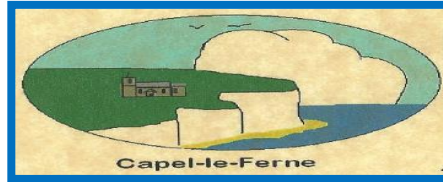


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Capel-le-Ferne Parish Council Notes taken at

Dover MP Charlie Elphicke's meeting on Friday, 7th July, 2017 at Aycliffe.

Question and answer session on Traffic Management and issues in the Dover District.

Apologies if something has been omitted!

Representatives present from; Highways England, Kent Police (Dover District), Port of Dover Police, Dover District Council and Kent Association of Local Councils.

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QUESTIONS	ANSWERS	SUGGESTIONS/FURTHER INVESTIGATION
<u>TAP System/Operation Stack</u> Why can the lights at Aycliffe Roundabout not be moved back further up the A20 to top of hill? It will alleviate noise and pollution issues experienced by residents in Aycliffe, especially as the childrens' play area is adjacent to the road.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Problem with flow, control and management of traffic within distance from Tunnel, in not being able to stack enough vehicles. • Engineering problems with lack of power further back. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buffer zone
24/7 Truck Stop (lorry park) with ticket system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highway England challenged from the Campaign to Protect Rural England and Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty organisations, on use of sites has been an issue with the future of many sites suggested for lorry parks on M20. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A traditional review is ongoing with court appeals being investigated, possibly in September/October. • Investment inside the Port of Dover has taken place and is also ongoing, land permitting.
Traffic Lights at Aycliffe roundabout permanently on 24/7 if TAP not operating, causing drivers to ignore roundabout priority.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A reasonable request to switch them off and this to be investigated further. • Maybe white lines and hatch markings may also help.
Planting to reduce noise and pollution.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not enough space, area too dense. A 10 metre wide area would be required. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
Foreign drivers not fined due to enforcement issues. Why can they not be stopped at Port, on re-entry, and not allowed further unless the encountered fine from previous visit is paid?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A big issue in logistical and technological data being used and managed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigations ongoing on ways to fine Freight Operators.

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Operators at Port of Dover should stop and fine Freight Operators.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A change in legislation for foreign lorry and freight operators is required. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On-going.
What date can be expected for completion and use of the change to viable speed on A20.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By 27th July there will be some temporary signs in place and it will start. • Full programme of system will be up and running by September. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charlie Elphick MP, promised a revisit and review of this in September/October. • Followed possibly by another public meeting.
Control of excessive traffic, speeding and driving on wrong side of B2011.	The aim of Highway England is:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic to leave the Port of Dover via A2 and this to be signposted. • Beyond M25, signs to indicate HGV's use M2/A2 during night closures on A20. • In case of Operation Stack, to leave one lane open for normal traffic.
During school holiday period issues or Operation Stack, something to stop lorries parking in Aycliffe residential area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More Traffic Officers required. • Gated access. • Planning for weekend getaway. • No disaster plan in place. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cannot odds security issues and when these need to be put into place, including heightened risk assessment in case of terrorism etc. • Port of Dover to investigate forward planning and have contingency in place.
Old Dover Road – traffic not adhering to speed limit and causing more cracks in road.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To try and move/remove the problem. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police Enforcement issue with lack of resources and man power. • Wait to see what happens when viable speed is in place and review issue in September/October.
How to stop HGVs using B2011 and speeding.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education to drivers on travelling too fast. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police Enforcement issue with lack of resources and man power. • Wait to see what happens when viable speed is in place and review issue in September/October.
How to protect Capel, Alkham, Maxton and Aycliffe.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kent Police lack the required legislation for on-spot fines to foreign drivers/operators. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MP Charlie Elphicke to apply pressure on accomplishment of this legislation required and to take this forward.
Nothing done when lorries parking anywhere and everywhere.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campaign ongoing throughout Kent by group of MPs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immobilise vehicles.
Unmentionable litter left.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Litter collections 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dover District Council/Kent Highways/Highway England partnership to continue ongoing collections.
Parking on slip roads inappropriately. Waiting time on Kent Police 101 too lengthy for reporting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a danger to road users, it is classed as an emergency. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not wait for 101 to answer, use 999 if parking is in/on the carriageway.

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