

**Agenda Item No.**

**TO:** SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

**DATE:** 17<sup>th</sup> September 2007

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Traffic Management Scheme, Richmond Street/Marine Parade, Sheerness – Update Report

**BY:** DIVISIONAL MANAGER – Mid Kent Division Kent Highway Services

**Classification:** Unrestricted

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**Summary:** This report updates Members on the proposed course of action being taken following the recommendation of this Board in March 2007 to progress the Marine Parade and Richmond Street traffic management schemes separately.

**Decision Required:** That Members note the report.

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**Background**

1. At the meeting of this Board in March 2007 Members considered a report which proposed that the highway issues in Marine Parade and Richmond Street, Sheerness be combined into one project and explore options to link the resulting scheme proposals to the travel plans of local schools. The rationale behind this approach was to create a more comprehensive solution to meet the different travel needs of residential and school communities.

**Discussion**

2. This holistic approach to the combined issues would aid the better understanding of the needs of pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists and help to develop a scheme that would improve the quality of life of the residents. It was proposed that the investigation, design and public consultation of such a comprehensive scheme approach would be carried out during 2007/08 with a view to implementing a scheme in 2008/9.
3. However, Members recommended that the schemes be progressed separately. The guiding principle behind introducing traffic calming measures is that associated local issues are considered and incorporated with any proposal, if appropriate. In circumstances where there is a clear

conflict of outcomes the guidance of the Kent Highways Advisory Board is sought, and for this reason the matter is being reported to the next meeting of the HAB on 18 September 2007 for consideration.

**Decision Required**

4. That Members note the report.

**List of Background Documents**

March 2007 JTB Report - Proposed Traffic Management Scheme, Richmond Street/Marine Parade, Sheerness

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