

Enroute's Response to the Kent County Council LTP5 Consultation

Please select the option from the list below that most closely represents how you will be responding to this consultation. On behalf of a Charity or a Voluntary, Community or Social Enterprise organisation (VCSE) Please tell us the name of your organisation: **Enroute Group CIC** Please tell us the first 5 characters of your postcode: If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, please use your organisation's postcode. We use this to help us to analyse our data. It will not be used to identify who you are NN1 How did you find out about this consultation? Select all that apply. From a friend or relative Do you support our new draft Local Transport Plan? Partly

Please tell us the reason for your answer in the box below:

While there are ambitious schemes and proposals for the sustainable (public and active) transport network, Enroute does not agree with the high level of investment proposed in road enhancements on the strategic and local networks, especially expensive and larger infrastructure investment projects like the Lower Thames Crossing, where we'd suggest alternative investment and research into schemes like KenEx tram.

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We disagree with any major investment in the road network unless it is to maintain the existing road network rather than build upon it. More roads and larger roads (including additional lanes) encourage more traffic, increasing air, noise and water pollution, making it harder to tackle climate change. We disagree with the method taken to deal with Challenge 3 on page 12, 'Traffic is causing congestion, poor air quality and negatively impacting Kent's economy' - as the majority of investments proposed are investments to grow the road network, which will only generate additional traffic. Instead, measures should be developed with the intention mode shift from road to public and active transport. This also applies to Challenge 4, where traffic is generated by new developments (requiring additional behaviour change to mode shift), and Challenge 5 (where obesity levels would benefit if encouragement was made to mode shift to active travel)

However, we strongly support the proposals set out in relation to public and active transport, including but not limited to:

- Reintroduction of international rail services at Ashford and/or Ebbsfleet International.
- An extension of the Elizabeth Line to Ebbsfleet International
- The development of the Dover Fastrack BRT network
- Encouragement of a minimum of 2tph on all rail routes in Kent

We strongly support all public right of way and walking zone improvements that are proposed.

You can now provide feedback on each or all of the themes in this section. You can answer all or as many of the questions on each of these as you like.

Please select which theme(s) you would like to comment on:

Select all that apply.

Strategic Road Network Local Road Network

Walking, cycling and other forms of non-motorised travel.

Public and Shared Transport Network

Do you agree with the proposals identified for the Strategic Road Network?

Select one response option per proposal/row.

Lower Thames Crossing	No	

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M2 Junction 1 capacity enhancement	No
A282 (M25) Junction 1A capacity enhancement	No
M2 Junction 4 capacity and local development connections	No
M2 road capacity enhancement	No
M2 Junction 7 capacity enhancement	No
A2 Dover Access / Duke of York and Whitfield interim improvements	No
International haulage traffic management	Don't know
M25-M26-A21 East-facing slips	No
A21 Kipping's Cross enhancements	No
Trunking: A229 and A249, both between M2 and M20	No

Do you agree with the proposals identified for the Local Road Network?

Select one response option per proposal/row.

Maintaining the road network	Yes
Road Safety Vision Zero	Yes

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A229 Blue Bell Hill improvements	No
North Thanet Link	No
Alkham Valley Spitfire Way junction improvements	No
Sandwich bypass improvements	No
A2 Gravesend local junction improvements	No
A228-A264 corridor improvements – West Malling to Tunbridge Wells	No
Development Management	Yes
Supporting the shift to electric vehicles through new charging points	Yes

If you would like to make any comments on the Local Road Network proposals or would like to suggest any new proposals for consideration in our Local Transport Plan, please tell us in the box below.

If your comment relates to a specific proposal, please make this clear in your answer.

We support continuous maintenance of the road network, which we also consider part of the Vision Zero pledge. We support working with developers during the development transport planning process but we'd encourage public and active transport options to be put before road improvements. We support growth of the EVCI network. However, we do not support investment in new road infrastructure that may generate new traffic.

Do you agree with the proposals identified for Public and Shared Transport Network?

Select one response option per proposal/row.

Rail freight gauge enhancement for international traffic	Partly
Maidstone mainline rail journey time improvements	Yes
Gatwick access improvements	Yes
Dover / Folkestone High Speed rail journey time improvements	Yes
International rail passenger services for Kent	Yes
Sturry and Canterbury West rail corridor improvements	Yes
Local rail services	Yes
Bus Service Improvement Plan (county-wide)	Yes
Thameside Fastrack network growth	Yes
Dover Fastrack network growth	Yes
Mobility as a Service	Yes
Cycle Hire trials	Yes
Shared transport hubs (also known as Mobility Hubs)	Yes
Elizabeth line extension to Ebbsfleet	Yes

