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**For the attention of Stephen Dukes**

Dear Stephen

**THE KENT THAMESIDE STRATEGIC TRANSPORT (HOMES & ROADS)  
PROGRAMME  
DRAFT ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2012**

Thank you for your email dated 14 September seeking our views on the annual report and the report to your cabinet concerning future governance arrangements.

The Highways Agency is still of the view that the concept of delivering a programme of strategic transport improvements is still the most appropriate approach for addressing the strategic traffic impacts arising from the development aspirations within the boroughs of Dartford and Gravesham.

There are still many matters which require wider discussion to ensure that the programme is robust and deliverable. These include discussions regarding updated modelling, costing, funding and delivery schedules as the major issues.

We welcome the proposals to establish formal governance arrangements to provide a forum for these discussions.

The Highways Agency would like to continue to remain engaged in all matters regarding Kent Thameside Strategic Transport Programme and participate in any future stakeholder meetings in respect of infrastructure schemes against which the Highways Agency is a named delivery agent or partner

Yours sincerely

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