

To receive a report from Cornwall Councillors and consider any actions and associated expenditure.

A meeting was held on Friday 29th November with Maxwell Needham-Bailey - CC flood and coastal erosion risk asset manager regarding the proposed revetments works on the Waterside at Jubilee Green.

There are concerns around these defence areas as they are starting to crumble into the river, so this work is imperative to continue to secure the carpark and footpath. They are already working closely with Ian Bovis Saltash Town Council and CC Maritime to mitigate that works consider the ferry movements pedestrians and boat users.

Information of these works will be put into public areas and slipway.

Cormac will be the contractor's designs, and consultation will be laid out, planning we think will be under permitted development and construction to start late spring early summer with plans to work around communities.

Maxwell has emphasised this needs close working together with Town Council CC and the community.

10 December



**ON TUESDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2024 AT 6.30 PM, WE WILL UNITE
AGAIN FOR OUR SOLIDARITY WALK**

WE WALK ACROSS THE TAMAR BRIDGE, WEARING SOMETHING ORANGE, HOLDING A TEA LIGHT OR AN ORANGE BALLOON (NOT PROVIDED)

WE RESPECT THE MEMORY OF THE MANY VICTIMS WHO HAVE BEEN KILLED, INCLUDING SOME OF THE FACES SHOWN BELOW. EVERYONE IS WELCOME – NOT JUST WOMEN

IF ANYONE WISHES TO JOIN IN, WE MEET AT ST NICHOLAS AND ST FAITH CHURCH, NEAR ALEXANDER SQUARE CAR PARK PL12 6JQ. WE ARE INVITED TO THE RAILWAY INN, SALTASH AFTER THE EVENT FOR A HOMEMADE SAUSAGE ROLL - IF YOU WISH TO JOIN US.

Wednesday 20th November 2024

A meeting held between South East Cornwall Hauliers and National Highways at the China Fleet Club Saltash

Thank you to Dean at the China Fleet Country Club for accommodating the meeting at very short notice.

In Attendance:

Darren Minhinck (Gregory Distribution)

Martin Devito (Gregory Distribution)

Dave Honey (Westcountry skip hire)

Ros Ruby (A&B Potatoes)

Ben Ruby (A&B Potatoes)

Ian Barrett (Tamar Fresh Ltd)

Luke Chapman (Brunel Recycling)

Brian Venaballs (Brunel Recycling)

Clive Schmid (You Call We Haul)

Peter Newman (Newman Haulage)

Paul Tarplee (Burcombe Haulage)

Stuart Wilkie (Burcombe Haulage)

Carina Hodge (Burcombe Haulage)

James Millidge (Safe 38)

Ed Halford (National Highways)

Tom Dunstan (National Highways)

Julian Mitchell (National Highways)

Tom (Civil Engineer Apprentice National Highways) Jane Pascoe (Chairman of South East Cornwall CAP) Sheila Lennox-Boyd (Saltash Tamar Councillor) Dean (Host China Fleet)

The object of this meeting was to establish a line of communication between National Highways and the Hauliers in and around South East Cornwall.

The Saltash Tunnel upgrade costing £25 million is essential as some of the equipment is at end of life and parts are no longer available for repairs.

We all understand the works will cause delays unavoidable delays and we all agreed it would be helpful to the hauliers to have accurate and advanced knowledge from National Highways to enable Hauliers to reroute where and when necessary.

January to June 2025 the tunnel will be closed in both directions on weeknights with traffic using local diversion routes.

From August 2025 for approximately 5 months which is the switch off time 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 there will be weekly updates journey times will be communicated as they will be working with 3 data sets which are Plymouth, Tamar Bridge and Tunnel this will mean the loss of the centre lane of the tunnel. 2 lanes on the bridge lane 1 to Saltash lane 2 to A38.

A question was raised as to why August has been chosen due to the vast amount of holidaymakers coming to Cornwall and why can it not be held back until September.

Julian Mitchell explained there will be less traffic at pinch point times.

September schools return after the holidays and more commuters travel at these times of the day.

A 2nd question was raised regarding wide loads that have to straddle 2 lanes.

Communication and notification via Police and ESDEL would need to be made for crossings at this period of time the bridge/tunnel would not be able to facilitate wide loads eg. Mobile homes and plant hire machinery. The use of the lay by at Tamar side where HGVs have to pull in for clearance will not be used but communication between the drivers and bridge could be arranged.

The suggestion of a WhatsApp group to be introduced or the use of Real time information. This meeting was very beneficial to all parties who attended and it was suggested by National Highways that the next meeting would be held in January.

End of report

Cornwall Cllr Lennox-Boyd