

# **COUNCIL – 21 October 2020**

## **Motions on Notice by Members**

**(1) In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13, Councillor E A Biggs will move:**

“Providing information on Brexit Lorry parks in the District

This Council notes:

1. That all Councillors are elected by the Community to decide how the Council should carry out its various activities and to represent the public interest.
2. That Councillors have not been informed of plans for a Lorry Park in the District.
3. That Department of Transport has been conducting on the ground research for sites in March this year.
4. That Senior Officers and the Leader were party to these discussions and were informed of a site selected in March this year.
5. That the Opposition Leader and the Shadow Portfolio for Transport were excluded from any discussions.
6. That Michael Gove made a statement to the House of Commons on 13th July ‘I stress that there are no plans to build a new lorry park at Dover’
7. That on 14th July a Senior Officer of the Council responded that Highways England has undertaken a trawl of sites in the District but the conclusions have not been shared with DDC.
8. That on 15th July Portfolio Holder for Transport responded ‘I only know what we are picking up from Michael Gove’s comments in Parliament’.

This Council believes:

1. That in order for Councillors to fulfill their elected mandate major infrastructure plans such as Lorry Parks should be subject to full disclosure.
2. Any Lorry Park proposal should be subject to all current planning standards and satisfy issues, including impact on the road network, proximity to existing built up areas, avoidance of harm to open landscape and unacceptable harm to ecology, water quality and heritage/archaeology.
3. Any disruption to the Local Plan should be fully compensated by Central Government.