



LEAD MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT

DECISIONS to be made by the Lead Member for Transport and Environment,
Councillor Claire Dowling

MONDAY, 19 JANUARY 2026 AT 10.00 AM

COMMITTEE ROOM, COUNTY HALL, LEWES

AGENDA

1. Decisions made by the Lead Cabinet Member on 8 December 2025 (*Pages 3 - 6*)
2. Disclosure of Interests
Disclosure by all Members present of personal interests in matters on the agenda, the nature of any interest and whether the Members regard the interest as prejudicial under the terms of the Code of Conduct.
3. Urgent items
Notification of any items which the Lead Member considers urgent and proposes to take at the appropriate part of the agenda.
4. Petition: Introduction of traffic calming measures along The Village, Eastbourne (*Pages 7 - 14*)
Report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport
5. Any urgent items previously notified under agenda item 3

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DECISIONS made by the Lead Member for Transport and Environment, Councillor Claire Dowling, on 8 December 2025 at Committee Room, County Hall, Lewes

Councillors Maples and Redstone spoke on item 4 (see minute 35)

Councillors Daniel, Hollidge, Maples and Redstone spoke on item 5 (see minute 36)

Councillors Maples and Wright spoke on item 6 (see minute 37)

31. DECISIONS MADE BY THE LEAD CABINET MEMBER ON 10 NOVEMBER 2025

31.1 The Lead Member approved as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 10 November 2025.

32. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

32.1 Councillor Maples declared a personal interest in item 5 as acting chair for the South Downs Community Rail Partnership for one day. She did not consider this to be prejudicial.

32.2 Councillor Hollidge declared a personal interest in item 5 as someone who spoke in favour of the Rother Valley Railway at the public inquiry. He did not consider this to be prejudicial.

32.3 Councillor Hollidge declared a personal interest in item 5 as a member of Bexhill Rail Action Group. He did not consider this to be prejudicial.

33. URGENT ITEMS

33.1 There were none.

34. REPORTS

34.1 Reports referred to in the minutes below are contained in the minute book.

35. EAST SUSSEX FREIGHT STRATEGY 2025 - 2050

35.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport.

DECISIONS

35.2 The Lead Member RESOLVED to:

(1) note the outcomes of the stakeholder and public consultation undertaken in May/June 2025 on the draft East Sussex Freight Strategy;

(2) acknowledge the importance of the strategy in setting out the County Council's key priorities for freight in East Sussex, which will place the Council in a stronger position to lobby for future funding and support the development and delivery of future investment to support the movement of freight in East Sussex;

(3) approve the Freight Strategy, at Appendix 1 of the report, which is a modal strategy supporting the East Sussex Local Transport Plan 4, 2024 – 2050; and

(4) delegate authority to the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport to make future minor amendments to the strategy.

REASONS

35.3 The ambition for freight in East Sussex is to support the efficient movement of goods as it is critical to both the productivity of the county's businesses and people's everyday lives through the movement of goods to shops and between business to business, homes and local collection points, and in supporting the growing expectation of on-demand deliveries. This aligns with the East Sussex Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP4) adopted by the County Council in October 2024 and will also align with the other modal strategies being developed or updated post publication of the LTP4.

35.4 Significant evidence gathering, stakeholder engagement and consultation have been undertaken which has constructively shaped the draft East Sussex Freight Strategy. As set out in paragraph 2.16 of the report, the strategy has been updated to reflect some of the key consultation comments received. Consequently, the 4 priority areas for investment set out in paragraph 1.4 of the report have been identified as part of this process.

35.5 The strategy has been developed for the County Council to demonstrate its priorities for freight, how the Council can achieve them and how progress can be made on these in the short term, subject to available resource and funding, whilst also taking full account of the forthcoming changes arising from devolution and local government reorganisation. The Strategy will be a live document, and therefore adaptable to reflect the impending changes.

