

Annex 1 – Consultation documents

Highway Improvement Scheme Consultation

A2 Canterbury Road / A251 Ashford Road / The Mall Junction

Congestion relief and highway safety scheme

What is being proposed?

Detailed investigations have been carried out to look at the potential ways in which the current junction layout could be improved. This has resulted in two new proposals being put forward, alongside the option of keeping things as they are; to install **traffic lights**, or to install a **roundabout**.

Why do we want to do this work?

To improve road safety following a number of injury crashes at this location, and to increase the capacity of the junction and improve traffic flow, particularly at the busiest times of the day.

How are we consulting on these proposals?

- Full details, including plans, background information and feedback forms, will be made available on our website at www.consultation.kent.gov.uk
- Leaflets delivered to nearby residents and businesses (with a feedback form overleaf).
- Letters sent to statutory consultees, e.g. Emergency Services, Bus Companies.
- Posters placed on site.
- Temporary road signs placed on site, to inform all road users.
- A one day exhibition at Faversham Library on Thursday 8 May, from 9am – 6pm.

When will the consultation take place?

The consultation is between Friday 25 April and Friday 16 May 2014. All responses will be collated and the results reported to the Swale Joint Transportation Board meeting on Monday 9 June 2014.

How do I make my views known?

Your views must be submitted **in writing**, using the **feedback form**. You can obtain the form via our website at www.consultation.kent.gov.uk or at the library exhibition. If you are a resident, the form will be on the overleaf of the leaflet. They can be returned by post to:-

FAO Steve Darling, Kent County Council
Ashford Highway Depot
Javelin Way
ASHFORD
Kent TN24 8AD

Alternatively, completed forms can be emailed to traffic.schemes@kent.gov.uk with the subject heading "A2/A251 Consultation".

FEEDBACK FORM

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About you

Any personal information we collect will be used for the sole purpose of the consultation and processed in accordance with our obligations under The Data Protection Act 1998.

Your name:

Your organisation (if applicable):

Your address:

Understanding the proposals

I have examined all the proposed plans and background information (tick one box):

- via www.consultation.kent.gov.uk
- at the Faversham Library exhibition

Preferred option

My preferred option is (tick one box):

- Option A - Traffic Lights
- Option B - Roundabout
- Option C - Do nothing

Additional comments

This feedback form can be emailed to traffic.schemes@kent.gov.uk with the subject heading "A2/A251 Consultation", or returned by post to:- *FAO Steve Darling, Kent County Council, Ashford Highway Depot, Javelin Way, ASHFORD, Kent, TN24 8AD*. The deadline for responses is **Friday 16 May 2014**.



