

TO: SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DATE: 14th December 2009

SUBJECT: St Georges Avenue, Sheerness

BY: Head of Countywide Improvements

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: A report on a consultation made to implement this scheme

Decision Required: Approval of recommendation to remove the mini roundabout and reinstate a standard give-way junction.

Introduction

1. Following a representation made by Councillor Angela Harrison (Swale Borough Council Member) regarding the safety of the junction of St Georges Avenue and Granville Road Sheerness, a scheme has been designed to remove the mini roundabout and reinstate a standard give-way junction.

Discussion

2. As a consequence of the consultation of approximately 220 properties, a total of four objections were made. These came from residents from Granville Road and St Georges Avenue. Their concern is that illegally parked cars are the cause of the visibility problem - not the mini roundabout itself. The issue of illegally parked cars was also raised by residents who supported the proposal.
3. There have been a total of 4 personal injury crashes over the past 3 years up to end of June 2009 at the junction of St Georges Avenue and Granville Road. One involved a pedestrian attempting to cross the road; two involved shunts whilst pulling onto the roundabout; one involved a bus stopping suddenly and a passenger on board being injured.

Decision Required

4. To recommend implementation of the scheme to remove the mini roundabout and reinstate a standard give-way junction. That the objectors to be notified of the decision.

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St Georges Avenue, Sheerness

Junction Improvement at Granville Road



Public Consultation

What is being proposed?

Kent Highway Services is proposing to remove the existing mini roundabout arrangement at the junction of St Georges Avenue and Granville Road. In its place there will be a T Junction with priority given to vehicles travelling along St Georges Avenue. Vehicles exiting Granville Road will Give Way to traffic on St Georges Avenue.

Why do we want to do this?

Following representations made to Angela Harrison your local councillor regarding the safety of the existing arrangement and the visibility for traffic exiting Granville Road a proposal has been drafted.

What does this scheme involve?

The scheme will involve removing the existing mini roundabout road markings and associated illuminated signs. The mini roundabout will be replaced with Give Way markings in Granville Road with associated signs.

How do I register my views?

This information is being provided to raise awareness of the proposed improvements. KHS would like to hear from you should you wish to support these proposals or if you have any related concerns or points that you feel are appropriate to be considered as part of the progression of this scheme. Please take time to complete the tear off feedback form below and return in the reply paid envelope for your views to be registered, to be received by no later than **FRIDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2009**. Following on from this, the detailed design will be progressed, taking into consideration the feedback from this consultation.

How to find out more?

If you would like to find out more about the proposals, or see more detailed plans, you can do so in a number of ways:

- Call our 24hr helpline **0845 824 7800**, quoting **St Georges Avenue Mini Roundabout**
- View the proposals and register your opinion online at www.kent.gov.uk/transport-and-streets
- follow the link to 'Current Consultations' on the right hand side of the website page.

Feedback form

Do you support the proposals to remove the mini roundabout at the junction with Granville Road and replace with a Give Way junction.

Yes No Not sure

Please register any comments in the box overleaf
Please provide your details; this information will be used for the sole purpose of this consultation.

Your Name (and organisation, if applicable):

Your Address:

Your e-mail address (for any responses):

Please register any comments in the box below

Return by **Friday 18 September 2009** to: Kent Highway Services, Countywide Improvements Team (East Schemes), Ashford Highway Depot, Henwood Industrial Estate, Javelin Way, Ashford, Kent TN24 8AD. Alternatively you can email your response to cwiresurfacingeast@kent.gov.uk