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Monthly Progress Schedule of Key Environment, Highways & Waste Projects

	Project Title	Lead Officer	Previous Month's Progress	Current Month's Progress	Progress made?
1	Operation Stack	Mick Sutch/Behdad Haratbar	<p>Topographic surveys on the Aldington lorry park site complete. Meeting with Highways Agency to agree procedures through to Planning Application stage agreed. First meeting with consultants investigating business case for the lorry park held and revised methodology for the study will be received in early February. Highways Agency are due to report on the evaluation of the Quick Moveable Barrier since it was deployed following the Channel Tunnel fire in September and recommend whether the Barrier length should be extended. Downturn in the economy has reduced the number of lorries passing through the Channel Tunnel and Port of Dover from 3.95m to 3.72m over the last year and is likely to continue to fall through this year.</p>	<p>Outline design layouts for lorry park being progressed and seasonally dependent ecological surveys will take place between now and September.</p> <p>Highways Agency report on the performance of the Quick Removable Barrier delayed until April with consideration of use of Variable Message Signing (VMS) to be included.</p> <p>Lorry freight through the Port of Dover fell by 2.2% in January compared with last year, despite Channel Tunnel capacity restrictions.</p>	Yes

2	Borough Green Bypass	John Farmer/Behdad Haratbar	<p>Letters to the Parish Councils have been sent by the Leader raising the issue of a review before a planning application is submitted.</p> <p>Meetings held with land owners about need for 5 hectares of ecological mitigation land. Positive discussions, but land owners cautious about agreeing to land that might prejudice their development aspirations.</p> <p>Traffic assessment suggests that A20 roundabout would need to be improved with cash and land implications.</p> <p>Sight of freight terminal proposals indicates that route of bypass would need to be moved south.</p>	<p>'On-going dialogue with land owners to identify and secure the 5 hectares or so of ecological mitigation land required to offset that taken by the Bypass. Positive discussions, but land owners cautious about agreeing to land that might prejudice their development aspirations.</p> <p>Securing this land is essential prior to submitting the planning application but objective is July/August. Some slippage but we are largely in the hands of the landowners</p> <p>Options for necessary operational and capacity improvements to A20 roundabout being investigated.'</p>	Yes
3	Allington commissioning	Sue Barton	Service commencement date under discussion.	Plant optimisation in progress. Contractual requirements being put in place by each party.	Yes

Project Status

