

TO: SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD
DATE: 25th June 2007 – Deferred from 26th March 2007
SUBJECT: PRIORY ROAD/DAVINGTON HILL, FAVERSHAM – UPDATE
BY: Head of Technical Services
Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: An update report to members following recommendation from December's Joint Transportation Board Meeting

Implications: Human Resources Implications – None

Finance Implications – None

Legal Implications – None

Crime & Disorder Implications – None

Sustainability Implications – None

Risk Implications - None

Decision Required: **That no further action be taken with regard to any narrowing works at this junction and the petitioners are advised accordingly.**

Introduction/Background

1. The results of a recent consultation with residents of Priory Road, Faversham, with regard to parking problems and possible solutions, were presented to the board at the December meeting.
2. The board recommended that the implementation of double yellow lines and school keep clear markings be introduced as part of the Faversham Parking Review. In addition to this, it was also recommended that investigations be made into improving safety at the large "bell mouth" at the junction of Davington Hill.
3. As a result of the latter recommendation, we wrote to Kent Highway Services to obtain their views on any possible safety improvement works at this junction, and received a reply which can be found in Annex A.
4. The response from Kent Highway Services explains that a recent site inspection from one of their Transportation Engineers revealed that most congestion occurs along Priory Road leading up to the main school entrance, and analysis of the last three year Personal Injury Crashes up to 30th September 2006 did not reveal any incidents at this junction. For this reason, it is unlikely that Kent Highway Services could justify funding for a scheme at this location.
5. It is also suggested in the response from Kent Highway Services that any narrowing works to this junction could aggravate congestion in the area by dispersing parking to other areas.

6. Finally, Kent Highway Services conclude by stating that any works by a third party to alter the existing publicly maintained highway will require a Section 278 Agreement under the Highways Act 1980, and a full Technical and Safety Audit will need to be carried out at the expense of the third party.
7. Also attached to the report is a petition received from residents of Priory Road which supports the proposed parking restrictions and also support changes to the road layout at the junction with Priory Row.

Recommendation

8. I recommend that no further action be taken with regard to any narrowing works at this junction and the petitioners are advised accordingly.

Reasons for the Recommendation

9. It is unlikely that the scheme would generate sufficient priority for Kent Highway Services to fund junction works. Additionally, there is no other identified source of funding.

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List of background documents:

Annex A – Copy of reply from Kent Highway Services