

TO: SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD
DATE: 7th September 2009
SUBJECT: School Lane, Iwade – school keep clear markings
BY: Divisional Manager Mid Kent
Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: Report on objections received to the relocation of school keep clear markings
Decision Required: To consider report

Introduction

At the JTB meeting on 15th June, the results of a consultation to relocate the school keep clear markings were reported. It was recommended that these results be reported back to Kent Highways for further investigation as part of the School Lane/The Street works.

The proposal to relocate the school keep clear markings was as a result of a meeting with the County Member and school representatives. Since expansion of the school the primary pedestrian access has moved from the west to eastern end of the school. The school is in the process of making an application for a school crossing patrol person. They wish to locate the patrol adjacent to the primary access and this is subject to a risk assessment being carried out.

Discussion

The relocation of the school keep clear markings is proposed in conjunction with the location of the proposed crossing patrol. In addition proposed changes to the junction of School Lane and The Street are currently under consideration. The maximum length of zigzag lines permitted by the regulations is 43.5m. This would keep the area clear for the proposed school crossing patrol and maintain access to the car park. To blanket the whole length of road in front of the school with parking restrictions would displace the parking elsewhere, adding to the problems in the adjacent car park and shifting it into the side streets. Physical measures could be put in place to prevent parking on the south side of the road if the need arises.

Decision Required

The relocation of the school keep clear markings to be put on hold until the results of the crossing patrol assessment and decision on the School Lane/The Street junction alterations are approved.

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