

ASHFORD JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD 11th SEPTEMBER 2012

Subject:	Drovers Roundabout and M20J9 – Briefing Note
Decision Issues:	These matters are within the authority of the Kent County Council and Ashford Borough Council
Decision:	For information
Ward/KCC Division:	All
Summary:	Drovers Roundabout and M20J9 – Briefing Note
For Information:	This report is for Members Information
Classification:	THIS REPORT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Drovers Roundabout and M20J9 are approaching the first year since formally being completed in October last year. The contractor has responsibility for correcting any defects that become apparent during this first year and these will be identified and repairs implemented. This includes issues such as the slight disturbance in the surfacing on the approach to Drovers that has attracted recent press attention and repairs are programmed for the end of September. The occasional scaffolding at the new bridge has also attracted attention but this is planned work as the unique design and construction requires the tension in the cables supporting the bridge to be monitored and adjusted until a stable situation has been achieved.

When Drovers Roundabout was completed it did attract comment because of its layout. Members will be aware that this was driven by the challenge of providing extra capacity for a junction that had to accommodate five dual carriageway entries and was heavily constrained in the land it could take. This will be reviewed after the benefit of a year of operation with our traffic signal and signage/lining consultants. There has been little recent public comment but KCC are aware of Members residual concerns regarding the layout and has initiated meetings with those Members to discuss these direct.

Recommendations

1. Members are asked to note this report.

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