



Joint Transportation Board

Notice of a Meeting, to be held in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane,
Ashford, Kent TN23 1PL on Tuesday 9th June 2015 at 7.00pm

The Members of this Board are:-

- Cllr Bartlett (Chairman)
- Mr C Simkins (Vice-Chairman)
- Cllrs. Burgess, Feacey, Heyes, Hooker, Mrs Martin, Webb
- Mr M J Angell, Mr P M Hill, Mr S J G Koowaree, Mr D Smyth, Mr J N Wedgbury,
- Mr M A Wickham
- Mr K Ashby – KALC Ashford Area Committee

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Part I – For Decision

None

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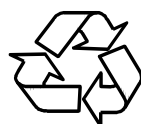
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Declarations of Interest (see also “Advice to Members” below)

- (a) **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI)** under the Localism Act 2011, relating to items on this agenda. The nature as well as the existence of any such interest must be declared, and the agenda item(s) to which it relates must be stated.

A Member who declares a DPI in relation to any item will need to leave the meeting for that item (unless a relevant Dispensation has been granted).

- (b) **Other Significant Interests (OSI)** under the Kent Code of Conduct as adopted by the Council on 19 July 2012, relating to items on this agenda. The nature as well as the existence of any such interest must be declared, and the agenda item(s) to which it relates must be stated.

A Member who declares an OSI in relation to any item will need to leave the meeting before the debate and vote on that item (unless a relevant Dispensation has been granted). However, prior to leaving, the Member may address the Committee in the same way that a member of the public may do so.

- (c) **Voluntary Announcements of Other Interests** not required to be disclosed under (a) and (b), i.e. announcements made for transparency reasons alone, such as:

- Membership of outside bodies that have made representations on agenda items, or
- Where a Member knows a person involved, but does not have a close association with that person, or
- Where an item would affect the well-being of a Member, relative, close associate, employer, etc. but not his/her financial position.

[Note: an effect on the financial position of a Member, relative, close associate, employer, etc; OR an application made by a Member, relative, close associate, employer, etc, would both probably constitute either an OSI or in some cases a DPI].

Advice to Members on Declarations of Interest:

- (a) Government Guidance on DPI is available in DCLG’s Guide for Councillors, at https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/240134/Openness_and_transparency_on_personal_interests.pdf
- (b) The Kent Code of Conduct was adopted by the Full Council on 19 July 2012, with revisions adopted on 17.10.13, and a copy can be found in the Constitution at <http://www.ashford.gov.uk/part-5---codes-and-protocols>
- (c) If any Councillor has any doubt about the existence or nature of any DPI or OSI which he/she may have in any item on this agenda, he/she should seek advice from the Head of Legal and Democratic Services and Monitoring Officer or from other Solicitors in Legal and Democratic Services as early as possible, and in advance of the Meeting.

Joint Transportation Board

Minutes of a Meeting of the Joint Transportation Board held in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford on the **10th March 2015**.

Present:

Mr. C Simkins (Chairman);
Cllr. Heyes (Vice-Chairman);

Cllrs. Burgess, Davey, Robey, Sims.
Mr. M J Angell, Mr. P M Hill, Mr. D Smyth, Mr. J N Wedgbury, Mr. M A Wickham.

Mr. K Ashby – KALC Representative.

In accordance with Procedure Rule 1.2 (iii) Councillor Sims attended as a Substitute Member for Councillor Feacey.

Apologies:

Cllrs. Buchanan, Feacey, Mrs Martin, Mr. S J G Koowaree.

Also Present:

Cllrs. Ovenden, Smith.

Lisa Holder (Ashford District Manager – KCC), Lorna Day (Kent Parking & Enforcement Manager – KCC), Sheila Davison (Head of Health, Parking & Community Safety – ABC), Jo Fox (Health, Parking & Community Safety Manager – ABC), Tracey Butler (Environmental Protection Team Leader – ABC), William Train (Technical Administrative Assistant – ABC), Danny Sheppard (Senior Member Services & Scrutiny Support Officer – ABC).

Valerie Stephens (Highways Agency), James Butt, Fay Tressider (Mott MacDonald Grontmij JV.)

382 Minutes

Resolved:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of this Board held on the 9th December 2014 be approved and confirmed as a correct record.

383 Petitions

In accordance with Procedure Rule 9.1 Councillor Smith presented a petition to the Chairman. The petition contained 85 signatures from residents of the Canterbury Road and Boys Hall Road areas calling for action over the ever increasing problem of HGV usage in those areas of South Willesborough. He said that a small

'Unsuitable for HGVs' road sign had been put in place at the south end of Canterbury Road, but it was regularly ignored and previous requests for further signs at the other end of Canterbury Road and at Boys Hall Road had been refused because KCC did not want a proliferation of those signs at these locations. Large lorries and those with trailers found it difficult to get through Canterbury Road and often had to undertake a multi-point turn at the junction with Cudworth Road to get out. He said that this procedure could last up to 20 minutes and resulted in traffic hold up and damage to the road surface and street furniture. With reversing buzzers going it was particularly annoying, especially when it was done in the early hours of the morning. In Boys Hall Road again many vehicles had to turn around which had resulted in fences and hedges being damaged and a building being hit when a very large vehicle went through. He understood that money may have been made available in the past from Network Rail for traffic calming in Boys Hall Road, but that had never been used. Councillor Smith said that the petition called for the issues to be quickly investigated and for appropriate signage and/or traffic calming to be put in place to prevent large lorry access to these two roads except for access to local properties. He hoped that any measures implemented would not simply move the problem to the nearby Fairview Estate where there was already an issue of lorry parking blocking the pavements.

The Chairman advised that the petition would be referred to KCC as the responsible authority.

In accordance with Procedure Rule 9.1 Councillor Davey submitted a petition to the Chairman on behalf of Mr. Koowaree. The petition asked for the Highways Agency to consider improving the Barrey Road junction with the A2070 to allow drivers to safely enter and exit the commercial area by means of a roundabout or traffic lights. Councillor Davey said that she understood that such plans may be part of the emerging M20 Junction 10A proposals, however given the 1000 plus signatures that had been collected, they still wished for the petition to be submitted.

The Chairman advised that the petition would be referred to the Highways Agency as the responsible authority.

