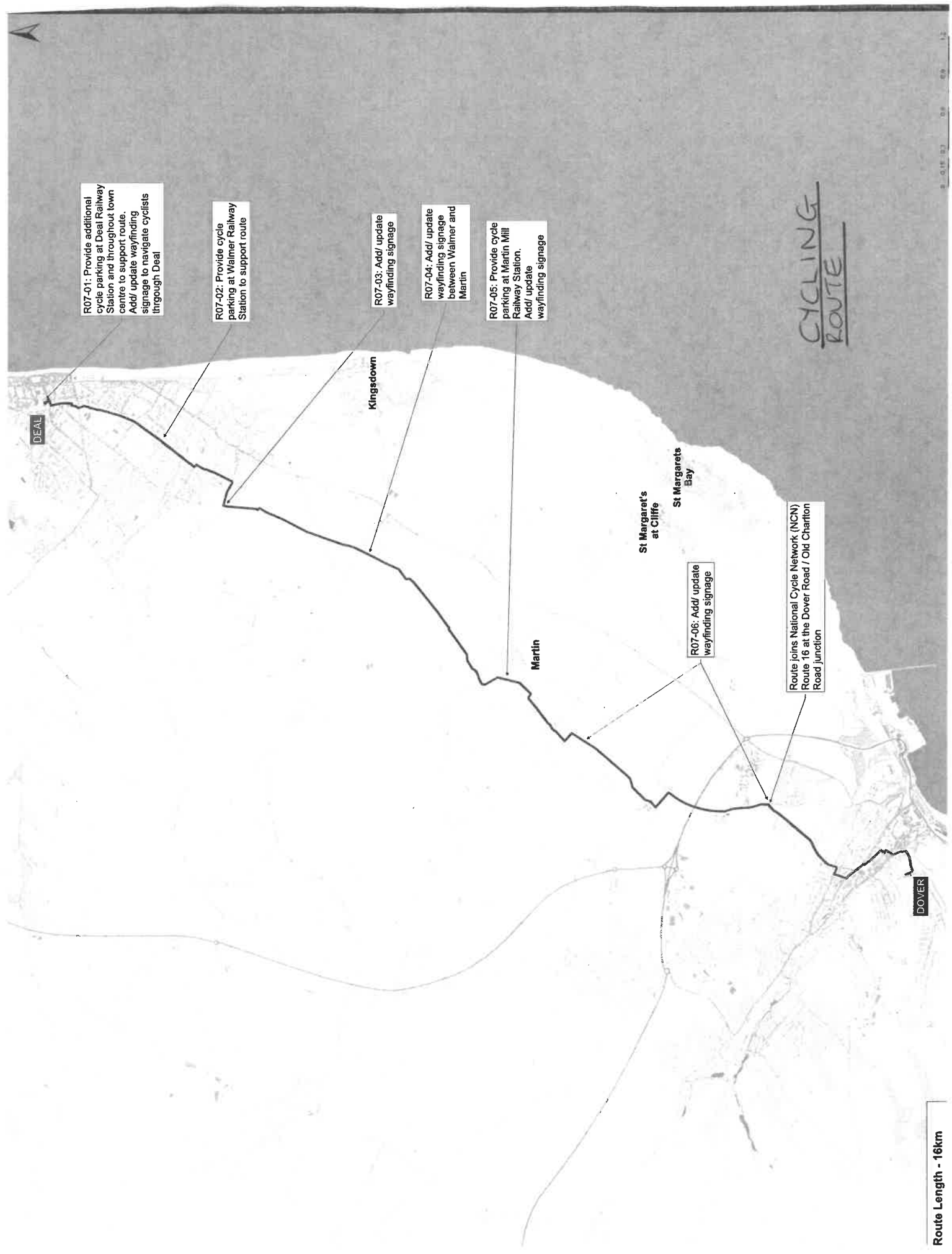
For Information: Walmer Town Council have responded to this consultation, the report that was produced in liaison with the Deal Speaking Up Group can be found on Page 16 using the following link: [SKM_C450i23111513140 \(walmercouncil.co.uk\)](https://www.walmercouncil.co.uk/SKM_C450i23111513140)

Recommendation:

Members to consider this consultation and the above responses.

Decision required:

Committee members to consider the above recommendation.



