

SEVENOAKS JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD - 16TH JUNE 2009

PROGRESS REPORT

THE SEVENOAKS DISTRICT STRATEGY FOR TRANSPORT 2009 - 2026

Report of the: Local Transport And Development Manager, Alan Ash

Recommendation: The Joint Transport Board is requested to consider how they wish to proceed with the initial consultation before the document is issued for full consultation in the summer/autumn with all stakeholders.

Chairman To be elected

Head of Service David Hall

The Sevenoaks District Strategy for Transport is currently being produced by Kent County Council with the assistance of Sevenoaks District Council.

The first draft of the Sevenoaks District Strategy for Transport was presented to Councillors and Officers at a special briefing session on 13 May in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Argyle Road, Sevenoaks.

Following this very productive and lively meeting, numerous constructive suggestions were made by members of both District and County Councils.

Due to the large amount of additional work following the briefing it was not possible to prepare the second draft of the report for presentation to the JTB on 16 June 2009 as originally hoped. Therefore a special meeting of the Sevenoaks Joint Transportation Board is proposed for July (15th or 16) before it is considered by the Sevenoaks District Council's Environmental Select Committee.

Some of the major changes in the new report are listed below;

- We will look at the District in 4 parts i.e. North, Centre, Edenbridge and Rural.
- We will note that approximate populations for the district are split;
 - 40,000 North,
 - 35,000 Centre,
 - 30,000 Rural.
- We will not include very low level detail to ensure it is a strategic document.

We will include;

- Volume data where available,
 - Air transport effects, particularly if Gatwick expands,
 - Effects on the national strategic transport network.
- Impact of the district of;
 - Gatwick Expansion,
 - Motorway & trunk road improvements,
 - M25 East facing slips.
- We will also consider funding and delivery implications.
- We will also include sources of information presented.
- We will lobby other bodies for improvements bodies as appropriate.

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