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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 **Tuesday 17th November 2026** 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 Monday 16th November 2026 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: 10th November 2026

AGENDA

1	**Chairperson'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 16th September for approval and signing:** Decision required.	Attach 2
6	**DTC 5th HIP Application:** Decision required.	Attach 3
7	**Hackney Carriage Availability in Deal:** Decision required.	Attach 4
8	**Correspondence Received:** **(i) Route One – Seafront:** Decision required. **(ii) Wellington Road:** Decision required.	 Attach 5 Attach 6
9	**Report from Co-opted Member of Deal Speaking Up Group:** Decision required	Attach 7
10	**Committee Clerk Report:** Information to note.	Attach 8
	Date of next meeting: 20th January 2027.	

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Committee members: Cllr Craggs, Cllr D Cronk, Cllr M Eddy, Cllr T Bond. Cllr M Cronk, Cllr D Parks, Cllr P Jull, Ms C Dubber and Ms L Sills.

Declaration of Interest

ATTACHMENT 1

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.

ATTACHMENT 2

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The Minutes of the Transport & Infrastructure Committee meeting held on Wednesday 16th September 2026 at Deal Town Hall.

Present:	Cllr D Cronk (Chairperson) Cllr M Eddy Cllr P Jull	Cllr D Parks Ms C Dubber (Co-opted)
Officers:	Mrs L Marney (Committee Clerk)	Others: 0

1	**Chairperson's opening remarks:** The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting and read the fire evacuation procedures.	Chairperson
2	**Apologies for absence:** Cllr L Craggs**,** Cllr T Bond and Cllr M Cronk due to prior commitments.	Committee Clerk
3	**Declarations of interest:** Cllr P Jull declared a VAOI on item 7 as he is a trustee of a local independent café in Deal.	
4	**Public Participation and Statements received:** None received	Committee Clerk
5	**The minutes of the Transport & Infrastructure Committee meeting held on Thursday 14th May for approval and signing:** Members RESOLVED: To accept the minutes of the Transport & Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 14th May 2026 as a true and accurate record. The Chairperson duly signed the minutes. (P) Cllr M Eddy (S) Cllr P Jull. 3 For, 1 Abstention. Motion carried.	Chairperson
6	**KCC Update - 4th HIP Application:** Members RESOLVED: To note the report and updates. (P) Cllr M Eddy (S) Cllr P Jull. All agreed.	Committee Clerk
7	**Best Foot Forward Project Plan:** Members RESOLVED: To accept the recommendation that the Best Foot Forward project plan goes to October's Full Council for budget approval, and delegate authority to the Committee Clerk and Climate Change, Project & Comms Officer to manage the project. (P) Cllr M Eddy (S) Cllr D Cronk, 3 For, 1 Abstention. Motion carried.	Committee Clerk/Comms & Project Officer
8	**KCC Update – Drop Kerb installations in Deal:** Members RESOLVED: To note the report. (P) Cllr M Eddy (S) Cllr D Parks. All agreed.	Committee Clerk
9	**Committee Clerk Report:** Members RESOLVED: To note the report. (P) Cllr M Eddy (S) Cllr D Parks. All agreed.	Committee Clerk
	The Chairperson closed the meeting at 19.37	

ATTACHMENT 3

DEAL TOWN COUNCIL
MEMORANDUM

To: Cllr L Craggs, Chairperson of the Transport & Infrastructure Committee; All Committee members
From: Mrs L Marney - Committee Clerk & Mr P Bone - Deputy Town Clerk
Date: 2nd November 2026
Subject: Highways Improvement Plan – 5th Draft Application

As Transport & Infrastructure Committee members are aware, we submitted our 4th Highway Improvement Plan to the Kent County Council East Highways Improvement Team in May 2026, this was confirmed and accepted by the EHI Team on the 11th June 2026 and the committee were updated.

