

Agenda Item No.

TO: SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DATE: 17th December 2007

SUBJECT: Decisions of the Highways Advisory Board of 13 November 2007

BY: TRANSPORTATION MANAGER – Mid Kent Division Kent Highway Services

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: This report updates Members on the decisions made by the Highways Advisory Board in November 2007 regarding;

- proposed traffic management scheme – Sheerness, Richmond Street/Marine Parade
- proposed traffic calming measures – Tunstall, Ruins Barn Road

Decision Required: That Members note the report.

Introduction/Background

1. At the meeting of the Joint Transportation Board in March 2007 Members considered a report which proposed to resolve the highway issues in Marine Parade and Richmond Street, Sheerness by combining the two schemes. The case put to the Board was that this revised approach to address the collective highway issues in the area approach would help to create a more comprehensive solution to meet the different needs of both the residential and school communities.
2. At the same meeting Members considered a report on a petition raised by the residents of Ruins Barn Road proposing the need for traffic calming measures in Ruins Barn Road. A full investigation was carried out by Kent Highway Services which revealed that there was no speeding or injury crash problem and it was therefore recommended that no further action should be taken.
3. Members of the JTB did not endorse the approach recommended for Marine Parade and Richmond Street, nor did they endorse the recommendation for

Ruins Barn Road and resolved to pursue an interactive sign, although it did not meet the criteria and was contrary to policy.

4. Due to the clear conflict of outcomes, Members of this Board were advised in September 2007 that both matters would be presented to the Highways Advisory Board (HAB) for decision.

Highways Advisory Board Decision

5. Reports were presented to the November 2007 meeting of the Highways Advisory Board (HAB) setting out the respective cases and justification for the recommendations.
6. The HAB supported both proposals to recommend to the Cabinet Member for Environment, Highways & Waste that the two schemes for Richmond Street and Marine Parade, Sheerness, be combined and that no further action is taken in Ruins Barn Road, Tunstall.
7. However, in making their recommendation the HAB requested that a further update report be presented to the next appropriate meeting of the HAB on the proposed scheme for Richmond Street/Marine Parade, Sheerness before it is taken further.

Decision Required

8. That Members note the report.

List of Background Documents

November 2007 HAB Report - Proposed Traffic Management Scheme, Richmond Street/Marine Parade, Sheerness

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