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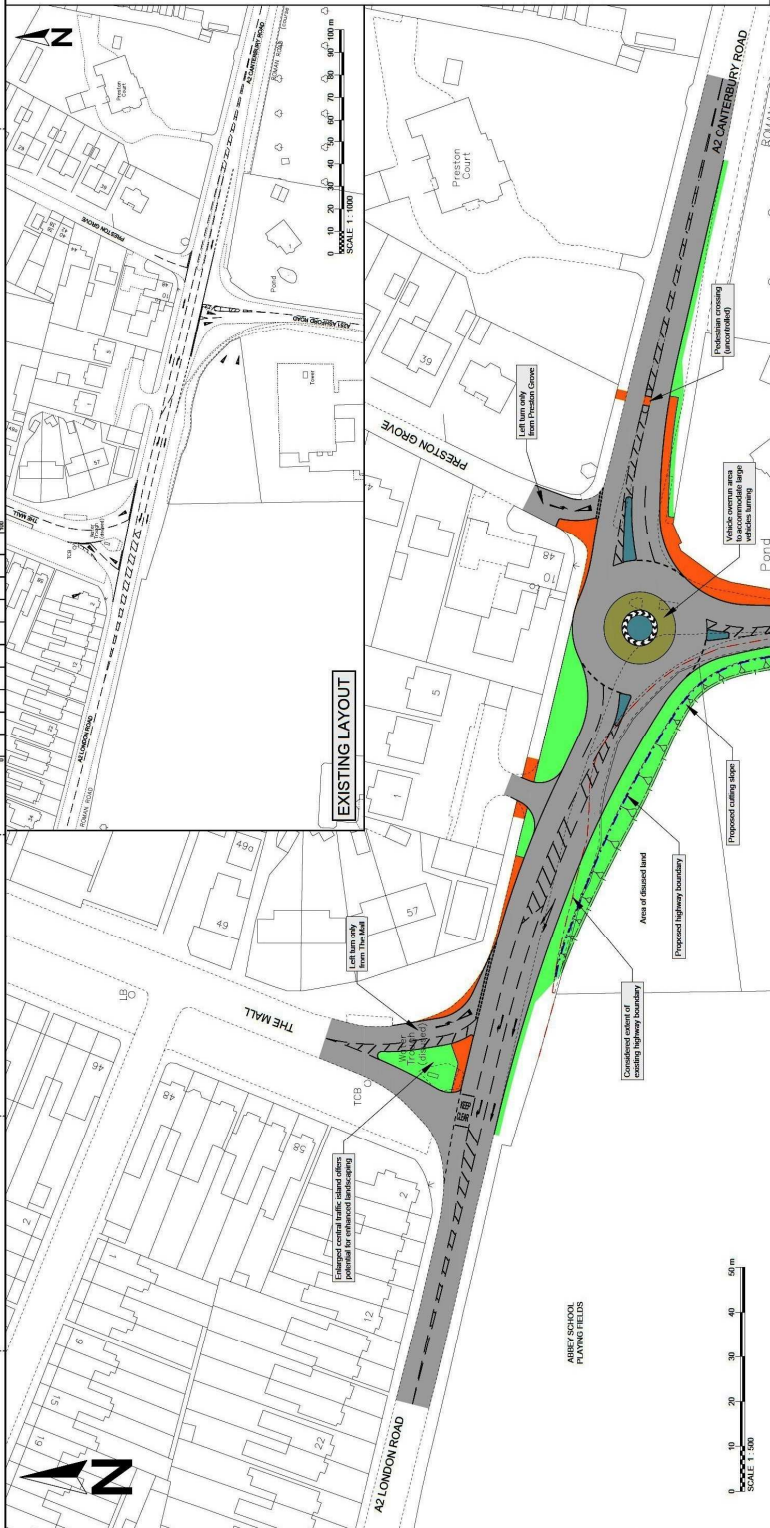
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KEY

- Carriageway Improvement
- Vege / Earthworks / Landscaping
- New / Widened Footway
- Vehicle Overrun Area
- No Pedestrian Hardstanding
- Black Faving Detail (20° slope) (Chevron)
- 1.8m high Chain Link Fencing



1	Existing Layout	MM	MM	06.02.14
2	Proposed	MM	MM	17 January 2014
3	For construction	MM	MM	17 January 2014
4	For construction	MM	MM	17 January 2014