35.6 Following the Lead Member's consideration of a petition on freight routeing in the county in September 2023, a review of the existing freight routeing network - that allows the distribution of HGVs across the A and B class road network in the county - has been undertaken as part of the development of the draft Freight Strategy. Whilst consideration has been given to introduce a freight routeing network so that HGVs be redirected away from B class roads through villages, this would place additional pressures on the limited and inconsistent quality A class road network in the county. Therefore, the draft Freight Strategy sets out that the existing freight routeing network policy for HGVs using A and B class roads wherever possible should remain. Given the impact of freight movements on local communities, the draft Freight Strategy identifies a policy and workstream related to better understanding localised impacts with communities and opportunities for mitigating these impacts.

36. EAST SUSSEX RAIL STRATEGY 2025 - 2050

36.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport.

DECISION

36.2 The Lead Member RESOLVED to:

(1) note the outcomes of the stakeholder and public consultation undertaken in May and June 2025 on the draft East Sussex Rail Strategy;

(2) acknowledge the importance of the strategy in setting out the County Council's key priorities for rail in East Sussex, which will place the Council in a stronger position to lobby for future funding and support the development and delivery of future investment in rail in East Sussex;

(3) approve the Rail Strategy, at Appendix 1 of the report, which is a modal strategy supporting the East Sussex Local Transport Plan 4, 2024 – 2050; and

(4) delegate authority to the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport to make future minor amendments to the strategy.

REASONS

36.3 The ambition for rail in East Sussex is focussed on the opportunities for integrating infrastructure and services to improve all aspects of the public transport passenger experience to enable seamless and accessible journeys. This aligns with the East Sussex Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP4) adopted by the County Council in October 2024 and will also align with the other modal strategies being developed or updated post publication of the LTP4.

36.4 Significant evidence gathering, stakeholder engagement and consultation has been undertaken which has constructively shaped the draft East Sussex Rail Strategy. As outlined in paragraph 2.8 of the report, the outcomes of this engagement and the public consultation identified that there was strong support for the strategy. As set out in paragraph 2.9 of the report, the draft final strategy has been updated to reflect some of the key consultation comments received. Consequently, the 6 priority areas for investment set out in paragraph 1.4 of the report have been identified as part of this process.

36.5 The strategy has been developed for the County Council to demonstrate its priorities for rail, how the Council can achieve them and how progress can be made on these in the short term, whilst also taking full account of the forthcoming changes arising from devolution and local government reorganisation.

36.6 The Strategy will be a live document, and therefore adaptable to reflect the impending changes.

37. EASTBOURNE TOWN CENTRE PHASE 2B EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS

37.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport.

DECISIONS

37.2 The Lead Member RESOLVED to:

(1) note the previous development work that has been undertaken in relation to the Eastbourne Town Centre Movement and Access Package 2b, 'Victoria Place' project; and

(2) agree that Experimental Traffic Regulation Orders are advertised post construction in relation to vehicular access and timings within the Eastbourne Town Centre Movement and Access Package Phase 2b 'Victoria Place' project.

REASONS

37.3 The Eastbourne Town Centre Movement and Access Package: Phase 2b and 'Victoria Place' scheme, has received substantial Levelling Up Fund investment via Eastbourne Borough Council, to enhance pedestrian safety and accessibility in Eastbourne's town centre. The County Council is acting as the project deliverer for the scheme, which must be delivered by March 2026.

37.4 Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) will be advertised on completion of construction in relation to vehicular access and timings on the scheme based on continued stakeholder engagement and feedback received and to ensure the County Council meets its statutory duties for consultation on Traffic Regulation Orders.

37.5 Following the outcomes of the ETRO a further report detailing any objections made, will be presented to the County Council's Planning Committee for its consideration.

Report to: Lead Member for Transport and Environment

Date of meeting: 19 January 2026

By: Director of Communities, Economy and Transport

Title: Petition: Introduction of traffic calming measures along The Village, Eastbourne

Purpose: To consider a petition calling on the County Council to install a traffic calming system in The Village, Eastbourne.

