

SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD – 13 DECEMBER 2010

Subject:	B2231 Reclassification
Director/Head of Service:	Network Performance Manager
Decision:	No – For information only
Ward/Division:	Isle of Sheppey
Summary:	<i>Report to inform the Swale JTB of the progress to reclassify the B2231 on the Isle of Sheppey</i>
To Recommend:	For Information only
Classification:	THIS REPORT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Introduction

The B2231, Lower Road, is a single-carriageway road, running on a west-east alignment for 11.7km across the Isle of Sheppey from its junction with the A249(T) outside Queenborough. The B2231 connects the communities of Minster, Eastchurch, Warden and Leysdown with the A249(T) and is the only classified route for the communities of Eastchurch, Warden and Leysdown. The Maintenance Hierarchy designates the B2231 as 'Other Strategic'.

The potential reclassification of the B2231 to an 'A' road has previously been raised by Mr. Peter MacDonald, Chairman of Minster Parish Council, at the Swale Joint Transport Board. This report explains the current progress towards reclassifying the B2231 road to an 'A' road.

Progress Report

Unfortunately the reclassification of the B2231 road to an 'A' road didn't meet previous KCC Road Classification policy and therefore KHS were unable to recommend its reclassification.

A recent review of the KCC Road Classification policy recommended some amendments to take into account of certified holiday parks where they are occupied for a minimum of 8 months of the year. This revised policy was approved recently.

Due to the reasonably high levels of occupied holiday parks on the Isle of Sheppey and in particular around the B2231 we had to include these in the assessment of the B2231 reclassification. This assessment has recommended that the B2231 be reclassified as an 'A' road as soon as we receive approval from the Government of the North East (GONE).

A new Roads Classification (Roads 214) Form has recently been issued by post to GONE. The process will now be to wait for GONE's approval before commencing further. It is expected that approval will be received in early 2011. At this stage we will then commence with replacing road signs and updating the Local Street Gazetteer. This will probably take us to spring 2011 before the overall process is complete.

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