

To receive an update from the Saltash Tunnel working group and consider any actions

This report is for Members information.

National Highways have confirmed they are now fine-tuning the programme of works for the scheme. As with any complex scheme, dates are subject to change while commercial and programming decisions are finalised.

Current proposed key dates are:

- Early 2025 to late 2025 – the tunnel will be closed in both directions on weeknights with traffic using local diversion routes
- Summer 2025 for 5 months – ‘the switch-off’. The tunnel and bridge will no longer operate on a tidal flow basis. Fixed lanes will be in operation with clear directions for each lane, until work is complete.

The Town Council working group have continued to work in partnership with the relevant key stakeholders to help mitigate the potential pressure to our town during the tunnel works. Attached is a copy of a letter issued to Vicky Fraser, the Service Director for Environment and Connectivity at Cornwall Council.

We have since received a response from James Hatton, the Principal Transport Officer for Cornwall Council, that requires the working groups consideration prior to the next steps.

National Highways have recently been in touch to obtain Full Council meeting dates so that they can organise a monthly Teams catch up in advance of these.

Further updates to follow at a future Full Council meetings.

Please refer to Appendix A attached to this report - National Highways latest communications.

End of Report
Saltash Town Council Working Group