

SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD (JTB)

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730/03/11	Highway works programme 2010/2011	KCC	Mill Way, Sittingbourne Asda site – signalising junction. Design check complete - awaiting Developer to progress S278 Agreement	White lining changes needed. Ponding on tactile crossing. Pedestrian barriers needed to prevent cutting through landscaped area. Contractors due to commence on site 3 March 2014. Widening of approach road from Sittingbourne Retail Park to the new traffic signal junction is still being pursued. It is necessary to relocate some statutory undertakers' plant and this work has been ordered but not yet programmed. Once completed, then the approach road will be widened to two lanes which will increase the capacity of the junction	
590/03/12	Highways at the junction of Warden Bay Road and B2231 Leysdown Road	KCC	That the 30mph boundary be moved, and that costs associated with moving the 30mph boundary and associated signing be met by KCC Councillor Mr Adrian Crowther's Member Highway Fund.	David Brazier responded to Mike Whiting's letter of 6 August. The current traffic arrangements were approved by KCC's	

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	<p>Subsequent related Minute No. 67/06/13 – Eastchurch Primary School pedestrian crossing petition</p>	KCC	<p>(1) That a letter be sent to KCC Highways to include the points made by the Ward Member regarding the crossing, risk assessments and the re-location of the 30mph zone and a more detailed report be submitted to a future JTB meeting.</p>	<p>Planning Applications Committee in May 2010. Due to current financial constraints KCC currently only fund new safety improvements where the primary function is to reduce road casualties. If alternative funding comes forward, highway officers will assist with identifying the best way for those funds to be spent.</p>	
254/09/12	<p>Government consultation on 2014 rail franchise</p>	KCC	<p>(1) That the Swale JTB provide a further response to the consultation, to include: (a) The new franchise specification should require reduced journey times on the North Kent Line, via Sittingbourne and Faversham to Victoria/Cannon Street. (b) The connectivity at Sittingbourne between the Sheerness branch and High Speed/Mainline services should be improved to remove the existing long connection periods. (c) The new franchise operator should be required to continue the support for Community Rail Partnerships to substantially improve the quality and appearance of the stations on these lines, the cleanliness of the trains and the presence of staff to check ticket and charge fares for passengers who board at the majority of unstaffed stations along the Swale line. (2) That the responses to the consultation, noted above, be endorsed and included in the response.</p>	<p>(1) The Swale JTB could provide further responses to the consultation, to include: (a) The response from KCC to the consultation by Southeastern on the specification for the Direct Award, which will operate from Oct 2014 to June 2018, includes the required reduction in journey times on the North Kent line via Sittingbourne and Faversham; (b) The Rail Action Plan for Kent includes a specific recommendation that connections should be improved between Sittingbourne and the Sheerness branch – KCC officers will request this in</p>	

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				<p>their meetings with DfT officials for the Direct Award;</p> <p>(c) The Rail Action Plan for Kent includes a requirement for the Train Operating Companies(TOCs) in Kent to work with the Community Rail Partnerships (CRPs), and KCC officers will also ensure this is included in the Direct Award spec (in practice the TOCs are very supportive of the CRPs);</p> <p>(2) Although the closing date for the Direct Award consultation has now passed, the Swale JTB, if it endorses these responses, could still send them direct to Southeastern who are open to receiving any responses from stakeholders while the Direct Award negotiations with the DfT are still open.</p>	
610/03/13	A common sense plan for safe and sensible street lighting	KCC	<p>(1) That the sites selected for the trial switch-off of surplus lights outlined in Appendix A to the report be agreed.</p> <p>(2) That the exclusion criteria used for the part-night lighting initiative be agreed.</p> <p>(3) That the hours of switch off for part-night Lighting be agreed but consider a 11pm to 5am switch-off period.</p>	Phase 1 – Trial Switch-off: Mitigation works on the sites in Swale have been completed and the lights are scheduled to be switched off by the end of May. These sites will be reviewed after a year to consider what further action	

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				<p>is needed.</p> <p>Phase 2 – Part-night Lighting: About 5,700 lights in Swale have been selected for conversion. We expect this work to be completed in the next few weeks, save any difficult sites.</p> <p>There is no specific review planned. However, we continue to liaise with Kent Police on crime and accidents and can review lighting at specific sites if any increase can be attributed to the lack of lighting. Kent Police have recently said that it is too early in the scheme to give any accurate indication as to whether the reduction on lighting levels has impacted on crime.</p> <p>Of those that responded to our public consultation last year, 75% agreed that the County Council should proceed with implementation of this policy. The responses submitted were</p>	

