

JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD 8th SEPTEMBER 2008

Subject: **London Road/The Mall/Ashford Road junctions, Faversham**

Director/Head of Service: The Director of Kent Highway Services

Decision Issues:

Decision: Non-key

Ward/Division: **Watling**

Summary: *This report outlines the current position in relation to improvements at this junction.*

To Recommend: **This report is for Members' information.**

Classification: THIS REPORT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Introduction

1. Improvements at these junctions have been investigated on a number of occasions.

Discussion

2. There is little scope to do anything within the existing highway boundary. Most notably, a roundabout would require significant land take from adjacent properties, including Abbey School.
3. A traffic signal junction, although using less land, would not reduce delays at the junction, but would share them out between each of the different approaches. Time would also need to be allocated to allow pedestrians to cross safely. This would introduce delays at all times of the day, compared to the present situation, where delays are largely confined to the peak hour. Special measures would be needed to enable fast egress from the fire station.
4. Either scheme would significantly change the landscape of this approach to Faversham, much of which is a conservation area.
5. The principle of improvements was assessed in PIPKIN and obtained a relatively low score. In addition, the minimum cost of any scheme is thought to be over £250,000; with land acquisition and utility diversion costs, that figure could easily double.

Conclusion

6. At the present time, there are no plans to investigate the matter in more detail.

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