TO: SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DATE: 7th September 2009

SUBJECT: The Broadway, Minster – waiting restrictions

BY: Transportation and Development Manager – Swale

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: A report on a request by the County Member to install waiting

restrictions on The Broadway, Minster

Decision Required: Report to be noted

<u>Introduction</u>

1. The Board recommended at the last JTB that the matter be referred to Kent Highway Services for further investigation.

Discussion

- 2. A 24 hr/7 day automated speed survey commenced on the Saturday 30th may 2009 in the vicinity of 95/97 The Broadway. The average weekly mean speed recorded was 34 mph and the 85%tile speed was 39.2 mph. After consultation with the Police they consider that a reduced speed limit to 30 mph would conform to Department of Transport guidance.
- 3. Analysis of the last three year PIC up to June 2006 revealed that there have been 6 slight and 3 serious personal injury crashes. Of these three were considered due to speed. Two may be related to the reduced forward visibility created by the brow of the hills.
- 4. Waiting restrictions are normally only implemented by KHS when they are associated with an approved scheme. A bid for a lower speed limit was submitted in this years Scheme Prioritisation System for inclusion in the 2010/11 schemes. An initial draft list has identified that the scheme has a very low score and priority ranking.

Decision Required

Those schemes that score few points are deemed 'non virtuous' and cannot be resubmitted for three years unless there is a fundamental change in the scheme proposal, the need for the scheme, or the assessment process.

Kent Highways will continue to monitor the situation through the annual assessment programme.

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