AGENDA ITEM No. 8

SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD 6 SEPTEMBER 2010

Subject:	Traffic Regulation Orders – A2 Newington
Director/Head of Service:	Director of Kent Highway Services
Decision Issues:	These matters are within the authority of the Kent County Council
Decision:	Non-key
CCC Ward/KCC Division:	All
Summary:	Report detailing process relating to Traffic Regulation Orders and proposed closure of A2 Newington.
To Note	These reports are for Members' information
Classification:	THIS REPORT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Introduction

A Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) is made by the Highway Authority when a road closure on traffic or pedestrians is required. The main need is to manage the safety of the travelling public and site operatives on the highway.

A TTRO public notice, giving details of the road affected, the date and the reason for the temporary restriction (for example the replacement of old gas main in the carriageway) and the alternative routes.

Public notices are published in local newspapers two weeks and one working day prior to the road being closed.

KHS also sends a widely distributed email bulletin of forthcoming road closures to the emergency services, public transport providers, road haulage association, other road work promoters and utilities.

A more district-specific email is also published for information within KHS and circulated via the KHS Community Liaison Officers to District and County Members, together with Parishes Councils.

A2 Closure

The proposed road closure of the A2 High Street, Newington was advertised and circulated in this way.

It became increasingly apparent during this process that there were likely to be problems with closing the A2 at this time, due to roadworks on other nearby roads.

Once it was clear that a road closure would not be happening, a further bulletin was issued to this effect, on 20 July 2010.

In addition, the Roadworks Co-ordinator discussed various issues with the Clerk at Newington, the local school, Medway Unitary Authority.

Conclusion

This report is for Members information.

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