

## ASHFORD JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD 12 JUNE 2012

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Ashford Ring Road - Shared Space Scheme</b>
<b>Director/Head of Service:</b>	Kent County Council, Highways and Transportation
<b>Decision Issues:</b>	These matters are within the authority of the Kent County Council and Ashford Borough Council
<b>Decision:</b>	For information
<b>Ward/KCC Division:</b>	<b>Ashford Town Centre</b>
<b>Summary:</b>	An update from KCC on the Ashford Ring Road, Shared Space Scheme and its ongoing maintenance
<b>For Information:</b>	<b>This report is for Members' Information</b>
<b>Classification:</b>	THIS REPORT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

### **Introduction**

Kent County Council have recently carried out an after study of the effectiveness of the shared space scheme in Ashford. Although the study report is still to be finalised, evidence suggests the scheme has been successful in terms of its aims to reduce speeds and the number of recorded collisions as well as improving the street scene in this area.

We are aware that there are a number of maintenance issues that have come to light since the scheme was completed and fully open to traffic. In some areas, where these issues have caused safety concerns, we have had to carry out temporary repairs. To establish the causes and most appropriate remedial actions, we are commissioning a full investigation of the maintenance issues this summer. Once the investigation has been completed, we will be able to programme the necessary remedial works and permanent repairs.

### **Recommendations**

That Members note the content of the report.

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