

Agenda Item No.

TO: SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DATE: 17th September 2007

SUBJECT: Proposed traffic calming measures in Ruins Barn Road, Tunstall – Update Report

BY: DIVISIONAL MANAGER – Mid Kent Division Kent Highway Services

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: This report updates Members on the proposed course of action being taken following the recommendation of this Board in March 2007 to introduce traffic calming measures in Ruins Barn Road, Tunstall.

Decision Required: That Members note the report.

Background

1. At the meeting of this Board in March 2007 Members considered a report on a petition submitted by the residents of Ruins Barn Road proposing the need for traffic calming measures to be introduced in Ruins Barn Road, Tunstall. The report explained the findings of a full investigation of vehicle speeds and volume of traffic using Ruins Barn Road and the analysis of the Personal Injury Crash records. Based on the information collected and analysed, the recommendation to the Board was that no highways intervention including the introduction of an interactive could be justified and concluded that no further action be taken.

Discussion

2. However, Members recommended that an interactive speed sign be introduced in Ruins Barn Road. Introduction of an interactive sign at this location would be a divergence from policy. In circumstances where there is a clear conflict of outcomes the guidance of the Kent Highways Advisory (HAB) Board is sought, for this reason therefore, the matter is being reported to the next meeting of the HAB on 18 September 2007 for consideration. An update on this will be provided at the next meeting of this Board.

Decision Required

3. That Members note the report.

List of Background Documents

March 2007 JTB Report - Proposed traffic calming measures in Ruins Barn Road, Tunstall

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