

**To: Ashford Joint Transportation Board**

**By: Tim Read - Head of Transportation**

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**Subject: Bus Lane Camera Enforcement in Ashford**

**Classification: For information**

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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.

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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 latest progress is:-

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

- Agree new Agency Agreement
  - The new agreement was delayed following issues with the pilot scheme agreement, but this has now been sent to Ashford legal team for their comment.
- Implement new Traffic Regulation Orders
  - June to September – Details have been passed to Ashford Borough Council of example TRO's as they will be arranging for the implementation of the order
- Design and implement scheme details (signing& lining)
  - Work has started on the design lead by the KCC Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) team and currently still on track for completion by the end of October 2013
- Procurement of equipment
  - Ashford District has provided the details of the information they have on equipment that can be used. This is being assessed and depending on the indicated value it is hoped that it will be below the procurement threshold so a formal tender does not have to be issued. This would extend the project timelines if that was the case. KCC do have to follow the authority's procurement guidelines. It is hope that the value for the project is below £50,000 in which case 3 quotations can be sought. Ashford Borough have indicated that they wish KCC to carry out the procurement as they will own the equipment
- Communications campaign
  - Planned October to December 2013

- Scheme implementation
  - A more realistic implementation date is now January/February 2014 to allow time for the procurement and obtaining 3 quotations

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 pilot 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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