CYCLING
ROUTE

Route Length - 16km

WZ12-01: Improve pedestrian crossing facilities on Queen Street at the approach to the railways station

WZ15-07: General improvements to public realm in town centre. This includes new seating, planting, and localised repaving works

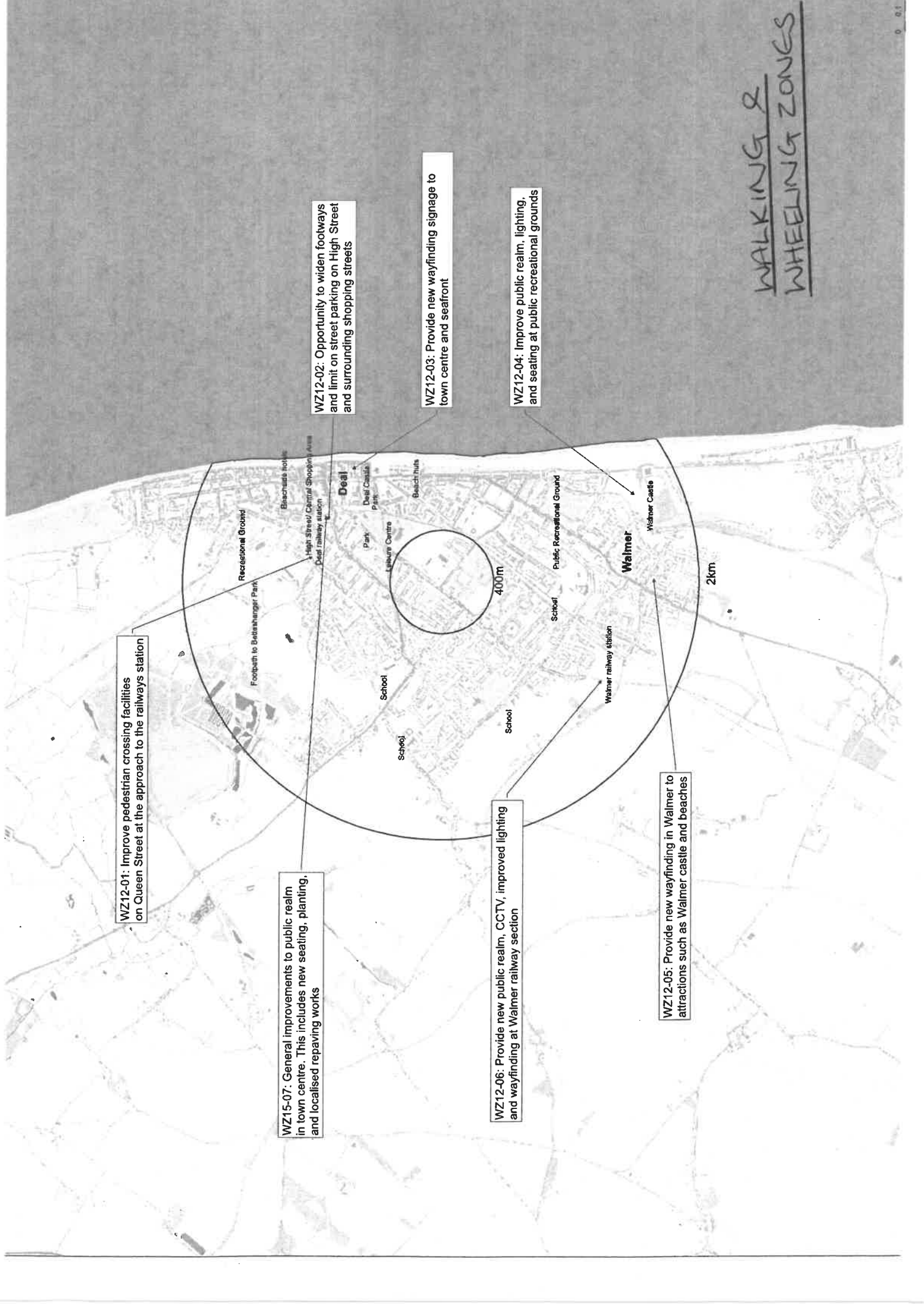
WZ12-02: Opportunity to widen footways and limit on street parking on High Street and surrounding shopping streets

WZ12-03: Provide new wayfinding signage to town centre and seafront

WZ12-04: Improve public realm, lighting, and seating at public recreational grounds

WZ12-06: Provide new public realm, CCTV, improved lighting and wayfinding at Walmer railway section

WZ12-05: Provide new wayfinding in Walmer to attractions such as Walmer castle and beaches



WALKING &
WHEELING ZONES

DEAL TOWN COUNCIL
MEMORANDUM

To: Cllr B Bano, Chairman of the Transport & Infrastructure Committee; Members of the Transport & Infrastructure Committee
From: Mrs L Marney - Committee Clerk & Mr P Bone - Deputy Town Clerk
Date: 2nd January 2024
Subject: Highways Improvement Plan – 2nd Draft Application Update

As the Transport & Infrastructure Committee are aware, the first Deal Town Council Highways Improvement Plan was submitted to KCC East Highways Improvement Team in May 2023, this was confirmed and accepted by the EHI Team on the 2nd June 2023. The resolution from July's meeting was to bring this item back to the Committee in November 2023, so that the Committee could start to collate relevant items for DTC's 2nd HIP application.