Opposition to Gatwick expansion Don't know	
If you would like to make any comments on the Public and Shared Transport Network propo to suggest any new proposals for consideration in our Local Transport Plan, please tell us i	
If your comment relates to a specific proposal, please make this clear in your answer.	
We do not take a position on the expansion of Gatwick Airport at this time. We support the deve freight if it is not at detriment to passenger rail services.	elopment of all rail
Do you agree with the proposals identified for walking, cycling and other forms of non-mot Select one response option per proposal/row.	orised travel?
Our 15 initial proposed walking zones we will focus on from our Kent Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan	Yes
Our 15 initial proposed cycling route corridors we will focus on from our Kent Cycling and infrastructure plan	Walking Yes
Public Rights of Way improvements	Yes
If you would like to make any comments on the walking, cycling and other forms on non-more proposals or would like to suggest any new proposals for consideration in our Local Transp tell us in the box below. If your comment relates to a specific proposal, please make this clear in your answer. We support development of active travel corridors in all forms, generally.	
Please select which district(s) you would like to comment on:	

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You can answer all or as many of the questions on each of the district proposals as you like. If you would rather not provide feedback for a question/district, please move on to the next section.

Select all that apply	,

Ashford

Canterbury

Dartford

Dover

Folkestone and Hythe

Gravesham

Maidstone

Sevenoaks

Swale

Thanet

Tunbridge Wells

Tonbridge and Malling

Do you agree with the proposals identified for the district of Ashford? Select one response box per proposal/row.

International traffic management improvements	No
Return of international passenger rail services to Ashford International station	Yes
International rail freight gauge enhancements	Yes
Bus Service Improvement Plan	Yes
Junction 10a improvements for local traffic	No
A28 Chart Road improvements	No

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Local rail service improvements for Maidstone and Marshlink line	Yes
Ashford to Charing corridor cycling improvements as set out in our Kent Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (KCWIP)	Yes
Ashford to Folkestone corridor cycling improvements as set out in our KCWIP	Yes
Improved local connections to Appledore station	Yes
If you would like to make any comments on the proposals for Ashford or would like to suggest any new proposals for consideration in our Local Transport Plan, please tell us in the box below. If your comment relates to a specific proposal, please make this clear in your answer.	
No Answer	
Do you agree with the proposals identified for the district of Canterbury?	

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M2 Junction 7 Brenley Corner improvements	No
A2 junction improvements south and west of Canterbury city	No
A299 Thanet Way renewal	No
A299 Thanet Way Chestfield access improvements	No
Sturry link road	No

Bus Service Improvement Plan	\	Yes
Return of international passenger rail services to Kent	`	Yes
Local rail service improvements towards Faversham and Dover	`	Yes
Potential rail service to Gatwick	`	Yes
Sturry and Canterbury West station and surrounds improvements	`	Yes
Cycling corridor improvements southwards out of Canterbury towards Dover, Folkestone and Sandwich as set out in our Kent Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (KCWIP)	`	Yes
Cycling corridor improvements eastwards out of Canterbury towards Birchington as set out in C KCWIP	our	Yes
Do you agree with the proposals identified for the district of Dartford?		
Select one response box per proposal/row.		
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Select one response box per proposal/row. The Lower Thames Crossing	-	

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Kent Thameside Fastrack network expansion	Yes
Bean Fastrack tunnels	Don't know
Bus Service Improvement Plan	Yes
Fastrack interchange hub as part of Ebbsfleet station quarter redevelopment	Yes
Mobility as a Service pilot	Yes
Learning from shared transport and any mobility hub pilots in Ebbsfleet Garden City	Yes
Swanscombe and Stone and Dartford station improvements	Yes
Dartford town centre improvements (further phases)	Don't know
Walking improvements for the wider Dartford, Swanscombe and Stone area as set out in our Kent Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (KCWIP)	Yes
Dartford to Stone and Gravesend cycling improvements as set out in our KCWIP	Yes

Do you agree with the proposals identified for the district of Dover? Select one response box per proposal/row.

A2 Dover Access improvements and improvements to Duke of York and Whitfield roundabouts

No

Bus Service Improvement Plan	Yes
Dover and Folkestone High Speed rail journey time improvements	Yes
Local rail service improvements for Dover to Canterbury East	Yes
Dover to Canterbury and Deal corridor cycling improvements as set out in our Kent Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (KCWIP)	Yes
Improvements to walking in Dover as set out in our KCWIP	Yes
Improvements to walking in Deal as set out in our KCWIP	Yes
International traffic management improvements	No
International rail freight gauge enhancements	Yes
Sandwich bypass improvements	No
Dover Fastrack network development	Yes
Do you agree with the proposals identified for the district of Folkestone and Hythe? Select one response box per proposal/row.	
International traffic management	No

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International rail freight gauge enhancements	Yes
Alkham Valley Spitfire Way junction improvements	No
Folkestone and Dover High Speed rail journey time improvements	Yes
Return of international passenger rail services to Kent via Ashford International station	Yes
Bus Service Improvement Plan	Yes
Westenhanger station upgrade for High Speed services	Yes
Learning from shared transport and any mobility hub pilots in Otterpool Park Garden Town	Yes
Folkestone to Canterbury corridor cycling improvements as set out in our Kent Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (KCWIP)	Yes
Hythe to Ashford corridor cycling improvements as set out in our KCWIP	Yes
Sub-regional walking and cycling corridor from Hythe towards Rye in East Sussex	Yes
Do you agree with the proposals identified for the district of Gravesham? Select one response box per proposal/row.	