At the T&I Committee meeting held on 14th May 2026, Members RESOLVED: *Committee Clerk to bring back DTC's 5th HIP application for Committee suggestions to the November 2026 T&I Committee meeting.*

Deal Town Council's 5th HIP application will need to be submitted to the Kent County Council East Highways Improvement Team at the end of May 2027, therefore suggestions are welcomed from members for inclusion in this application.

The Committee Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk were advised by the KCC EHI Team that an application should have no more than 10 priorities to be justifiably considered.

Following on from our previous application submissions, one of the things DTC Officers learnt from the KCC EHI Team, is that they want exact location points for specific works i.e. signage, road crossings and drop kerbs.

Decision required: Members to consider suggestions for Deal Town Council's 5th HIP application.

ATTACHMENT 4

DEAL TOWN COUNCIL
MEMORANDUM

To: Cllr L Craggs, Chairman of the Transport & Infrastructure Committee; Members of the Transport & Infrastructure Committee

From: Mrs L Marney - Committee Clerk

Date: 30h October 2026

Subject: Correspondence received: Hackney Carriage Availability in Deal

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Deal Town Council has received the following correspondence from a Deal resident regarding Hackney Carriage availability in Deal:

"Taxi availability, Hackney Carriage licensing and clean-energy vehicles in Deal

Please accept this statement for consideration by the Transport & Infrastructure Committee

I am a Deal resident and would be grateful if it could be circulated to all Committee members and formally considered as part of the Committee's discussion of taxi and transport provision in Deal.

The problem: Residents and visitors can struggle to obtain taxis in Deal, particularly on Friday and Saturday evenings and late at night. Limited availability can leave people stranded, discourage visits to local businesses, create difficulties for older and disabled passengers, and make journeys to and from the town less reliable.

The current numerical limit on Hackney Carriage vehicle licences may contribute to this problem. However, it is unclear whether the limit is supported by up-to-date evidence on passenger demand, waiting times, unmet demand, late-night availability, accessibility requirements, or the needs of residents, visitors and local businesses.

A transparent, evidence-based review is therefore needed to determine whether the current licensing restriction remains in the public interest.

There is also an environmental issue. I have a modern electric vehicle which I am willing to use as a Hackney Carriage in Deal. The vehicle can be charged substantially using clean electricity generated by my own solar-panel system. It seems difficult to justify a licensing policy which can prevent an additional zero-tailpipe-emission vehicle, powered substantially from renewable energy, from providing a much-needed local taxi service while older diesel Hackney Carriages are able to continue operating under existing licences.

I am not suggesting that existing diesel taxi owners should lose their licences. Rather, where there is unmet demand, the Council has an opportunity to increase taxi availability while simultaneously encouraging a cleaner and more modern Hackney Carriage fleet.

Requested actions:

I respectfully ask the Committee to:

1. Request that Dover District Council urgently review the current numerical limit on Hackney Carriage vehicle licences in the Deal area.

2. Ask Dover District Council to publish the evidence and criteria supporting the existing limit, including any assessment of passenger demand, waiting times, unmet demand, late-night availability, accessibility requirements, and the impact on residents, visitors and local businesses.

3. Seek an updated, independent unmet-demand survey covering Deal, with particular attention to Friday and Saturday evenings, late-night journeys, public holidays, and periods when other public transport services are limited.

4. Ask Dover District Council to consider increasing or removing the current numerical restriction if the evidence shows that the existing number of licensed vehicles is insufficient to meet demand.

5. Ask Dover District Council to consider giving particular encouragement to zero-tailpipe-emission vehicles when considering any expansion or future changes to the Hackney Carriage fleet.

6. Request that Dover District Council report its findings and proposed timetable for action to Deal Town Council and the Transport & Infrastructure Committee."

Decision required: Members to consider the above correspondence.

ATTACHMENT 5

DEAL TOWN COUNCIL
MEMORANDUM

To: Cllr L Craggs, Chairman of the Transport & Infrastructure Committee; Members of the Transport & Infrastructure Committee
From: Mrs L Marney - Committee Clerk
Date: 29th October 2026
Subject: **Correspondence received: Drop Kerb Route One on Seafront**

The Committee Clerk has received the following correspondence from a resident regarding a drop kerb located by the Route One Café on the Seafront.

