

Swale Transport Strategy Progress Report 2008-9

Highway Network – Major Projects			
Challenge	Progress in 2008-9	Action to be taken in 2009-10	Lead
Northern Relief Road (Creek Crossing)	Public Inquiry has confirmed scheme as proposed	Construction to commence Autumn 2009	KCC
Northern Relief Road (East Hall Farm to the A2)	Design of final section under development	Public consultation on route options due Summer 2009	KCC & SBC
A249 Grovehurst Interchange	No work undertaken	Work planned to pick up using outcomes from M2 junction 5 work	KCC, SBC, Highways Agency
A2/M2 Link	No progress this year	Review of project benefits to be undertaken	KCC/SBC
Sittingbourne Town Centre	Extensive traffic modelling undertaken to test town centre master plan proposals. Master plan will propose closure of St Michaels Road to make way for redevelopment	Continued use of the model to develop master plan proposals Developers consultants using the model to test their proposals in detail ahead of planning application	SBC/KCC and Developers
Rushenden Relief Road	Enabling works underway	Construction ongoing	SEEDA
B2231 Lower Road	Works to implement findings of route strategy commencing March 2008	Remainder of improvement projects to be delivered	Kent Highway Services
A251 Faversham to Ashford	Works completed		Kent Highway Services
M2 Junction 5	Near completion of short term improvement options	Reporting of short term improvement options and commence work on the longer term improvements	SBC, KCC and Highways Agency
A2 Corridor – reduction of traffic impact	Green Street study completed in Teynham	Implementation to be explored	KHS, SBC and parish councils
Swanstree Avenue Extension	Works have commenced	Project Completed	Developer and KCC

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Public Transport – Rail			
Challenge	Progress in 2008-9	Action to be taken in 2009-10	Lead
Get the optimum service pattern for Swale	Working with rail operator in relation to service provided to Swale	High speed services to commence in December 2009	SBC & SE Trains
Access improvements	Delayed implementation of access for all improvements at Sittingbourne	New bridge with disabled access bridge to commence on site	SBC, SE Trains and Network Rail
Freight development	No Action this year	Opportunities will be explored with major operators eg Sheerness Port	SBC
Interchange facilities	Sittingbourne master plan has proposed a new interchange at the station	Masterplan to be adopted. Possibilities at Sheerness to be explored.	SBC, SE Trains and Network Rail

Public Transport - Buses			
Challenge	Progress in 2008-9	Action to be taken in 2009-10	Lead
Increase patronage	Increased service frequency services have been introduced between Sittingbourne and East hall farm. Patronage has increased Changes to services have brought bus access to Sheppey hospital and a new service linking Sheerness, Sittingbourne and Maidstone	Sittingbourne masterplan will present opportunities to review bus service patterns within the town Service patterns in Sheppey to be reviewed in preparation for the Queenborough Regeneration programme	KCC, SBC and operators
Improved access	Ongoing programme of bus stop improvements	Ongoing programme of bus stop improvements	Kent Highway Services
Interchange facilities	Central Area study of Sittingbourne has developed outline proposals for the transport interchange at the station	Interchange at Sittingbourne station will be designed through the master plan process	SBC

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Sustainable Transport			
Challenge	Progress in 2008-9	Action to be taken in 2009-10	Lead
Promote increased use of sustainable modes	SBC adopted green travel plan	Implementation of SBC travel plan	SBC
Increased sustainable transport provision arising from development	Ongoing Work taken forward through planning processes	Ongoing	KCC/SBC

Walking and Pedestrians			
Challenge	Progress in 2008-9	Action to be taken in 2009-10	Lead
Increase the number of people walking	Identify opportunities for improvements and promotion	In partnership with KCC and other partners such as PCT Identification of projects that will improve attractiveness of walking routes	SBC & KCC
Pedestrian Priority	Signal timings reviewed to give greater pedestrian priority	Identification of projects that will improve attractiveness of walking routes – on-going	KCC & SBC
Increase number of pupils walking to school	KCC travel plan advisors assisting schools to develop travel plans and measures to assist walking & cycling will be identified	Ongoing	KCC, SBC and various other groups

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Cycling			
Challenge	Progress in 2008-9	Action to be taken in 2009-10	Lead
Infrastructure to support cycling	LTP allocations have been made for the cycle network in Sheerness and Sittingbourne	Projects to be developed for delivery	KCC
Promotion of cycling	No direct work undertaken this year	None planned	SBC & KCC
Increase cycling to work/school	No direct work undertaken this year	Opportunities to be identified through the school travel planners	SBC & KCC
Integration with other modes	No direct work undertaken this year	Opportunities to be identified during scheme design Potential for integration to be further explored through Sittingbourne master plan	SBC & KCC

Parking			
Challenge	Progress in 2008-9	Action to be taken in 2009-10	Lead
Develop a parking strategy	Work to develop a parking strategy for Sittingbourne has formed part of the master planning process	Parking strategy for Sittingbourne to be further refined	SBC
Residential parking	Consultation on extension to Sittingbourne residents parking scheme undertaken Parking survey undertaken in Sheerness	Roll out extension to the Sittingbourne residents parking scheme	SBC

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Local Transport Plan Schemes

Below is a list of schemes programmed for implementation during 2008-9 by Kent Highway Services using Local Transport Plan funding.

Scheme Title	Scheme Location	Scheme Description	Comments
Bell Road/Avenue of Remembrance		Signal improvements and pedestrian phase (2007-8 scheme)	In Design.
Street Clutter removal	Various	Removal of redundant signs and posts	KHS to develop project
High St/Victoria St/Vincent Gardens Sheerness		Parking and Junction modifications with Pedestrian refuge (2007-8 scheme)	With Kent Highways implementation team. No delivery timetable provided
Broadway/Marine Parade and Richmond Road, Sheerness		Junction modifications and Road Markings (2007-8 schemes)	With Kent Highways implementation team. No delivery timetable provided
Tonge Rd, Sittingbourne		Traffic calming and junction modifications	Project not implemented. Slipped to 2008-9. Funded by Section 106
Bus Route, Facilities and Accessibility Improvements Phase 1	Borough Wide	Programme under development	Ongoing
B2231 Lower Road		Safety Improvements	Further work to be undertaken in 2009-10
A251 Faversham to Ashford		Safety Improvements	Completed
Iwade cycle routes	Iwade village	Traffic management and additional cycling / pedestrian facilities	Cycle facilities being introduced
Sheerness cycle routes		2008-9 scheme. Roll out of a new cycle network	Under development. Not delivered in this Financial year
Mill Way cycle route, Sittingbourne		2008-9 scheme. New cycle route on Mill Way	Scheme completed