384 Transportation, Highways & Engineering Advisory Committee – 16th January 2015

Resolved:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Transportation, Highways & Engineering Advisory Committee held on the 16th January 2015 be received and noted.

385 Lorry Parking Update - Clamping

Mrs Fox introduced the report which brought the Board up to date on the lorry clamping project. She advised that a six month pilot clamping scheme would begin in April whereby ABC Civil Enforcement Officers (CEOs) would be working alongside an accredited clamping company and would be clamping persistently offending HGVs in specific agreed locations where other measures to address the problems

had failed. The potential for displacement into residential areas was recognised and this would be kept under review once the pilot was underway.

In response to questions from Members Mrs Fox advised of the following points: -

- The legislation did not permit the clamping of first time offenders, only persistent offenders.
- The warning notices and information leaflets would be printed in a number of foreign languages and the team of bailiffs working alongside the CEO team would be multi-lingual.
- There would also be multi-lingual clear warnings about clamping as well as directing drivers to alternative facilities, waste facilities and that littering was a criminal offence. In some areas the problem was not so much that the lorry drivers were there, more the state they left the area in when they left.
- There had been some positive developments regarding the problems in the Henwood Business Park in recent weeks where businesses and lorry drivers appeared to be developing a working dialogue.
- All operations were being undertaken in conjunction with Kent Police and they had the power to move vehicles on that were causing an obstruction.
- Officers would direct drivers to the lorry parking facilities at Ashford Truck Stop (junction 10) and Stop 24 (junction 11) so would be offering an alternative. They would also be keeping data on the vehicles to help identify repeat offenders and to provide a useful and more accurate picture of the necessity for further lorry parking on the M20 corridor.

Resolved:

That the report be received and noted.

386 Tracker Report

The Chairman drew Members' attention to the Tracker of Decisions.

A Member mentioned the highway safety scheme that had been implemented for Downs View Infant and Kennington Junior Schools back in February 2013 and asked if the post-implementation review could be brought forward to take into account the new convenience store that had opened near the box junction in the area and brought quite a bit of traffic to the location. Officers said they would examine this issue and feed back to the Member.

Another Member said he would like to see some re-surfacing at Bybrook Road, Bockhanger, where the tarmac had come away from the road surface. Officers advised him to report this via the KCC Highway Faults Portal.

Resolved:

That the Tracker be received and noted.

387 M20 Junction 10A Scheme Update

Valerie Stephens from the Highways Agency and James Butt and Fay Tressider of Mott MacDonald Grontmij JV attended and gave a presentation explaining the scheme, the programme and the consultation process as well as fielding questions.

Valerie Stephens advised that from 1st April 2015 the Highways Agency would become a Government owned company known as 'Highways England'. They were committed to delivering a number of major schemes, one of which was the M20 Junction 10A scheme. They had engaged Mott MacDonald Grontmij JV as their civil engineers for the scheme and they would take Members through the rest of the presentation.

James Butt gave a presentation which included: - a background to the consultation process; the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC); the programme of delivery; and what was to happen next. The SoCC was a statutory statement setting out how the Highways Agency was proposing to consult the local community. Its content was important as it helped the community understand how they would be consulted and on what they were consulting. They had originally planned to publish the SoCC in April 2015, but due to the purdah period around the elections this would be delayed until June. Engagement would continue through that period though, engaging with stakeholders to build relationships and gather information, and there would then be a ten week consultation period after the SoCC had been published, running until 28th August 2015. The presentation gave examples of a few of the large number of stakeholders who would be consulted. He gave his contact details to Members and said he would be happy to answer any questions or provide further information throughout the scheme.

Fay Tressider ran through the details of the scheme with reference to plans that were on display. To answer a point raised earlier in the meeting, the scheme did involve plans for 'all directions signalling' at the Barrey Road junction. She further advised that there was a desire to retain the existing Willesborough pedestrian/cycle bridge as well as the one at Highfield Lane if possible. There would also be a new bridge/crossing provided at Kingsford Street, Mersham. She also indicated the extent of the proposed street lighting and advised that this would be kept to the safest possible minimum.

The item was opened up to the Board for discussion and Members said they had some concerns over proposals to close the two slip rounds to the east of the existing Junction 10. This would force all traffic wishing to enter the M20 coastbound, or wishing to leave the M20 on the London bound carriageway, to use the new Junction 10A and there was concern that this would place a lot of stress on that part of the A20 and other roads. Fay Tressider said she understood the concerns and there would be rigorous traffic modelling to see if the plans would work. If they would not, they would have to look at this again. The background to this was that for highway safety reasons there needed to be a certain distance between motorway junctions,

and slip roads to the east of Junction 10 as well as to the west of Junction 10A would almost certainly be too close together.

The following responses were given to other questions/comments: -

- At present partial signalisation was proposed for the new junction itself. There was also the potential to alter the signals at certain times of the day. This would be also be dependent on the traffic modelling work.
- The application would be determined under the Development Consent Order process with the Planning Inspectorate. This would include a pre-examination stage, examination stage, with a decision taken thereafter and forwarded to the Secretary of State for approval. Local Members would also be invited to a preview before the full public exhibition.
- The team was aware of ABC's "Dark Skies" Supplementary Plan Document and would be looking at options for LED lighting, dimming technology and downward facing lights.

The Chairman thanked the representatives for their presentation and said he was sure Members had found it extremely useful.

388 Review of Prioritised Parking List and New Process

Mrs Fox introduced the report which addressed the process for dealing with new requests for on-street parking controls. She said she had recently taken over responsibility for Engineering Services and wanted to review and streamline the ever increasing list of schemes for implementation. In its current form the list was unachievable so the team wanted to properly manage expectations. They had begun to benchmark how such requests were dealt with across Kent to take on board best practice and implement a smarter and more streamlined process going forward. There was also a desire to build in to the process a mechanism to keep Members updated more regularly on where each request was in the overall programme than the current annual report.

Mrs Fox further advised that between now and the next meeting in June the focus would be on working on the parking schemes in Wye and Tenterden. These were two schemes that had been high on the priority list for some time but not been able to be delivered and could act as two pilot schemes for the new process. The outcomes of the wider review would be reported to the next meeting in June.

Members were positive about the proposed way forward and considered this would be a vast improvement and provide clarity to residents about what was actually going to happen. It was considered important to rationalise and simplify the process and to start delivering the schemes on the ground.

