

To: Ashford Joint Transportation Board
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Summary:

This report sets out the latest position with regard to the introduction of camera enforcement in Ashford. The project seeks to introduce camera enforcement to replace the existing rising bollard in Beaver Road and improve compliance at the Godinton Road Bus Gate.

The project to introduce camera enforcement in Ashford has started following a joint project meeting between County Council and Ashford officers. This meeting has set up a working group that will work to deliver the project. Funding for the scheme has been identified and will be coming from a developer contribution. The capital budget available is £110,000 to design and install a scheme. All revenue costs will be funded by the scheme itself.

The County Council is already working with Tunbridge Wells Borough Council to introduce camera enforcement in the Borough. This is a pilot project to establish what processes and changes need to be implemented to meet the required legislation. It is intended that this work will then be used for other areas of the county that wish to introduce camera enforcement. A standard model agreement has been developed and has been approved. The Traffic Regulation Orders specifically for installing camera enforcement have been agreed and assessed by the KCC legal team. The new signing and lining scheme will be installed in the summer. The code of practice and communications campaign has still to be agreed.

While the Tunbridge Wells pilot scheme is being progressed it has been agreed to start the development of the Ashford scheme. A lot of the work underway in the pilot will be used on the Ashford scheme where possible.

To introduce enforcement the following outline tasks need to be completed:-

- Agree new Agency Agreement
 - June to September
- Implement new Traffic Regulation Orders
 - June to September
- Design and implement scheme details (signing& lining)
 - June to November
- Procurement of equipment
 - July to September
- Communications campaign
 - October to December
- Scheme implementation
 - November to December

The timelines are an initial assessment of the time it will take to implement the scheme, but they are liable to change as the scheme progresses. The actual detailed design of the scheme could require an extension as the requirements of the Ashford project are very different to the Tunbridge Wells scheme. It should be noted that a significant issue will be how the equipment is to be procured as an agreement still needs to be reached on who the is the procuring authority. Depending on the value of the equipment the procurement process could lead to considerably extended timelines.

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