"I would like to request that Deal Town Council look in to the drop kerb and the position of the disabled parking along Deal Sea Front outside Route One Cafe.

The drop kerb is constantly blocked by disabled badge holders parking correctly. Which causes issues for mobility scooter users who wish to cross the road, as there are no other available drop kerbs.

Could the council look in to removing the disabled parking across the drop kerb. I am voicing my concern as my wife is a mobility scooter user. Please see attached photo."



Decision required: Members to consider adding this item to the HIP.

ATTACHMENT 6

DEAL TOWN COUNCIL
MEMORANDUM

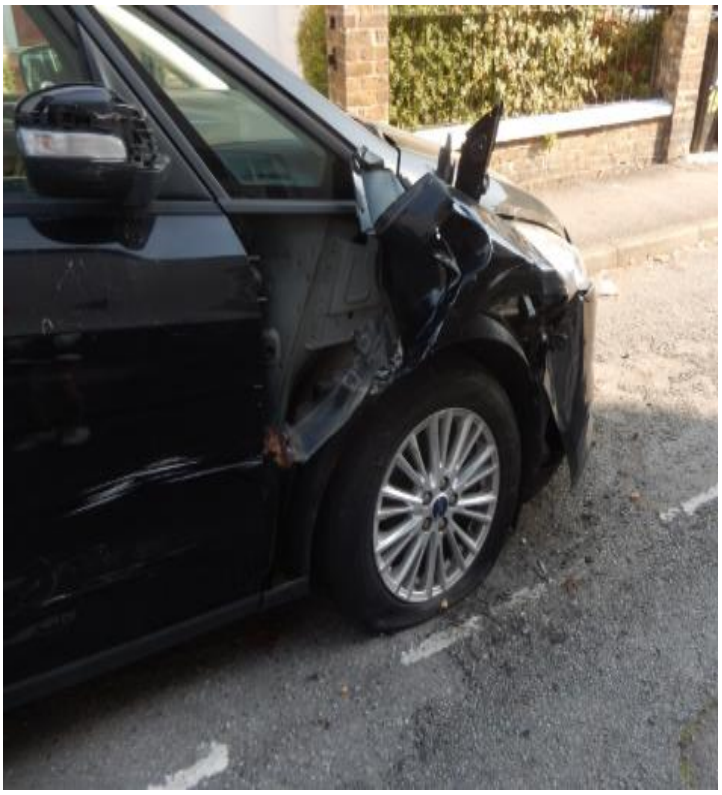
To: Cllr L Craggs, Chairman of the Transport & Infrastructure Committee; Members of the Transport & Infrastructure Committee
From: Mrs L Marney - Committee Clerk
Date: 26th October 2026
Subject: **Correspondence received: Wellington Road, Deal**

Deal Town Council have received the following correspondence from a resident in Wellington Road:

"To whom it may concern

Today another vehicle fell victim to an HGV driver blindly following their sat-nav. This is not really their fault because the road narrows as you drive down, so it's only towards the end of the row of parked cars that they realise that they are in trouble. The regulars (bin lorries) know that they have to mount the pavement, but the visitors mostly don't. At the end point where cars are parked, from the white lines to the curb is just under 2.20 meters.(see photo attached).

A sign at the entrance of the road to ward off HGV drivers may alleviate this problem."





Decision required: Members to consider adding this item to the HIP.

ATTACHMENT 7

DEAL TOWN COUNCIL
MEMORANDUM

To: Cllr L Craggs, Chairman of the Transport & Infrastructure Committee; Members of the Transport & Infrastructure Committee
From: Mrs L Marney, Committee Clerk
Date: 2nd November 2026
Subject: **Report from Co-opted Member of the Deal Speaking Up Group**

The Committee Clerk has received the following report from the co-opted member of the Deal Speaking Up Group on the Transport & Infrastructure Committee.