The Chairman advised that he had been asked to raise the issue of parking at St Teresa's Close by the ABC Ward Member. Mrs Fox said that she was aware of the problem in that particular area.

Resolved:

That the report be received and noted and the proposed new process for dealing with requests for on street parking controls be supported.

389 Bank Street/Elwick Road Shared Space Scheme - Update

The report brought Members up to date with progress on the Bank Street footway remedial action. At its December meeting, the Board resolved to delegate power to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to agree a solution with Officers. A Working Group had been set up which had met twice since January and agreed the construction details as well as a public relations plan in advance of the works. The target construction start date was 26th May 2015 and was expected to last approximately 20 weeks to the middle of October. ABC had emphasised the importance of completion before the busy Christmas shopping period commenced in November.

In response to a question Mrs Holder advised that the removal of the flume referred to the installation in Bank Street and at the very end of Elwick Road where the two roads joined. The 'way marking' to the Station along Elwick Road would remain.

A Member suggested the new KCC Cabinet Member for Environment & Transport, Matthew Balfour be invited to a Board meeting in the new Municipal Year to reflect on this and other schemes that had been of concern to Board Members.

Resolved:

That the report be received and noted.

390 Highway Works Programme 2014/15

The report updated Members on the identified schemes approved for construction in 2014/15.

The Chairman directed Members attention to the Update Report which contained some comments from Councillor Smith about the resurfacing works in Earlsworth Road. This had been marked as complete, however there were two long strips where the top coat had not been applied and driving over that part of the surface was noisy and corrugated. He hoped that the report could be amended and KCC would finish the work in the near future. In response Mrs Holder advised that Earlsworth Road had been visited four times since October 2014 by KCC's Surfacing Team to address areas that were not accessible originally due to parked cars on site despite the usual notices being issued in advance of works being carried out. The differences in texture of the areas that the Member had referred to were due to those sections having to be completed by hand laying rather than machine laying because of the aforementioned parked car issues. The Surfacing Team has confirmed earlier that day that arrangements had been made for the site to be inspected again and if necessary further remedial works would be carried out.

In response to a question about the proposed pedestrian crossing at Hythe Road, Willesborough, Mrs Holder advised that this would not appear in the programme at this time as some land ownership issues still had to be clarified.

The KALC Member asked about Appendix B to the report – Drainage Repairs and Improvements and said that he now understood that only schemes with a value of £5k or more would appear in the list and he asked if this could be lowered and the cost of the schemes be included within the report to make it more informative. Mrs Holder advised that if all schemes of a lesser value were included the report could run to a large number of pages. It was agreed that a note could be added to future reports clarifying that it only included schemes with a value in excess of £5k.

The Chairman advised that the scheme to install a zebra crossing at the A28 Ashford Road, High Halden had been delayed due to having to wait for UK Power Network power connections. He had been told that the works would now be starting on 13th March 2015.

Mrs Holder agreed to feed back more information to Members on the following matters surrounding the Highway Works Programme: -

- Signing and lining improvements at A292 Hythe Road/Church Road.
- The lack of grip cutting in High Halden which had caused some damage to the sub-surface of the carriageway there.

Resolved:

That the report be received and noted.

391 Highway Drainage

The report updated Members on KCC's approach to maintaining and improving the highway drainage system whilst ensuring that customers were provided with a quality service against a background of increasing severe weather events.

Resolved:

That the report be received and noted.

392 Future Roles and Responsibilities

Mrs Fox introduced the joint report of ABC and KCC outlining arrangements for reporting highway faults and the links to the Joint Transportation Board. She advised that this linked in with the earlier item on this agenda about the process for parking schemes, and was about focussing Officer time in the most efficient way. The report advised how quickly some routine highway faults could be dealt with if they were reported via the KCC portal. This would allow the Board to focus its time on the more strategic projects. She also advised of the proposal to add an item to future agendas called 'Board Members' Enquiries' which would enable Board Members to raise

questions on the work programmes, suggest future traffic regulation orders or street management proposals, ask questions on all relevant policies, plans and strategies and suggest future agenda items.

Board Members were supportive of the processes. Some Members in particular commented on the effectiveness of the reporting portal and the help given by Officers. The Vice-Chairman suggested one minor amendment to paragraph 11 regarding the 'Board Members' Enquiries' agenda item so that it read "Under this item Board Members (and other Members with the Chairman's discretion) will be able to raise for example the following:"...

On a more general point, the Chairman said there was a lot of joint work going on between KCC and ABC at the moment and it was pleasing to see things moving in that direction. He said he was grateful to all involved.

Resolved:

That the report be received and noted and the suggested processes be adopted.

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Report To: Joint Transportation Board

Date: 9th June 2015

Report Title: Lorry Parking Update – Clamping

Report Author: Jo Fox, Health, Parking & Community Safety Manager
Mike Cook, Civil Enforcement Officer and T-CAT Team Leader

Summary:	Report to update JTB on the lorry clamping pilot
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The Clamping Pilot

1. Further to the report to JTB on 10th March 2015 I can confirm that the Lorry Parking clamping pilot was launched, as planned, on Sunday 12th April 2015. This was a proactive day with an early start for the Civil Enforcement Officers issuing Penalty Charge Notices to any Lorry that was contravening restrictions within The Orbital Park, Sevington and Henwood Business Park.
2. Civil Enforcement Officers were then joined by Euro Parking Collections (EPC) and the Kent Police Specialist Goods Vehicles Officers to speak to the drivers, in their first language, and educate them on the contraventions, the consequences and enforce on Penalty Charge Notices issued.
3. Multi lingual warning notices were issued to the drivers along with details of available lorry parks on the M20 corridor. Notices providing advice on littering and the consequences were also issued and explained.

Findings so far (12/4 Education Day)

Date:	22/03	29/03	12/04	19/04	26/04	03/05	10/05	17/05
Orbital Park – No. of HGV's	44	32	27	8	7	1	2	10
Sevington – No. of HGV's	16	11	15	1	4	0	1	6
No. PCN's for overnight waiting ban	35	N/A	39	N/A	11	1	2	N/A

Henwood - No. of HGV's (currently no overnight waiting ban)	49	58	38	1	3	1	3	2
No. of PCN's issued for parking on DYL's	10	4	4	N/A	0	0	0	N/A

NB: N/A – no enforcement, lorry count only.

