



WORKING FOR THE PEOPLE OF SALTASH

PRESS RELEASE

SALTASH TOWN COUNCIL CONTRIBUTES TO TAMAR TAG CONSULTATION

Saltash Town Council is actively engaging with the Tamar Crossings Joint Committee and relevant stakeholders regarding the proposed increase to the Tamar Tag monthly account administration fee. As a council rooted in serving its community, Saltash Town Council is committed to ensuring that decisions affecting residents are made transparently, fairly, and with meaningful community involvement.

Many Saltash residents rely on the Tamar crossings daily for commuting, education, healthcare, and business. The Council remains dedicated to representing their concerns and ensuring their voices are heard throughout this process.

Commenting on the consultation, Mayor of Saltash Town Council, Cllr Rachel Bullock, said:

"The Tamar crossings are a vital lifeline for our community. It is essential that any changes to charges are carefully considered, transparent, and informed by the real experiences of the people who depend on them every day. Saltash Town Council welcomes the opportunity to engage in this consultation and will continue to advocate strongly on behalf of our residents."

Saltash Town Council has consistently raised concerns about toll increases and their impact on the local community. In October 2023, the Council formally expressed its concerns regarding rising toll fees. More recently, in January 2026, the Council participated in discussions on proposed further increases and sought clarification on several key issues, including:

- The rationale for the proposed increase
- The potential impact of reduced Tag usage
- Consequences for traffic flow and congestion
- The benefits of Tag usage within the cost rationale
- Engagement with Saltash as a major stakeholder

An extract from the Council's 2023 correspondence stated:

"In terms of tolling levels, Saltash Town Council would like you to carefully consider the impact of increasing tolls, and keep any increase to an absolute minimum, if at all. We would encourage better management of the organisation and assets through an external review of operating methods, including exploring alternative income generation to reduce any toll increases." - Mayor of Saltash Town Council, 2023

Both communications can be read in full here:
https://www.saltash.gov.uk/edit/stuploads/9439_807450378.pdf

Next steps

Tamar Crossings will be leading a public consultation, which is expected to commence soon. Details on how to take part will be shared as soon as they are available. Residents are encouraged to keep an eye on Tamar Crossings' communication channels for further information.



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Notes To Editor

Saltash Town Council forms the third tier of local government and works with Cornwall Council who are our Unitary Authority. We are the largest Town Council in the south-east area of Cornwall.

The Town Council is committed to providing excellence in the Services and Facilities which it delivers. We aim to be responsive, accessible, and transparent in our approach and in the work delivered.

There are sixteen Councillors representing three Wards – Essa, Tamar and Trematon. Councillors are elected from the community every four years. Spaces are filled via by-elections, or by means of the Town Council choosing new Councillors via co-option.

The Chairman and Deputy Chairman are elected by Members of the Town Council annually at the Annual Town Council meeting held in May. The Chairman also undertakes the role of Mayor representing the Town Council and community at official engagements, with their consort.



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