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				anonymous. There were 36 responses from the ME9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 area..	
65/06/13	Swale Cycle Strategy	KCC	(1) That the Draft Swale Cycling Strategy be approved for consultation.	Agenda item no. 10 on 9 December 2013	
	Subsequent related Minute No. 469/12/13 Swale Cycling Strategy	KCC	(1) That further work is undertaken on the suggestions put forward during the consultation with a view to adding these to the Swale Cycling Strategy.	Further work to be reported to a future Board meeting.	
66/06/13	Quality bus partnership/Eden Village link	KCC	(1) That the existing posts between the eastern and western lengths of Crossways be removed and that a bus only traffic order be implemented. (2) That the order be advertised and implemented unless objections are received in which case these will be reported to a future meeting of the Board.	Agenda item no. 9 on 9 September 2013	
	Subsequent related Minute No. 231/09/13 Crossways, Sittingbourne - Proposed Bus Gate	KCC	(1) That the bus-only traffic order not be progressed until information on what the physical enforcement means that would be in place was known and the matter be reported back to the JTB.	Agenda item no. 9 on 9 December 2013	
	Subsequent related Minute No. 466/12/13 Eden Village proposed bus facility – revised report	KCC	(1) That the existing posts between the eastern and western lengths of Crossways not be removed and that a bus only traffic order is not implemented.	Matter completed.	
68/06/13	Minster Road, Minster-on-Sea, proposed zebra crossing	KCC	(1) That the zebra crossing be upgraded to a puffin crossing, and implemented on site. (2) That discussions concerning the western Vehicle Actuated Sign (VAS) continue with directly affected residents of nos. 118/120 and 121/123 Minster Road, and that a preferred location is subsequently agreed with the County Member for Sheerness, in the event of a conflict	The puffin crossing is complete and came into operation on 7 October 2013. Consultation on the western VAS is complete and it will now be installed outside nos. 113/115.	

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234/09/13	Eveas Drive, Sittingbourne - proposed access restriction	KCC	(1) That the bus-only traffic order be progressed.	The TRO was supported by JTB on 9 September 2013, and came into operation on 25 October 2013.	
235/09/13	A2 / A251 Junction, Faversham	KCC	(1) That both proposed traffic improvements (Annex 1 and 2 in the report), the inclusion of consideration of the junction of The Mall and the A2, plus the option of 'no change', be approved for the purposes of a wider public consultation and the results of the consultation brought back to the JTB at a later date.	Additional design work is taking place on the roundabout option. Consultation provisionally planned for the first half of 2014.	
237/09/13	Pedestrian and cycle improvements Sittingbourne	KCC	(1) That the proposed highway improvements be approved for consultation.	Consultation and detailed design is progressing.	
238/09/13	Highway improvements, Minster	KCC	(1) That the proposed highway improvements at Minster on Sea be approved for consultation.	Consultation and detailed design is progressing. Pedestrian crossings on Minster Road and Chequers Road in the vicinity of Minster Primary School and St George's Primary School are in detailed design for construction later this year.	
464/12/13	Proposed closure of Sittingbourne High Street to vehicles on Fridays	SBC	(1) That the report be noted and it be recommended that Officers proceed with the Traffic Regulation Order to close the High Street to vehicles on Fridays as well as Saturdays to accommodate the proposed market re-location and pursue formal consultation.		Update report to this JTB (June 2014) by Lyn Newton.
467/12/13	Faversham Town Centre Parking restrictions	SBC	(1) That the progression of a Traffic Regulation Order to amend the parking restrictions within the core town centre area of Faversham to allow evening parking be agreed.		Traffic Order has now been sealed by KCC. Lining and signing works to be programmed.

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468/12/13	Formal objections to Traffic Regulation Order Amendment 8B	SBC	(1) That the proposed waiting restrictions in the Capel Road area of Sittingbourne be progressed.		Installation of lining and signing in progress.
624/03/14	Informal Consultation Proposed Waiting Restrictions Lower Road/Selby Court, Teynham	SBC	(1) that waiting restrictions are introduced as detailed in the first consultation.		Traffic Order now advertised. Formal objection has been forwarded to Director of Highways & Transportation for consideration.
625/03/14	Formal Objections To Traffic Regulation Order Amendment 9a And 9b	SBC	(1) That The Proposed Waiting Restrictions Be Progressed In/At: Faversham Town Centre; Oak Close/Maidstone Road, Danaway; The Broadway, Minster; Key Street, Sittingbourne; Various Junctions Sheerness – Alma Road/Fonblanque Road; Residents' Parking Bay Outside 99 Ufton Lane, Sittingbourne.		Traffic Order has now been sealed by KCC. Lining and signing works have been passed to Parking Operations to programme.
630/03/14	Installation And Removal Of Disabled Bays	SBC	(1) That the comments/objections made by the consultees be noted. (2) That no more Disabled Bay Reports be submitted to the JTB until information on the criteria was looked into further. (3) That bays be installed at: 7 Alma Road, Sheerness 7 Sprotshill Close, Sittingbourne 2 Manor Grove, Sittingbourne 38 St John's Avenue, Sittingbourne		