4. As can be seen from the snapshot of comparable data above the number of lorries parked within the 3 industrial estates has significantly reduced since the pilot began on 12th April 2015. There is a slight increase in the number of lorries parked as of 17th May 2015 but these were all parked legally and therefore no PCN's were issued
5. The education day was extremely successful with positive outcomes from many angles. There were 39 PCN's issued of which 20 were paid on the day. Positive feedback was received from a number of Lorry Drivers stating that the information provided was clear and had been correctly translated. They advised that in other areas they have previously been provided with internet translated information which hasn't been correct.
6. The added positives outcomes resulting from the education day were the proactive picking up of litter and general cleaning of all areas. This was well received by the local businesses and this is being continued to be addressed and kept at a low level due to the reduction of HGV's in these areas.
7. The clamping pilot has attracted a lot of press interest and the education day was covered and supported positively by the local press.
8. EPC also identified a further 35 registered keeper details who had outstanding traffic related offences, across the country, that would have otherwise gone untraced.
9. The Civil Enforcement Officers continue to patrol these areas on a rota basis, different days of the week and at different times of the days to make informed decisions on the patrols to be done with EPC and the Police.
10. To date, no vehicles have been clamped. Persistent offenders have not been identified in these locations.

Displacement

11. As detailed in the previous report, the risk of HGV's moving to other industrial estates, residential areas and laybys was high. This is being monitored to address the need for any further restrictions, measures or education required going forward.
12. To date, the displacement has not been as expected and I can report that the number of HGV's parking in other industrial estates has reduced. There have been reports of HGV's parking in other areas but from patrol records prior to and after the launch this has show an overall decrease in the number of HGV's . (NB: There has been anomalies and these have occurred due to the Channel Tunnel being closed)
13. We have noted that the Truckstop is, more often than not, full and unable to take further capacity. In addition we have noted that there are between 20 and 30 HGV' parked every night on private land near to Junction 9 and this is likely to be assisting with the overall compliance. As stated in the previous report all data collected will also provide a more accurate and very useful picture for the necessity of a further lorry park on the M20 corridor.
14. The actions we have taken with this pilot have so far increased compliance, reduced litter and have had a positive outcome for local businesses. We do note that this is extremely early on in

the six month period and we continue to monitor and adjust our approach throughout based on our day to day findings.

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Report To: Joint Transportation Board

Date: 9th June 2015

Report Title: Review of Prioritised Parking List and New Process

Summary:	A detailed process further to the supported report on 10th March 2015
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Further to the report on the 'Review of Prioritised Parking List and New Process' at the last Joint Transportation Board on 10th March as agreed at point 9 this is a further report detailing the new process.

1. Requests for new traffic management proposals

Requests for all new traffic management proposals, to be considered by the Local Authority, will be dealt with by the following process:-

- Proposal requests should be sent to engineeringervices@ashford.gov.uk or in writing to Engineering Services, Ashford Borough Council, Tannery Lane, Ashford, Kent, TN23 1PL.
- All proposal requests will be reviewed quarterly with Kent County Council. The highest criteria for consideration will be safety management alongside proposals linked to planning applications for new developments.
- All proposals to be investigated further will be reported to the following Joint Transportation Board (JTB) meeting. The proposals will be reported with background information from ABC and KCC Officers as considered at the review. The JTB will then agree proposals to be programmed in for the following quarter, with a timed delivery. To ensure that the proposals being considered and delivered on by officers are reviewed with their current position and need, those not selected will be advised to reapply in the future.

2. Applications for Disabled Person Parking Bays (DPPB)

Requests for applications for Disabled Parking Bays have previously not had a timed approach and were reviewed independently of Kent County Council. Following a review of the application process, recent decisions, a joint approach has been agreed as follows:-

- Monthly, all DPPB applications will be reviewed and decisions made by ABC Officers, in line with policy
- Quarterly, all applications with ABC decisions giving rise to objections on safety grounds, will be reviewed jointly with ABC and KCC Officers.

This will ensure that there is a holistic approach at the front end of the process providing input from all decision making bodies on the process.

3. Traffic Regulation Order (TRO)

The Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) will be consolidated once a year at the end of the calendar year. This will ensure that there is an updated order to work with throughout the following year. This will provide better clarification for the public, members and officers when considering future proposals.

4. Mid Year Review

Mid way through the calendar year we will provide a review service for restrictions on the ground. Restrictions that have been referred to the Borough Council querying whether they are required or fit for purpose will be reviewed at this mid year review. These will primarily be from partner agencies including the police, fire service and the household waste contractor. This process will initially incorporate any outstanding 'tracker items' to be addressed, eg: tracker item 329 – Furley Close.

All restrictions will be eligible for review after they have been in place for a period of 2 years or more.

All current tracker items with KCC responsibility, when being addressed, will appear on the 'Highways Works Programme eg: tracker item 256 – A28/A262 Safety Improvement Proposals. These will continue to be tracked internally.

5. The Right to Challenge

Following a recent government consultation there is now a "right to challenge" to the following:

- A specific restriction within the Traffic Regulation Order
- A specific schedule of the TRO relating to a discrete area
- A traffic management scheme that has been installed (lines on the ground)
- A policy or a procedure (an area of the policy must be identified to be considered)

The request for "right to challenge" must demonstrate that it is supported and as such must come to the council in the form of a petition showing support for the request:

- The petition must have either 50 signatures or must be signed by at least 20% of the households or local businesses making the request.
- The restrictions in question must have been on the highway for at least 2 years to ensure that sufficient data, such as traffic flows and any accident data, is available for the review.
- Requests cannot be accepted where they challenge a statutory function (for example in what circumstances a Penalty Charge Notice will be issued)

- Requests cannot be accepted where the challenge is against the design of a sign. The design of a road sign must be compliant with a statutory instrument (The Traffic Signs and Regulations Direction)
- The challenge must clearly indicate what is being challenged and why.

Restrictions on the ground will be considered for removal / reviewed where safety issues have been identified.

A valid “right to challenge” will then be considered as follows:-

1. If it relates to a highway restriction or the TRO, the challenge will be considered at the next quarterly meeting with KCC.
2. If it relates to a policy or procedure, the challenge will be considered at the next quarterly meeting with ABC policy and performance officer.