RECOMMENDATIONS: The Lead Member is recommended to advise petitioners that:

- (1) a potential scheme to install a traffic calming system around The Village, Eastbourne including on Matlock Road and Colstocks Road, has been assessed through the approved prioritisation process but has not met the necessary benchmark score to be considered for detailed appraisal and possible inclusion for funding within the Capital Programme; and**
 - (2) petitioners may wish to consider setting up a Community Speed Watch Group for the area to carry out occasional speed checks.**
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1 Background Information

1.1. At the County Council meeting on 24 September 2025, a petition was presented to the Chairman by Councillor Brett Wright on behalf of concerned residents of The Village, Eastbourne. The residents are requesting the introduction of traffic calming measures around The Village, Eastbourne including on Matlock Road and Colstocks Road.

1.2. Standing Orders provide that where the Chairman considers it appropriate, petitions are considered by the relevant Committee or Lead Member and a spokesperson for the petitioners is invited to address the Committee. The Chairman has referred this petition to the Lead Member for Transport and Environment. A copy of the petition is available in the Members' Room.

2 Supporting Information

2.1 The Village is subject to a 30mph speed limit as indicated by the system of street lighting. The western and southern arms of The Village are not public highway and therefore not being considered as part of this report. A location plan is attached as Appendix 1.

2.2 Crash data supplied by Sussex Police shows that there have been no personal injury crashes in The Village, Eastbourne for the most recent 3-year period up to 30 September 2025.

2.3 The Village has residential parking bays on alternating sides along the length of the road. This system provides an unofficial traffic calming system as road users need to slow down to navigate around them. Site images are attached as Appendix 2.

2.4 The County Council has a limited amount of funding available to develop local transport improvements and needs to ensure that resource are allocated to those schemes which will be of

greatest benefit to our local communities. To help prioritise the number of requests received for improvements, an assessment process has been developed to determine which schemes should be funded through the Local Transport Improvement programme.

2.5 The request for traffic calming measures to be introduced around The Village, Eastbourne has been assessed through the approved prioritisation process but has not met the necessary benchmark score to be considered for inclusion in the East Sussex County Council annual Capital Programme for Local Transport Improvements for 2026/27. The request will however remain on the list of schemes for potential progression should other funding sources become available in the future.

2.6 Following the residents' concerns about excessive speeding of vehicles using the road as a route to avoid traffic on Meads Street, residents may wish to report speeding and anti-social driving behaviour to the Police via the Operation Crackdown website. In some cases, the Police can use the information provided to prosecute drivers, however, in the case of speeding, the reports received can assist the Road Policing Unit and Neighbourhood Policing teams in deciding where to target their resources.

2.7 A Community Speed Watch group could be formed which would allow concerned residents to carry out speed checks, which can then be shared with Sussex Police. Where the reported speeds frequently exceed 30mph, this aids Sussex Police in targeting their enforcement efforts in the surrounding area.

2.8 The Road Safety team hold regular meetings with Sussex Police and in light of the residents' concerns raised within their petition, officers will pass this information directly onto Sussex Police on the residents' behalf.

3 Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendations

3.1 The County Council has considered a petition calling on the Council for traffic calming measures around The Village and the request has been assessed through the approved prioritisation process. It is therefore recommended that the petitioners are advised that a scheme to introduce traffic calming measures around The Village, Eastbourne, including on Matlock Road and Colstocks Road has been assessed through the approved prioritisation process but has not met the necessary benchmark score to be considered for detailed appraisal and possible inclusion for funding within the Capital Programme.

3.2 Community Speed Watch groups work closely with Sussex Police to enforce speed limits across the county. It is therefore recommended that petitioners are advised that they may wish to consider setting up a Community Speed Watch group which will enable them to carry out occasional speed checks. Contact details for the Community Speed Watch coordinator can be provided to the Lead Petitioner upon request.