At the November 2023 Committee meeting, the 2nd HIP application for Deal Town Council application was discussed and Members RESOLVED:

- 1. Members to bring back further suggestions for the second HIP application to the January 2024 Committee meeting.*
- 2. That the Deal Speaking up Group be asked if they would consider exploring exact location points for the crossings already on the 2nd HIP application and providing feedback to the Committee Clerk prior to the March 2024 Committee meeting.*

Members further RESOLVED: That the Committee Clerk contacts KCC Highways and Cllr D Cronk speaks to DDC Planning for further information regarding Deal Castle Crossing.

The Deal Speaking Up Group have already investigated the exact location points for the St Richards Road and Sondes Road crossings and these have been added to the 2nd HIP application. **(See attached).**

With regards to the Deal Castle Crossing that was requested to go in the 2nd HIP application by the Deal Speaking Up Group, the Committee Clerk is still awaiting a response from KCC.

There is a current planning application for Deal Castle with DDC awaiting a decision: **23/00765 - Change of use to cafe/restaurant (Use Class E(b)) with external seating area and alteration to front door. Formation of a pedestrian crossing.** This has already been sent to Walmer TC who have commented with the following: *Due to the unavailability of the Safety Audit as requested by Kent County Council, Walmer Town Council are unable to comment at this time.*

At the November T&I meeting, a resolution was also made for a detailed accessibility report for the Mill Hill area, so that exact locations points could be identified with the possibility of them being included on the 2nd DTC HIP application, however due to recent poor weather conditions, road works on Mill Hill and staff/volunteer illness this survey has not yet been completed. This should be completed to bring to the March T&I Committee.

Decision required:

Members to note that the Mill Hill accessibility report will be delayed and Committee members to discuss any further suggestions that they want included on the 2nd HIP application.

Highways Improvement Plan 2nd Draft – January 2024

HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN – Stage 1			ACTION PLAN – Stage 2			
Priority	Location	Problem and suggested remedy	Cost Estimate	Funding Source	Action/Programme (Who/When)	
1.	St Richard's Road	No crossing point for pedestrians. Install a pedestrian crossing – located between 227 St Richards Rd by Doctors Surgery & St Marys RC Primary School on St Richards Rd.		KCC	KCC	
2.	Sondes Road (Nr Seafront)	No crossing point for pedestrians. Install a pedestrian crossing – located by Time Ball Tower as near to Sondes Rd as possible		KCC	KCC	
3.	Deal Castle	No crossing point for pedestrians Install a pedestrian crossing (exact location to be confirmed)		KCC	Awaiting More Information from KCC & DDC	
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**DEAL TOWN COUNCIL
MEMORANDUM**

To: Cllr B Bano, Chairman of the Transport & Infrastructure Committee;
Members of the Transport & Infrastructure Committee
From: Mr P Bone – Responsible Finance Officer
Date: 5th January 2024
Subject: **Mill Hill History Boards**

Cllr Bano has submitted the attached project plan for History Boards to be placed in the Mill Hill area, that he would like this committee to consider.

The project plan identified a possible source of funding by applying for a grant from the 'Everyday Heritage Grant – Celebrating Working Class Histories' Grant Fund. This has been investigated and unfortunately, this source of funding has been declined.

Cllr Bano has been advised that he will need to identify the following information to be included in his project plan:

- Possible locations that the landowners are happy for the signs to be placed.
- Interested partners to research the information to go on the boards including costs.
- Who will design the boards including costs.
- Estimate of manufacturing & installation costs.
- Details of any approval fees necessary.
- Allowance for ongoing maintenance.
- Cost of website development and ongoing maintenance (if part of this project).
- Identification of Volunteer time required.
- Identification of any DTC staff time required.

As Councillors will be aware the Council has agreed to focus on the Town Plan Actions as a priority for their projects and budget, for this reason the Town Clerk and R.F.O. have confirmed there is no staff time available for this additional project.

Recommendation:

- Members to consider the above.

Decision required:

Members to consider the above recommendation.

PROJECT PROPOSAL TEMPLATE (Sections 1 – 8 must be completed. Section 9, over, is to be completed if a detailed plan is available.)

