

JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD 8 SEPTEMBER 2008

- Subject:** **Petition received - Davington School**
- Director/Head of Service:** The Director of Kent Highway Services
- Decision Issues:**
- Decision:** Non-key
- Ward/Division:** **Davington Priory**
- Summary:** *This report responds to the petition presented at the previous JTB meeting.*
- To Recommend:** **This report is for Members' information.**
- Classification:** THIS REPORT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Introduction

1. At the June 2008 meeting of this Board, a petition was handed in concerning traffic conditions in and around Davington School. It has not been made clear who organised the petition.

Background

2. Kent Highway Services has for some time been investigating issues in this area. This was acknowledged by the petition. There have been meetings with the local town councillor, with the school, and e-mail exchanges with the chair of Davington PACT (Police and Communities Together).

Discussion

3. What has become very clear from the different parties involved is that measures which would benefit travel to and from school are likely to be at the expense of residents. So far, a number of potential changes to road layouts have been sketched out, and then rejected because of the adverse impacts on all-day use. This includes, for example, loss of parking; elimination of passing spaces; and difficulties for larger vehicles such as delivery lorries and buses.
4. Kent Highway Services continues to research an option that is likely to prove acceptable to both residents – who will have to live with any changes 24 hours a day, 365 days a year – and to school users, whose impact is broadly 30 minutes in the morning and 30 minutes in the afternoon for 180 days a year.
5. Nevertheless, the principle of improvements at this location has scored well in the PIPKIN assessment system. Once confirmation of this is received, it is intended to take potential designs to public exhibition, probably at the school,

where both local residents and school users will have the chance to comment on them.

Conclusion

6. Updates to this Board will be provided through the Capital Works Programme report, presented to each meeting of this Board.

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