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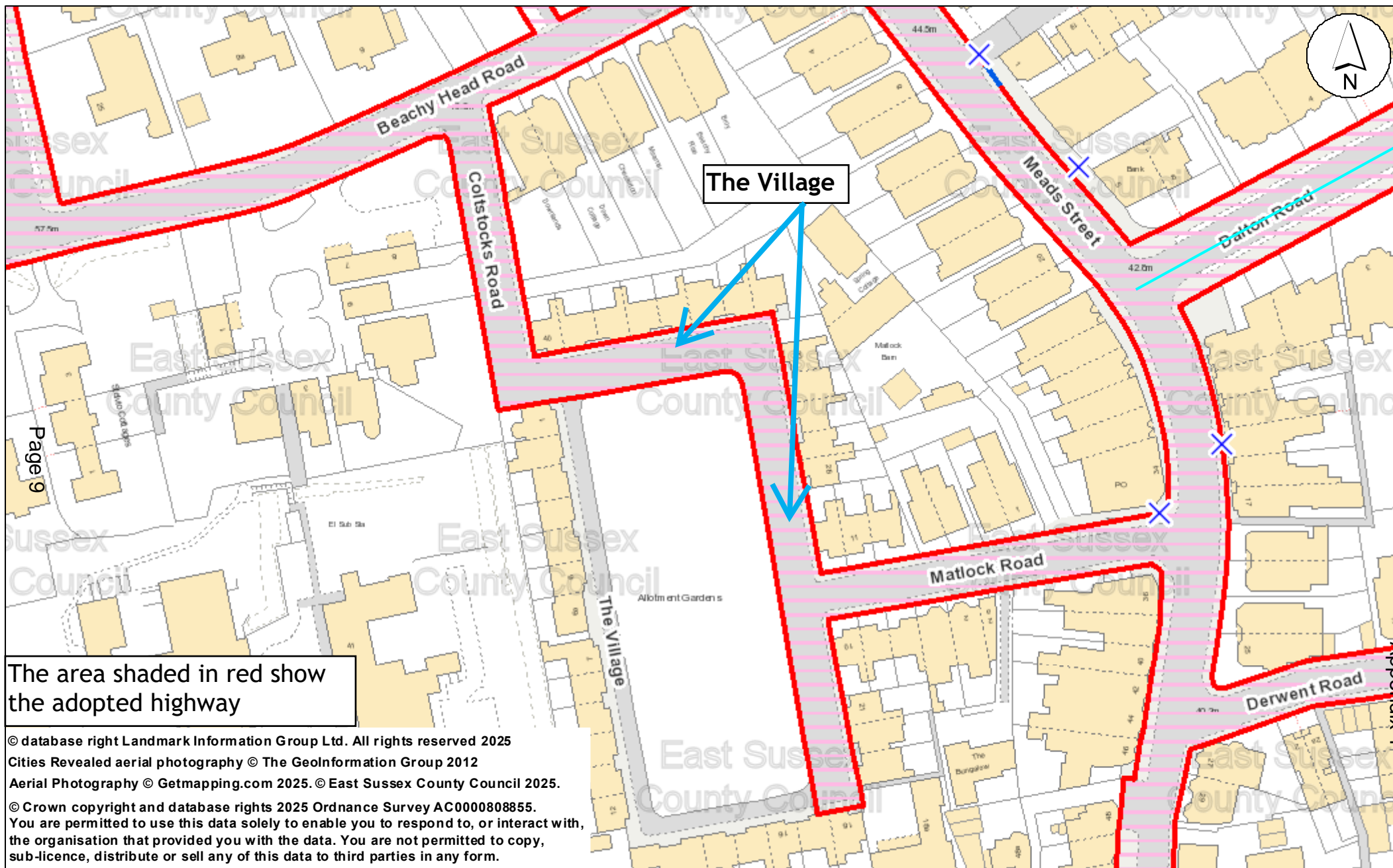
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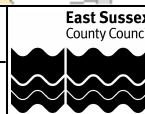
BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None





The area shaded in red show the adopted highway

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Appendix 1

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<p>1. Junction of Matlock Road looking south along The Village (eastern arm)</p>	
<p>2. Northeast corner of The Village looking south towards the junction of Matlock Road</p>	

3. Junction of Matlock Road looking north along The Village (eastern arm)



4. Northwest corner of The Village looking east along The Village northern arm.



5. Northeast corner of The Village looking west along The Village northern arm.



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