

Joint Transportation Board

11th December 2012

Drovers Roundabout - Update

At the last Meeting on 11th September 2012 the Board received an update report almost a year on from the formal completion of the Drovers Roundabout Scheme. Whilst the scheme had been a success in terms of its stated aims, and the Board on the whole welcomed and supported the outcome of the scheme, there were still a number of smaller issues that needed to be addressed. These are outlined below

- There were still issues with the layout of the roundabout. Chief in this was that some of the lane markings were still wrong and this was dangerous. A Meeting had taken place on site with Ms Holder recently and it was hoped that she had gotten a feel for the problems that had been raised.
- The Ashford Driving Instructors Association had highlighted a number of issues of concern about the roundabout and a copy of their comments was given to Ms Holder. There did appear to be elements of the roundabout that were still dangerous and it was important to consider these points and put them right.
- On the whole the traffic did flow well around the roundabout and the anticipated congestion had not happened so that was a positive point.
- The phasing of the lights did sometimes cause issues with traffic backed up on the roundabout itself and overhanging entrances/exits. Some of the lights were also difficult to see at times because of their 'slatted' design.
- There was quite a bit of red light jumping (2 or 3 cars at a time) but unfortunately that seemed to be common across Ashford as a whole.
- An update was requested for the December Meeting of the Board with John Farmer from KCC in attendance. If he could not make the 11th December date, perhaps the meeting could be moved to a date when he was available?

As a result of these comments, John Farmer from KCC will be present at the Meeting and able to listen to Members concerns and answer questions. A fuller Update Report can then be submitted to the March 2013 Meeting of the Board.