The outcome of the right to challenge will be notified to the applicant, following the review, with an outline of the next steps (if applicable).

The next step is to communicate the process to the public and we ask for members to assist, by using this process, when addressing parking concerns with residents in the future.

The new process has been put into practice over the last 3 months and updates will be provided at agenda item 7 on individual requests and the current position.

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To: Ashford Joint Transportation Board
By: KCC Highways and Transportation
Date: 9th June 2015
Subject: Highway Works Programme 2015/16
Classification: Information Only

Summary: This report updates Members on the identified schemes approved for construction in 2015/16

1. Introduction

This report provides an update and summarises schemes that have been programmed for delivery in 2015/16

Footway and Carriageway Improvement Schemes – see Appendix A

Drainage Repairs & Improvements – see Appendix B

Street Lighting – see Appendix C

Appendix D – Transportation, PROW and Safety Schemes – See Appendix D

- **Developer Funded Works** – see Appendix D1
- **Wilesborough Road Pinch Point** – see Appendix D2
- **Casualty Reduction Measures** – see Appendix D3
- **Integrated Transport Schemes** – see Appendix D4

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Conclusion

1. This report is for Members information.

Contact Officers:

The following contact officers can be contacted on **03000 418181**

Toby Howe	Highway Manager (East)
Lisa Holder	Ashford District Manager
Alan Casson	Resurfacing Manager
Katie Lewis	Drainage Manager
Sue Kinsella	Street Lighting Manager
Toby Butler	Intelligent Transport Systems Manager
Kirstie Williams	Transportation and Safety Schemes
Melvyn Twycross	PROW
Tony Ambrose	Structures Manager
James Hammond	Developer Funded Work

Appendix A – Footway and Carriageway Improvement Schemes

The delivery of these schemes is weather dependent; should it prove not possible to carry out these works on the planned dates, new dates will be arranged and the residents will be informed by a letter drop to their homes.

Surface Treatments - <i>Contact Officer Wendy Boustead</i>			
Micro Asphalt Schemes			
Road Name	Parish	Extent of Works	Current Status
Bilting Lane	Godmersham	Whole Length	Programmed to start 27 th June 2015 for two days
New Forest Lane	Chilham	Whole Length	Programmed to start 30 th June 2015 for one day
Marriage Lane	Wye with Hinxhill	Whole Length	Programmed to start 28 th June 2015 for two days
Sole Street	Crundale/Godmersham /Waltham	From its junction with Sole Street to its junction with Richdore Road	Programmed to start 29 th June 2015 for two days
Westwell Lane	Westwell/Charing	From Lacton Manor to junction	Programmed to start 24 th June 2015 for two days
Warren Street Road	Charing	From crossroads to junction	Programmed to start 30 th June 2015 for two days
Bedlam Lane	Egerton/Smarden	From Pond House to Burnt House Farm 'to let' sign	Programmed to start 1 st July 2015 for two days

Lenacre Street	Boughton Aluph/Eastwell	From its junction with Sandhurst Lane to the pub	Programmed to start 25 th June 2015 for three days
Church Hill	Kingsnorth	From its junction with Bond Lane to 30mph sign	Programmed to start 22 nd June 2015 for two days
Tenterden Road	Appledore	From the start of the High Friction Surfacing at Coxland Cottages to its junction with The Street	Programmed to start 17 th June 2015 for one day
Rye Road	Wittersham	From county border to The Stocks	Programmed to start 18 th June 2015 for two days

Surface Dressing Schemes

Road Name	Parish	Extent of Works	Current Status
Waltham Road	Hastingleigh/Wye with Hinxhill	From junction to four way jct at Hassell Street	Complete
Olantigh Road	Wye with Hinxhill/Crundale/Godmersham	70 limit sign to just before bridge	Complete
Highfield Lane	Mersham/Marden	From its junction with Kingsford Street to joint in SMA	Complete
Bonnington Road	Bonnington	From cross roads Little Crump wood to its junction with Boat Lane	Complete
Soleshill Road	Chilham	From its junction with Canterbury Road to its junction with Goldups Lane	Programmed to start 28 th May 2015 for one day
Hinxhill Road	Wye (Ashford)	From just beyond back of hospital to Plumpton	Complete
Selling Road	Chilham/Selling	From its junction with New Cut Road to its	Programmed to start 27 th May

		junction with Lower Lees Road	2015 for one day
A20 Maidstone Road	Westwell/Hothfield	From the joint by Hop Pickers PH to red slow pad at Watery Lane	Complete
Rock Hill Road	Egerton	From its junction with the joint by public footpath sign to the end	Complete
New Road	Egerton/Pluckley	Whole Length	Complete
Long Length	Kingsnorth	From Chilmington Green to Roundabout (430m from gully)	Complete
North Street	Biddenden	Joint at no. 70 to Elmstone	Complete
Smallhythe Road	Tenterden	From its junction with 40mph gateway to its junction with the public footpath sign at cricket ground	Complete
Biddenden Road	Headcorn/ Frittenden/Biddenden	From its junction with Baptist Chapel cross roads (Frittenden Road) to its junction with Tile Barn Farm	Complete
Machine Resurfacing – Contact Officer Byron Lovell			
Road Name	Parish	Extent of Works	Current Status
A28 Rolvenden Hill	Rolvenden	Rolvenden level crossing to Mounts Lane	Completed
A252 The Street/Maidstone Road	Ashford	Between Pound Lane to Cutlers Farm	Programmed to start between August and November 2015
Swarden Rd,(Forge Hill) Pluckley	Pluckley	Glebe Cottages for 180m	Programmed to start between August and November 2015

New Street	Ashford	Circulatory of roundabout and approaches	Programmed to start between August and November 2015
Chart Rd/Maidstone Rd	Ashford	Barrow Hill House entrance (on Chart Rd) to pedestrian crossing at Maidstone Rd jnt	Programmed to start between August and November 2015

