

Shorne Parish Council

— Borough of Gravesham —



PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

September 2016

Thames Estuary 2050 Growth Commission - Call for Ideas

The Thames Estuary Growth Commission has been established to “develop an ambitious vision and delivery plan for North Kent, South Essex and East London up to 2050. This will focus on supporting the development of high productivity clusters in specific locations. It will examine how the area can develop, attract and retain skilled workers. It will also look at how to make the most of opportunities from planned infrastructure such as the Lower Thames Crossing.”

The Commission has launched a call for ideas for maximising the region’s potential. This call for ideas is an open invitation for all interested parties, both within and outside the Thames Estuary, to contribute their views. The Commission encourages submissions to be creative and ambitious. It also requests that submissions clearly set out the evidence that supports their positions.

The deadline for submissions is midday on 9 September, so time is tight. Submissions should be emailed to ThamesEstuary@communities.gsi.gov.uk. Written submissions should be limited to 10 pages in length. Submissions in other formats, including graphs, images, infographics and videos, will also be welcomed.

Further details can be found on the Shorne Parish Council website, or online at:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/537578/C_all_for_ideas.pdf

KCC Local Transport Plan: Delivering Growth Without Gridlock

Kent County Council has produced a Local Transport Plan, entitled “Growth Without Gridlock”, and is inviting residents and organisations within Kent to express their views on the Plan, including the priorities and outcomes.

KCC has ambitious targets for growth, and sees its role as ensuring the necessary infrastructure is in place to stimulate regeneration and encourage people and businesses to come to Kent.

KCC considers that investment in infrastructure is vital to boost Kent’s economy and support a growing population, which is expected to grow by 293,000 between 2011 and 2031, requiring 158,500 new homes over the same period. Their Plan highlights KCC’s priority

schemes that are nationally important, such as a new Lower Thames Crossing and a solution to Operation Stack, as well as priority local schemes across Kent.

You can download KCC's Transport Plan from Shorne Parish Council's website, or online at <http://www.kent.gov.uk/localtransportplan>.

Page 14 of the Plan makes it clear that KCC's preference is specifically for a new Lower Thames Crossing east of Gravesend, stating that that a new Lower Thames Crossing to the east of Gravesend is required to unlock growth, improve journey time reliability, improve network resilience, and enable opportunities for regeneration.

The proposed new crossing east of Gravesend is expected to facilitate over 50,000 new homes and 26,000 jobs in North Kent. This is in addition to development of the Thames Gateway, which is expected to deliver a further 15,000 new homes and up to 20,000 jobs at Ebbsfleet, and up to 27,000 new jobs at the London Paramount Entertainment Resort. Further details of these can be found on page 13 of the Plan.

KCC invites you to provide your feedback to ensure that KCC is delivering the right priorities. To let KCC know your views, please take part in the online questionnaire, or fill in a hard copy and return it to: Transport Strategy Team, Planning and Environment Division, Kent County Council, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX.

The Consultation ends on 30th October 2016.

Volunteers Litter Patrol, Saturday 17th September

The next litter patrol is planned to take place on Saturday 17th September, so please make a note in your diary.

We have 20 litter pickers, and it would be good if we can find a pair of willing hands for each one. Our litter patrols last about 2 hours, and where possible we try to allocate small teams of 2 to 4 people to their own local neighbourhood. It's not hard work, and most participants find it very enjoyable.

So please feel free to join us at 09.45am at the Village Hall, to be issued with equipment (but bring your own gloves!), ready for a 10.00am start. It is helpful to know numbers in advance by emailing Bob at shorne.volunteers@gmx.co.uk or by calling him on 01474 822680, but the main thing is to join in!

Parish Council Meetings in September

Thursday 8th September – Footpaths Properties & Greens Committee Meeting.

Thursday 22nd September - Parish Council Meeting.

The meetings will start at 7.45pm in the Committee Room in Shorne Village Hall.

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