

**To:** Ashford Joint Transportation Board  
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**Summary:** An update from KCC on the Ashford Shared Space Study to investigate maintenance issues.

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At the December 2013 JTB, KCC reported that the tendering process to select a consultant to conduct the study into the maintenance issues of the Shared Space was underway with selection of the consultant to be completed by January 7<sup>th</sup> 2013. However, as no expressions of interest were received, the most expedient course of action was for the investigation to be carried out by Amey, KCC's new Technical and Environment Services Consultancy (TESC). Whilst the new TESC contract does not commence until 1st April 2013, Amey has already started the Shared Space study.

The study will establish the cause(s) of deterioration, damage of materials used and associated maintenance and cleaning issues that have arisen since the scheme's completion.

Amey has carried out an initial site visit and will be meeting with relevant parties in the coming weeks, including Ashford Borough Council Officers, to identify the maintenance issues. This will include a further detailed site visit with key individuals there to understand fully their concerns to quantify and categorise the current condition of assets on the ground, including position and extent of any problems along the entire length of the scheme.

The study will incorporate

- Design review – to understand the design and specification of materials used on the scheme along with any maintenance considerations
- Construction review – to ascertain how the scheme was delivered on the ground and whether materials were laid and constructed appropriately and in accordance with design specifications.
- Maintenance and cleaning review – to understand how the assets have been maintained and cleaned since scheme delivery
- Identification of remedial options
- Consideration of the defects identified on site, the review of the design and construction records, and if possible identify any areas where future operation and maintenance issues may arise
- Identify a range of options to rectify the historic and potential problems identified with the scheme.

A progress report will be provided at the next JTB in June 2013.

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