Footway Improvement - Contact Officer Wendy Boustead			
Road Name	Parish	Extent and Description of Works	Current Status
Hythe Road	Smeeth	From its junction with Smeeth Crossroads to Bob Fishers Garage – Removal of existing surface and replacement with new asphalt surface	Works completed
Hythe Road	Ashford	From its junction with Church Road to the junction with Albemarle Road - both sides (Footway Protection Treatment - Works are subject to Specialist contractor) assessment	To be programmed between April and October 2015
Bank Street	Ashford	From its junction with Elwick Road to Tufton Street. Works to replace existing footway surface with new granite blocks	Programmed to start on 26 th May 2015 for 22 weeks

Appendix B – Drainage Improvement Schemes >£5k

Drainage Works – Contact Officer Kathryn Lewis			
Location	Description of Works	Job Status	Timescale for Completion
Knock Hill, Stone-cum- ebony	Ditching works and replacement culverts	Works awaiting programming	Est Completion July 2015

It has been decided that KCC will not proceed with the installation of a new pumping station that was originally proposed for the main road through Henwood Industrial Estate. We have identified a number of sites where the risk to safety and property is higher and therefore priority needs to be given to drainage improvements at these locations. We have received very few reports of flooding at Henwood in the last 12 months and those incidents that have occurred have been caused as a result of the outfall valves being tampered with. Moving forward we will continue to manage the flooding by regularly checking the valves and supplying tankers to clear the water as and when required.

Appendix C – Street Lighting

Structural testing of KCC owned street lights has identified the following as requiring replacement this financial year. A status of Completed identifies that the column replacement has been carried out. Programme dates are identified for those still requiring

Street Lighting Column Replacement – <i>Contact Officer Sue Kinsella</i>			
Road Name	Column Ref	Location	Status
North Street	MNBM005	Adjacent Shell petrol garage	Completed
Wellesley Road	MWBE011	Junction Park Street LHS	Completed
Wellesley Road	MWBE012	Opposite J/W Park Street LHS	Completed
Bramble Close	MBHM002	Outside 4	Completed
Chart Road	MCBO069	J/W Brookfield Road R-A-B	Completed
Chart Road	MCBO071	J/W Brookfield Road R-A-B	Completed
Collison Place	MCES001	Tenterden	To be programmed
Collison Place	MCES002	Tenterden	To be programmed
Collison Place	MCES003	Tenterden	To be programmed
Station Road	Subway	Station Road	To Be Programmed

Appendix D - Appendix D – Transportation, PROW and Safety Schemes

Appendix D1 – Developer Funded Works

Works - Section 278 Agreement Developer Funded – <i>Contact Officer Joanne Davies</i>				
File Ref	Road Name	Parish	Description	Current Status
AS003007	Warren Site B - Fougères Way	Ashford	New Traffic Signals and entrance to John Lewis	Waiting for traffic signals remedials to be completed
AS0419	Newtown - former railway site	Newtown, Ashford	New controlled pedestrian crossing and construction of site entrance	Works have commenced
AS2083	Missenden, Kingsnorth Road	Kingsnorth	New access to proposed housing development	Adopted
AS2081	A28 Chart Road, Brunswick Road Junction	Godinton	Rearrange junction alignment	Works Complete and in maintenance period
AS003013	Brunswick Road	Godinton	Widen the junction to the EMR site	Works Complete and in maintenance period
AS2074	Sotherton Road	Willesborough	Amendments to the parking area	Waiting for remedial works to be completed - adoption due end of June 2015
AS003009	Knoll Lane	Singleton	Access on to new development and relocation of pedestrian crossing point	Works have commenced on site
AS003012	Farrow Court	Stanhope	New footway and relocation of pedestrian crossing facilities	Works have commenced on site, the controlled crossing will be implemented once construction has been

				completed on site
AS003014	Simone Weil Avenue	Ashford	Footway works to be completed along the frontage of the Ashford International Hotel	Remedial works completed waiting on final documentation before adoption can be completed
AS003010	12-20 Hawthorn	Appledore	New arrangement to access road providing additional parking	Works Complete and in maintenance period
AS003020	Mill Road	Bethersden	Footway works along the frontage to tie in with the existing footway	Footway works completed however additional works required (these are due to be commenced by end of May 2015)
AS003008	Chalk Avenue	Tenterden	New Access to development	Works Complete and in maintenance period
AS003049	Ashford Road	Chilham	New Development Access and Pedestrian Crossing	Technical approval granted waiting on start date
AS003024	Cudworth Road	Willesborough	New Access to development	Works completed and in maintenance
AS003025	Appledore Road, Kenardington	Kenardington	New Footway and pedestrian crossing to a housing development	Works completed and in maintenance
AS003026	Dudley Road	Kennington	New Access for Development	Works completed and in maintenance period
AS003038	Ashdown Court	Ashford	New Access to development and footway works	Technical approval granted waiting on start date

AS003027	Manse Field, Brabourne	Brabourne	New vehicle access, carriageway widening and re- routed footway	Works completed and awaiting completion documents
AS003002	Warren Site A, Ashford Road	Ashford	Access to be updated for new housing development	Works have commenced on site
AS003011	Old Abattoir Site	Aldington	New Access	Works are completed on site. Development in maintenance period
AS003028	Wesley School Road	Singleton	Change of road alignment to introduce on street parking	Works completed and in maintenance period
AS0418	Cheesemans Green PAR	Sevington	New principal road to developments	Works have completed on site in maintenance period (waiting on stage 3 safety audit)
AS003006	Kings Avenue	Ashford	New Housing Development	Preliminary works have commenced on site and technical acceptance has been issued. Kings Avenue is continually being monitored due to issue raised with mud on the highway
AS003036	Tenterden Site 1	Tenterden	New Proposed Housing Development	Still in early planning discussions
AS003054	Chilmington Green	Great Chart	New Proposed Housing Development	Access B has been technically approved waiting on final

				information to complete agreement. (Developer expects to be on site by early June)
AS003044	Cryol Road	South Ashford	New Access for Ashford Housing site	Works completed and in maintenance
AS00309	River view, Ashford	Ashford	New footway and parking arrangements	Works completed but remedial works required
AS003033	Hopewell School, St Stephens Walk	Ashford	New vehicle cross overs and street lighting works	Technical approval granted waiting on start date
AS003046	Willesborough Dykes, Sheepfold Lane	Kingsnorth	New cycleway/ footway tying in to existing network	Works completed and in maintenance
AS003050	Calleywell Lane	Aldington	New footway	Technical approval granted waiting on start date
AS003051	Dover Place	Ashford	Amendments to the junction and works to the footway required	Technical approval granted waiting on start date (however this may not progress due to funding)
AS003056	Mersham Cricket Club, Flood Street, Mersham	Mersham	Relocation of the access and new culvert works	Early discussions in relation to the proposals

Appendix D2 – Willesborough Road Pinch Point Report

The County Council's purchase of land in third party ownership is progressing, and a priority objective is to conclude the acquisition as soon as possible. In terms of moving forward towards scheme implementation, it is intended that some vegetation clearance work takes place in 2015, with scheme construction in summer 2016 based on the current programme.

