







Members considered Cllr Clayton's proposal that STC lobby any appropriate bodies to deliver an amended Avenue Verte route, as proposed by John Grimshaw, cited in STC's draft response to KCC's draft Local Transport Plan consultation and detailed in the article below. It was noted that the current route avoids Kent and goes via Gatwick airport, as opposed to the new route which would allow cyclists to travel through Dartford, Darent Valley, Sevenoaks, Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells.

[https://www.theguardian.com/travel/article/2024/jul/31/cycle-from-london-to-paris-avenue-verte?CMP=Share\\_iOSApp\\_Other](https://www.theguardian.com/travel/article/2024/jul/31/cycle-from-london-to-paris-avenue-verte?CMP=Share_iOSApp_Other)

RESOLVED: that STC is in favour of the amended route. It was further **RESOLVED** that John Grimshaw be invited to present his proposals to a future Movement & Net Zero Working Group.

188. **Highway Improvement Plan**

a) The Working Group received and noted a report on the recent meeting between STC and KCC Officers on the Town Council's updated Highway Improvement Plan (HIP). KCC's initial comments on the priority actions were considered, and it was noted that the majority of priority actions are still under investigation and pending update.

RESOLVED: the Movement & Net Zero Working Group recommend the following to the Planning & Environment Committee due to meet later at 7pm on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024: **To note KCC's comments and to** await further update from Kent County Council so as to allow Councillors to prioritise actions that it could potentially afford to deliver. It was also mentioned that the outcome of the Masterplan could have an impact on the prioritisation.

189. **Any other business**

No further business was proposed.

**Meeting concluded at 6.50 pm.**