

## Report for Sellindge Parish Council Meeting 09 July 2024

Kent & Medway Resilience Forum is implementing Operation Brock on the M20 from 10 July and it's expected to stay in place till mid-August. Whilst this does help mitigate the problems of the heavy cross Channel traffic it is by no means the long-term solution needed and KCC will continue to press whoever is in Government for the infrastructure we need so that Kent residents and businesses are able to move freely about the county.

Works are under way across Kent to repair and resurface as many roads as possible with the extra money Kent was allocated by the Government. Do please keep reporting any potholes so that Kent Highways are aware of the problems. It's best to report online where there's a map to pinpoint a location. Go to [www.kent.gov.uk](http://www.kent.gov.uk) and look in the section on 'Report a problem' in the 'Roads and Travel Section'. You can also report by phone in office hours at 03000 41 81 81 and emergencies outside office hours can be reported at 03000 41 91 91.

There are two important consultations currently under way. One is on the KCC budget for 2025/26. This asks residents for their views on what should be prioritised within the funding available. It's available until 07 August. The results are taken into account in the decisions made on the budget (and your council tax) which is set in February. The other consultation is on Special Schools (for children assessed as having Special Education Needs) and covers how these schools are designated (which category of SEN is catered for) and admissions guidance. It's a topic of great importance to families with SEN children and you can give your views up until 31 July. Both consultations are available at [letstalkkent.gov.uk](http://letstalkkent.gov.uk) Should anyone be unable to access consultations online they are also available in hard copy and in alternative formats, just contact me.

Once you are registered at Let's Talk Kent you will be alerted to all future consultations and take part in as many as are of interest to you.

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