PROJECT TITLE: Working Class Heritage Project – installation of history boards for Mill Hill

1 PROJECT AIM (A short statement - What changes do you want to see? What will the wider impact be?)
The project aim is to celebrate and mark the rich history of the Mill Hill area through provision of history boards similar to the boards which are located in other parts of Deal.

2 LEAD BODY: Deal Town Council

LEAD PERSON: Cllr Ben Bano

POTENTIAL PARTNERS: Related Coalfields Heritage Groups, including the Kent Mining Museum

3 PROJECT SUMMARY (A longer explanation - What will happen? How will it be done? Who will benefit?)
Using grant funding from the 'Everyday Heritage Grants – celebrating Working Class Histories.' Grant fund. The aim is to commission and design two heritage boards focusing on aspects of the rich history in other areas of Deal. This important part of Deal's history is not documented in any visual displays in Mill Hill. The project aims to increase the sense of pride in the community as well as a sense of place. The boards will feature QR codes which will link with other websites, for example the Kent Mining Museum. Depending on interest as well as resources the project could be extended to include student involvement from local schools as well as a heritage exhibition. A further stage in the project will be to develop a website specifically for the history of Deal. A funding stream, described in the introduction to this report, is a helpful source of funding.

4 PROJECT PERIOD (How long will the project run? When do you want it to start?)

START: Spring 2024. **FINISH:** Summer 2024

5 EVIDENCE OF NEED: (Why is it needed? How do you know?)

Mill Hill deserves a way to celebrate its rich heritage in the same way as other parts of Deal. There is a wealth of photographic material held by ex-miners and others who are becoming increasingly frail and elderly. The proposed boards can be seen as a tribute to their arduous life's work. At the same time the project will remind younger people of the rich heritage of their area

5 TARGETS (What will have happened by the end? NB your targets must be measurable.)

History Boards to be in place – location for maximum impact to be agreed

7 SUSTAINABILITY (Will the actions carry on after the project closes? Will it end and close down?)

The project is time limited – however there are a number of legacy outcomes possible, for example the development of a dedicated website.

8 ESTIMATED BUDGET (How much do you think it will cost? Where will this come from?)

Two history boards - £2000

Research and design – 20 hours at £50 per hour = £1000

Contingency - £500

OTHER RESOURCES (Will it need staff time? Volunteer support?)

A limited degree of staff time will be required, eg in drawing up tenders

Please complete the **ACTION PLAN** below if a detailed plan is available.

9 PROJECT ACTION PLAN

ACTION REQUIRED	WHEN BY	WHO	NOTES

**DEAL TOWN COUNCIL
MEMORANDUM**

To: Cllr B Bano, Chairman of the Transport & Infrastructure Committee; Members of the Transport & Infrastructure Committee
From: Mr P Bone - Deputy Town Clerk
Date: 5th January 2024
Subject: **Cycle Friendly Deal 2**

In November 2021 this committee agreed to the proposals for 'Cycle Friendly Deal 2' that would run for the remainder of 2021 through to 2023 with associated budgets.

In March 2023 this committee agreed to the final stage of 'Cycle Friendly Deal 2' that was an agreement for the E-bikes to be managed by Hut55 on Deal Seafront.

The agreement was signed on 11th July 2023 for an initial period of 2 years. The hire of the E-bikes commenced later that month.

This agreement covers the rental of the bikes for the period between March and October.

Within the agreement there is a provision for 'winter hire' scheme that would allow for Deal residents to hire E-bikes for 4-week periods at a very nominal rental.

Unfortunately, for this winter period, such a scheme has not been possible. A number of operational difficulties have been identified, and I will be working with HUT55 on these and submit a further report to this committee for consideration so that hopefully these can be resolved before next winter.

For the short period of hire this year the following hire details and associated fees have been received.

Last week to July to the end of August

- E-Bike hire by the hour x 26
- E-Bike hire half day x 34
- E-Bike full day x 14
- E-Bike evening Hire x 5

Fee paid to DTC: £218.40

September to closing (first week in November):

- E-Bike hire by the hour x 11
- E-Bike hire half day x 10
- E-Bike full day x 13
- E-Bike evening Hire x 0

Fee paid to DTC: £105.60

It is anticipated that the hire will be very popular when the rentals start again in March 2024.

The placement of this agreement concludes the work of the Cycle Friendly Deal 2 project, and the working group is now closed.

Recommendation:

Members are asked to consider what further Cycle projects they would like the committee to consider by producing associated project plans and submitting them to future meetings of this committee for consideration.

Decision required:

Members to consider the above recommendation.

