

TO: SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD
DATE: 14 June 2010
SUBJECT: Great Easthall Bus Lane, Sittingbourne
BY: Transportation and Development Manager - Swale
Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: An update on the implementation of a bus only lane on to the Great Easthall estate

Decision Required: For Information

Introduction

1. A bus only lane has been constructed by the developers of Great Easthall from Oak Road into the new development. The road is privately owned by Countryside Properties (Special Projects) Ltd and there is no Section 38 Agreement in place for its future adoption.
2. There are major impediments to the potential adoption of the road in terms of parts of the works being outside highway specification requirements as well as in terms of their completeness. KHS has corresponded with the developer and had meetings with them to try to progress the works to a satisfactory standard. We are still awaiting their response and actions.
3. The traffic signals controlling bus movement along the lane were put in place by the developer and commissioned in February 2008 but it is reported by local members of the public that these are regularly contravened by drivers of cars. However there are no reported personal injury crashes for the last 3 year period up to 31st December 2009.
4. A Traffic Regulation Order is required to enable the Police to enforce the restriction. The intended notice was advertised in September 2008 and consulted on. However, fundamental objections were raised by the Police as to their resources available to enforce the Order. There are also additional signage works needed, to be completed by the developer, before the Order can be made and legally enforced.

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5. To note the report.

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Background documents:
Plan and photo