The implementation of the scheme is very much a priority for both Kent County Council and Ashford Borough Council.

Appendix D3 – Casualty Reduction Measures

The Traffic Schemes Team is implementing a number of schemes within the Ashford District, in order to meet Kent County Council's strategic targets (for example, addressing traffic congestion, or improving road safety)

Casualty Reduction Measures – <i>Contact Officer Tara O'Shea</i> Identified to address a known history of personal injury crashes			
Road Name	Parish	Description of Works	Current Status
A2042 North Street / A292 Somerset Road	Ashford	Pedestrian safety scheme	Detailed design work on hold. Awaiting trial hole data and costs from BT for the necessary relocation of their apparatus
A2042 Romney Marsh Road / Newtown Road	Ashford	Junction improvement	Scheme investigation on hold, pending outcome of Designer Outlet development
Cranbrook Road / Benenden Road (Castletons Oak)	Biddenden	Interactive warning signs	Design in progress
Ashford Road / Magpie Hall Road	Kingsnorth	Interactive warning signs	Design in progress
Bethersden Road / Plurenden Road	Woodchurch	Signing and lining improvements	Design in progress
A251 Faversham Rd (adj to Warren Farm bend)	Boughton Aluph	Signing and lining improvements	Initial site visit being programmed

Appendix D4 – Integrated Transport Schemes

<p>Integrated Transport Schemes Local Transport Plan funded non-casualty reduction schemes</p>

Road Name	Parish	Description of Works	Current Status
Ashford International Station	Ashford	Pedestrian / cycle ramp	Detailed design complete

Appendix F – PROW

Public Rights of Way and Access Service 2015/2016 LTP and s106 works (as at 23/04/2015)

Public Rights of Way – Contact Officer Melvyn Twycross			
Path No	Parish	Description of Works	Current Status
AT60	Rolvenden	Surface improvements to byway	Works in progress
AE490	Aldington	Surface repairs to footpath	Weather dependent – work due to start shortly
AT49	Rolvenden	Surface repairs to footpath	Weather dependent – work due to start shortly
AT77A	Wittersham	Provision of stone surface to footpath	Works due to commence shortly
AW340	Shadoxhurst	Surface repairs to byway	Works due to commence shortly
AE155	Brook	Provision of stone surface to footpath and handrail	Works due to commence shortly
AW173	Hothfield	Surface repairs to byway	Works due to commence shortly
AW183	Shadoxhurst	Surface repairs to byway	Works due to commence shortly

Appendix G – Bridge Works

Bridge Works – <i>Contact Officer Tony Ambrose</i>			
Road Name	Parish	Description of Works	Current Status
No works planned			

Appendix H– Traffic Systems

There is a programme of scheduled maintenance to refurbish life expired traffic signal equipment across the county based upon age and fault history. The delivery of these schemes is dependent upon school terms and holiday periods; local residents, businesses and schools will be informed verbally and by a letter drop of the exact dates when known.

Traffic Systems - <i>Contact Officer: Toby Butler</i>		
Location	Description of Works	Current Status
A28 High Street near Bells Lane	Refurbishment of traffic signal controlled crossing	Autumn 2015
A28 Ashford Road near Grange Road	Refurbishment of traffic signal controlled crossing	Autumn 2015

Appendix I – Combined Member Fund

Combined Member Fund programme update for the Ashford District.

The following schemes are those which have been approved for funding by both the relevant Member and by John Burr, Director of Highways. The list only includes schemes, which are

- in design, or
- at consultation stage, or
- about to be programmed, or
- recently completed on site

The list is up to date as of **30 April 2015**.

The details given below are for highway projects only. This report does not detail contributions Members have made to other groups such as parish councils, or highway studies and surveys funded by Members. Schemes not approved at time of writing are also excluded from the list.

More information on the schemes listed below can be found via Kent Gateway the online database for all Combined Member Grant schemes and studies, or by contacting the Traffic and Safety Engineer for the Combined Member Grant (Ashford)

Mike Hill

Scheme	Status
<p style="text-align: center;">MHF-14-AS- 55</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Woodchurch Road, Appledore Heath.</p> <p>Residents are concerned vehicles are approaching the junction with Kenardington Road and School Road too fast. Consideration being given to reducing the speed limit to 30 mph and the installation of measures to enhance the junctions</p>	<p>Outline design complete</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Traffic survey scheduled to start on 07 May 2015</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">MHF-14-AS-07</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Newenden Bridge Walkers in Road' warning signs</p> <p>One of the two signs has been installed but in the wrong place. Instruction issued for the sign to be relocated and the second sign installed</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Works partially completed on site</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">MHF-14-AS-13</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Glebelands to Chalkhurst Footway Lighting</p> <p>Feasibility investigation into the addition of a single lighting column along the Glebelands-Chalkhurst footpath. Feedback provided with indicative cost for the lighting column. Waiting on decision from Parish Council</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Investigation works complete</p>

Mike Angell

Scheme	Status
<p>MHF-14-AS-20 Bilsington Crossroads</p> <p>Bilsington crossroads improvements – works were not completed in accordance with the design and the old road markings are still very visible. Following a site visit, a defect notice has been issued to rectify this matter</p>	Handed over for delivery
<p>MHF-14-AS-07 Front Road, Woodchurch - VAS</p> <p>Installation of VAS o/s nos. 97-99 Front Road, Woodchurch. Works believed to be complete on site. Waiting to receive notice of completion pending final site check</p>	Handed over to the ITS Team for delivery
<p>MHF-14-AS-19 Criol Lane/ Bethersden Road 'Horse and Rider' Warning Signs</p> <p>Feasibility investigation into the provision of 'warning signs on Criol Lane and Bethersden Road complete. Design complete. Feedback and indicative cost provided to Member and Parish Council. Funding approved by County Member. Engineer is waiting to hear back from the Parish Council with regards to a site visit to agree on exact locations for the signs; however, despite chasing for a date nothing has been confirmed by them as at time of writing</p>	Investigation and design complete. Waiting to hear from the Parish Council