**DEAL TOWN COUNCIL
MEMORANDUM**

To: All Committee members
From: Councillor B Bano, Chairperson of the Transport & Infrastructure Committee
Date: 21st December 2023
Subject: Correspondence received: Douglas Road – Road Markings

The following correspondence has been received from a Deal resident regarding road markings along Douglas Road in the Mill Hill area of Deal:

Good Afternoon,

I'm emailing to enquire about our road markings along Douglas Road, Deal; CT14 9HT. We have a lot of driveways along the whole stretch of road and the white markings in front of dropped curbs are not visible. Unfortunately, many people are blocking driveways, parking on pavements and double parking which has been know to block access for emergency services to get through. I feel if we could re do the white lines outside of driveways, it would encourage drivers not to block access and to think twice where to park.

I have responded to the resident's initial email and advised that Dover District Council have the responsibility for enforcing existing white lines, but this would need a much greater presence of the traffic wardens based in the Town Centre and that I would ask my DDC colleagues to look into this matter.

I have also explained that changing or adding to markings is the role of Kent County Council who can be approached via their local County Councillor.

Recommendations:

- 1) Committee to agree that Chairperson writes to DDC Parking Enforcement to ask for a greater presence of traffic wardens in Deal.
- 2) Committee to agree that Committee Clerk responds to the resident advising the Chairperson will be contacting DDC Parking Enforcement.

Decision required: Committee members to consider the above recommendations.

**DEAL TOWN COUNCIL
MEMORANDUM**

To: All Committee members
From: Councillor M Walters, Vice Chairperson of the Transport & Infrastructure Committee
Date: 2nd January 2024
Subject: **Correspondence received: Bus Stop by Dossett Court**

The Vice Chairperson of the Transport & Infrastructure Committee has received the following correspondence from a group of residents in and around the Dossett Court area of Deal. Dossett Court is located just off St Richards Road

We wish to request a Bus Stop sign outside Dossett Court on a handy lamp post with a timetable specifically for the 81 bus to Dover, which is run by bus operator East Kent Road Car Company t/a Stagecoach South East license number PK0000098 of The Bus Station, St George's Lane, Canterbury, CT1 2SY.

This could be simply clipped onto existing street furniture and Dossett Court is listed as a stop on the approved bus timetable, I do not believe this should prove a problem or be very expensive. Kindly put this through the relevant KCC offices many thanks for your co-operation.

Recommendation: Committee to agree that the Vice Chairperson writes to the bus company requesting signage.

Decision required: Committee members to consider the above recommendation.

**DEAL TOWN COUNCIL
MEMORANDUM**

To: Councillor B Bano – Chairperson of the Environment Committee, Committee members
From: Mrs L Marney – Committee Clerk
Date: 10th January 2024
Subject: **Committee Clerk Report**

Please see below updates for information only.

Permanent Closure of High Street

At the last T&I meeting the Committee Clerk advised that she along with the Deputy Town Clerk had been in discussion with Kent County Council regarding the feasibility of this project.

Deal Town Council have supplied Kent County Council with all the relevant information they requested from our Deal Town Plan consultation. They came back asking more questions which the Deputy Town Clerk has replied too.

All the information Kent County Council requested from DTC is now with their Planning and Advice Team, when a response is received the Committee Clerk will bring it back to the T&I Committee.

Fairtrade Signage

At the November meeting, the Committee Clerk updated the T&I Committee that the replacement signage for the "Welcome to Deal" signs which are located coming into Deal from Dover and into Deal from Sandwich, which now include a "A Fairtrade Town" were currently being manufactured.

The signage has now been received at Deal Town Council, the installation of the new signs has been given the go ahead by KCC Street works and these be installed, weather permitting in the next month.

Deal Station Accessibility

The Southeastern Project Manager contacted the Committee Clerk at the end of November 2023 to advise that works have started at Deal Station regarding the Accessibility project.

The Project Manager stated that he will provide the Committee Clerk with regular updates on the status of this project.

Stagecoach Fares

Stagecoach operates primarily in the east and south of the county running over 55 bus routes around Ashford, Canterbury, Dover, Deal, Faversham, Sittingbourne, Maidstone, Folkestone & Hythe, Herne Bay, Whitstable and Thanet.

They have recently announced that Bus passengers will be able to continue to travel anywhere for a maximum single fare of £2. Stagecoach will be extending its maximum fare offer until the end of June next year.

The scheme has been running **since January this year**, and already 84 million people across the country have benefitted.

The £2 offer, part of the government's Help for Households campaign, has helped bus customers save money, but has also boosted local economies and communities.