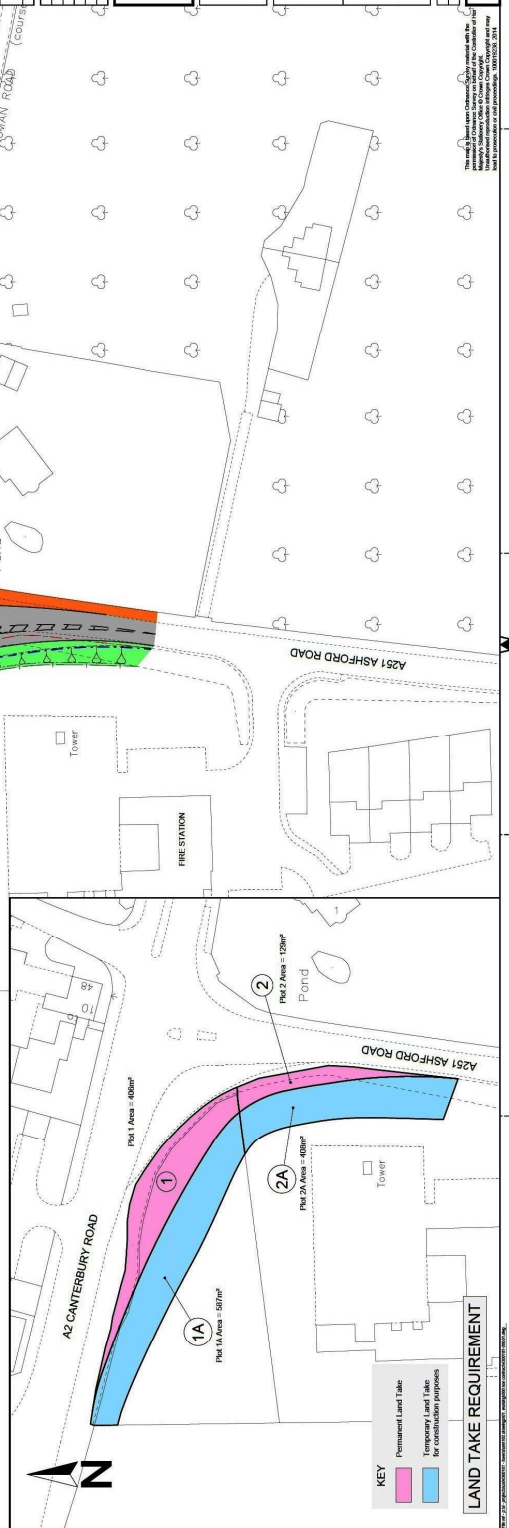
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Project Name:
**A2/A251 Junction Improvement
Faversham**

Drawing Title:
**Proposed Roundabout
Scheme Plan**

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COMPARISON OF OPTIONS

FACTOR	OPTION A – TRAFFIC LIGHTS	OPTION B - ROUNDABOUT	OPTION C – DO NOTHING
Crash reduction (based on national statistics)	Predicted 75% reduction at A2/A251 junction. No change at A2/The Mall junction	Predicted 70% reduction at A2/A251 junction, reduced crashes at A2/The Mall (removing right turn)	Unlikely to improve without some form of positive junction control
Junction capacity and performance	Provides adequate reserve capacity in the short to medium term	Provides adequate reserve capacity in the medium term and possibly the long term	At peak times, the existing junction is at saturation point, with significant queueing
Land acquisition requirements	276 square metres	535 square metres	None
Pedestrian crossing facilities	A controlled crossing point is provided across the A2	An uncontrolled crossing point is provided across the A2	An uncontrolled crossing point is provided across the A2
Impact on nearby side roads leading on to the A2	The formal control will create gaps in traffic for vehicles exiting side roads	Gaps in traffic may occur, but less frequent or predictable than with traffic signals	Gaining exit from side roads to remain challenging as at present
Availability of budget	Allocated funds should allow the proposals to be progressed in the 2015/16 financial year	Additional funds would need to be sought and could delay implementation to beyond 2016	The allocated funds would be diverted to other road schemes in other parts of the county
Impact on drivers	Low to medium: all movements would be monitored in real time by sensors, and the traffic lights would be 'smart' so that they can adjust green times to suit fluctuating traffic conditions	Low to medium: traffic movements generally continuous. However vehicles wishing to head towards Sittingbourne from The Mall may experience delay, due to having to u-turn at the roundabout	High: right turns are difficult, and congestion remains at peak times, leading to driver frustration
Construction costs (excludes diverting public utility services e.g. phone cables, and land purchase)	£265,000	£415,000	£0
Disruption during construction	Minimal – the highway layout changes are relatively minor. Construction period ~ 8 weeks	Significant – the highway layout changes are more pronounced. Construction period ~ 13 weeks	N/A
Operating costs	£60,000 over 15 years	Negligible	Negligible
Diversion of public utility services	£30,000 (approximate)	£50,000 (approximate)	£0