The Lower Thames Crossing

No

Improvements to the local junctions for the A2	No
Kent Thameside Fastrack network expansion	Yes
Bus Service Improvement Plan	Yes
Return of international passenger rail services to Kent via Ashford International station	Yes
Mobility as a Service pilot	Yes
M2 Junction 1 enhancements	No
Gravesend to Stone and Dartford cycling improvements as set out in our Kent Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (KCWIP)	Yes
Gravesend to Meopham cycling improvements as set out in our KCWIP	Yes
Elizabeth line extension to Ebbsfleet	Yes
Do you agree with the proposals identified for the district of Maidstone? Select one response box perpoposal/row.	r
A229 Blue Bell Hill improvements	0
M20 Junction 7 improvements	0

M2 Junction 4 improvements to support bifurcation strategy, given local growth pressures	No	
International traffic management improvements	No	
International rail freight gauge enhancements	Yes	
Bus Service Improvement Plan	Yes	
Step free access improvements e.g. Maidstone West, Yalding, Marden	Yes	
Maidstone town centre improvements including Maidstone West urban realm, river crossings, town centre congestion, junctions' performance	Don't know	
Maidstone to Sittingbourne corridor cycling improvements as set out in our Kent Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (KCWIP)	Yes	
Extending cycling corridor improvements from Ashford to Charing into the district towards Lenham and Bearsted	Yes	
Do you agree with the proposals identified for the district of Sevenoaks? Select one response box per proposal/row.		
M25-M26-A21 – slips for journeys eastwards on M26 to avoid Sevenoaks town centre	No	
Opposition to Gatwick expansion due to noise disturbance from flight paths	Don't know	

Bat and Ball junction improvements	No
Improved rail stations in Edenbridge	Yes
Bus Service Improvement Plan	Yes
Improvements to walking in Swanley as set out in our Kent Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (KCWIP)	Yes
Improvements to cycling corridors in Sevenoaks	Yes
Do you agree with the proposals identified for the district of Swale? Select one response box peproposal/row.	er
M2 Junction 7 Brenley Corner improvements	No
M2 corridor capacity enhancement junction 4 to junction 7	No
Key Street junction improvements	No
Local rail service improvements Sheerness to Sittingbourne and Faversham to Medway	Yes
Bus Service Improvement Plan	Yes
Sittingbourne town centre improvements including walking journeys as set out in our Kent Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (KCWIP) and consideration of approaches to congestion relief including potential new highways routes between the A2 and M2	Don't know

Sittingbourne to Faversham cycling corridor improvements as set out in our KCWIP, along with associated opportunities from the M2 Junction 7 improvements	Partly
Sheerness to Leysdown cycling corridor improvements as set out in our KCWIP	Yes
Do you agree with the proposals identified for the district of Thanet? Select one response box pe proposal/row.	r
A28 North Thanet Link	No
Supplemental local development delivered link roads to maximise connectivity and capacity benefits from the North Thanet Link	No
Bus Service Improvement Plan	Yes
Ramsgate and Margate town centre improvements as part of funded Town Deals	Don't know
Broadstairs station step free access	Yes
Birchington walking improvements as set out in our Kent Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (KCWIP)	Yes
Westwood walking zone improvements as set out in our KCWIP	Yes
Birchington to Canterbury and Ramsgate cycling corridors improvements as set out in our KCWIP	Yes

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Do you agree with the proposals identified for the district of Tonbridge and Malling?

Select one response box per proposal/row.

A229 Blue Bell Hill improvements	No
A228-A264 corridor improvements	No
Bus Service Improvement Plan	Yes
Rail journey time improvements to the Maidstone mainline	Yes
Potential rail service to Gatwick	Yes
Improving journeys in the Medway gap including walking and cycling network connections	Partly
Tonbridge walking zone improvements as set out in our Kent Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (KCWIP)	Yes

Do you agree with the proposals identified for the district of Tunbridge Wells? Select one response box per proposal/row.

A228-264 corridor improvements	No
Bus Service Improvement Plan	Yes
A21 Kipping's Cross junction and corridor improvements	No

Reinstatement of services from Maidstone to Tonbridge via Paddock Wood	Yes
Southborough walking zone improvements	Yes
Improvements in Paddock Wood to improve walking, wheeling and cycling journeys	Yes