1. <u>Seafront Disabled Parking Bays</u>

There are disabled parking bays located on Beach Street on the seafront opposite no's.133 & 143, these parking bays are not fit for purpose, there is not enough access at these bays for people with mobility issues to manoeuvre in and out of their respective vehicles.



2. <u>Seafront Shelter – Beach Street</u>

The seafront shelter located on Beach Street opposite no.143 has a kerb up to it, which makes it difficult for people with mobility issues to access.



3. <u>Survey – Accessible Taxi's in Deal</u>

For Committee information, the Deal Speaking Up Group are currently working with Deal cars, a Deal taxi firm, and have produced a survey to give to members of the public. The survey contains questions relating to accessible taxi's for residents of Deal with mobility issues. This survey will be ongoing until March 2027. **(See attached survey).**

Decision required: Members to consider how to proceed with items 1 and 2 and to note the report.

Wheelchair taxi user survey

My name is Chrissie and I'm a wheelchair user, a lady living in North Deal. I like to get out and about but sometimes I want to go further than my wheelchair can take me, so I need to use a Wheelchair Accessible Taxi. I often find it very difficult to get one because they are sent on school runs and airport runs. So, I'm trying to establish the NEED for more of these taxis.

If you could please fill in the questions below and return it either to me at the email below, or to the taxi company at Deal Cars. Thank you. Chrissie

Name

Postcode

1.How often do you need a wheelchair accessible taxi?

2.Excluding airports and school runs, where do you get the taxi to take you ? e.g. doctor, shopping, hospital appointments.

3. How often is this? Daily Weekly Monthly Occasionally

4.Have you tried to use a bus or train? Yes No

5. If so please tell us about your experience.

6.If you don't use an accessible taxi, please tell us why this is?

Please return to paddypawus@gmail.com or to Deal Cars, South St, Deal CT14 7AW

DEAL TOWN COUNCIL **ATTACHMENT 8**
MEMORANDUM

To: Cllr L Craggs, Chairperson of the Transport & Infrastructure Committee, All Committee Members
From: Mrs L Marney – Committee Clerk
Date: 5th November 2026
Subject: Committee Clerk Report

DDC TRO Update: Campervan Parking – Sandown Castle Gdns/Sandown Road

The DDC Parking Manager has advised that this item is now on the revised TRO with the relevant signs being arranged for installation. DDC will then be able to enforce this area which will support improvements for residents in this area. The Committee Clerk will bring back a future update when the TRO signage is in place.

KCC Update – Road Closures for Gas Work Repairs

KCC have advised Deal Town Council of the following road closure dates in Deal for Gas Repairs:

King Street: 16/11/2026 - 30/11/26
Market Street: 16/11/2026 - 7/12/26
Middle Street: 16/11/2026 - 18/2/27
Chapel Street: 30/11/2026 - 11/12/26
Oak Street: 30/11/2026 - 11/12/26
Coppin Street: 04/01/2027- 15/01/2027
Brewer Street: 04/01/2027- 15/01/2027
Farrier Street: 18/01//2027- 29/01/2027
New Street: 18/01/2027- 29/01/2027
Golden Street: 18/01/2027- 29/01/2027
Silver Street: 01/02/2027- 12/02/2027
Griffin Street: 01/02/2027- 12/02/2027
Alfred Square: 15/02/2027- 26/02/2027
Sandown Road: 15/02/2027- 26/02/2027
Exchange Street: 15/02/2027- 26/02/2027
Dolphin Street: 15/02/2027- 26/02/2027
North Street: 15/02/2027- 19/03/2027

Boardwalk – Walmer/Deal Seafront

The following update has been received from DDC:

"The main construction works are now completed. In terms of the enhancement works we are looking to partly undertake soon with some benching, and beach formation works with seedlings so they establish over winter.

Further planting of plants will now take place next year and we will aim to plant early spring – after taking advice from a landscape designer for coastal environments."

When more information is provided by DDC regarding the benching and planting the Committee Clerk will update the Transport & Infrastructure Committee.

Decision required: Members to note this information.