George Koowaree

Scheme	Status
<p>MHF-14-AS-58 Earlsworth Road, Ashford – Provision of bus shelter</p> <p>Request to provide a bus shelter in Earlsworth Road at the stop located opposite the convenience store. Ashford Borough Council requested a Clearchannel shelter be installed to match existing stock, but then refused to adopt the shelter. In light of the potential issues regarding future maintenance and repairs, the County Member has reluctantly requested the scheme be cancelled. MHF 4 issued 30 April 2015</p>	Cancelled
<p>MHF-14-AS-57 Lees Road/Cornes Close Parking Restrictions</p> <p>Proposed double yellow lines to be laid under the bridge and at the junction of Cornes Close. ABC has advised it is looking to undertake a traffic management scheme in the same area. ABC has a copy of the design. ABC may promote the TRO. Engineer and County Member are waiting to hear back from</p>	Design complete and handed over to Amey Consulting and Ashford Borough Council (ABC)

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Andrew Wickham

Scheme	Status
<p style="text-align: center;">MHF-13-AS-09</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Street, Brook – Proposed 30mph Speed Limit</p> <p>Works complete on site and completion certificate issued, final site visit pending</p>	Works complete
<p style="text-align: center;">MHF-14-AS-34</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Molash Garage – Obstruction of Footway</p> <p>Molash Garage – vehicles are parking across the access to the garage and obstructing pedestrian egress. Proposal to resurface existing surface (in poor condition) and install keep clear markings. Site visit complete and results have been fed back. Given the condition of the surface the Operations Team has agreed to undertake the work as part of their maintenance programme</p>	<p>Work complete (CMG). Operations Team to deliver resurfacing.</p> <p><i>This scheme will not be shown on the next JTB scheme list</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">MHF-13-AS-26</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Branch Road Chilham, Proposed Village Gateway</p> <p>Branch Road, Chilham enhanced gateway at 30mph/50mph terminal point. Works are complete; however, one of the signs was reported on 29 April has having fallen over. Defect notice will be issued to get the sign reinstated (correctly) in the verge</p>	Works complete – see opposite

Derek Smyth

Scheme	Status
<p style="text-align: center;">MHF-13-AS-19</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Stanhope Road Zebra Crossing</p> <p>Construction of a zebra Crossing including carriageway reconstruction outside John Wallis Academy</p>	<p>Works completed September 2014.</p> <p><i>This scheme will not be shown on the next JTB scheme list</i></p>

Charlie Simkins

Scheme	Status
<p data-bbox="528 331 748 360" style="text-align: center;">MHF-13-AS-12</p> <p data-bbox="277 383 999 412" style="text-align: center;">A28 Ashford Road High Halden Zebra Crossing</p> <p data-bbox="204 434 1072 600">Construction of a zebra crossing to include advance warning signs. This scheme has been subject to several delay but is now complete on site pending completion of snagging issues (painting of one post and installation of shields for the Belisha beacons)</p>	<p data-bbox="1129 412 1461 510" style="text-align: center;">Onsite, pending completion of snagging issues</p>
<p data-bbox="528 640 748 669" style="text-align: center;">MHF-14-AS-53</p> <p data-bbox="277 692 999 721" style="text-align: center;">The Street, Great Chart – relocation of bus stop</p> <p data-bbox="204 743 1072 936">Relocation of an existing bus stop to include carriageway resurfacing at the new location, and construction of dropped crossing. Design is complete and the proposals have been agreed. The scheme is to be constructed pending approval of funds and consultation with local residents and statutory stakeholders</p>	<p data-bbox="1235 766 1353 795" style="text-align: center;">Ongoing</p>

1.1 Legal Implications

1.1.1 Not applicable

1.2 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

1.2.1 Not applicable

1.3 Risk Assessment

1.3.1 Not applicable

Contact: Lisa Holder 03000 418181

7th Annual rail summit at Kent County Council, Council Chamber, Maidstone.

On Monday 18th May, the 7th Annual rail summit was held at KCC, County Hall, in Maidstone. The meeting was chaired by Mathew Balfour, KCC cabinet member for Environment and Transport.

Two items were of particular relevance to Ashford;

Clare Waller and Lisa Goodman (Lead strategic planners for Network rail), spoke on the "Kent route study" beginning July 2015. The draft report will be available Spring 2016.

They are considering passenger aspirations, route aspirations and the required infrastructure change. For Ashford initially this means electrification of 30 miles of track via a third rail from Ashford into the marsh.

A "Marsh link" to Ashford will mean Ashford to Doleham will go from 60 mph to 90 mph and from Doleham to Ore 40 to 60mph. 9 road crossings and 37 user / passenger crossing will need upgrading. The line itself will need infrastructure change at Ashford West Jct., changes at Appledore and extension of the Rye loop. This will enable the Marsh link to get into Ashford much faster and prospectively join the HS1 traffic.

All the information gathered will inform their business case.

(Note; Tracey spoke to them after the meeting and they are willing to come to JTB to explain the project)

Fayyaz Qadir, Principal Transport Planner delivery, KCC, spoke about rail accessibility for East Kent and the prospective new Thanet Parkway station. The first stage are line speed and operational improvements between Ashford and Canterbury West and then Canterbury West and Ramsgate (delivery 2018 / 19).

Second stage is Thanet Parkway station on the Ashford - Ramsgate line. The consultation for this was open 2 Feb – 27 March 2015. The consultation report is due end June 2015 and the completed outline design for the station Oct 2015.

Third stage is signalling improvements due 2020.

Initially, Thanet Parkway will be unmanned (automated).

The entrance is proposed to be from A256 Richborough Way and exit to A299 Hengist Way (but the speed of this road may mean this is not possible).

The investment criteria considered for this business case indicated that a £1 investment would reap a £3 reward for business in Kent (this case excluded Manston airport being in operation so any development of this site will bring added income to the business case scenario).

It is anticipated that this line will carry 10,000 passengers by 2021.