

To: Swale Joint Transportation Board

By: Traffic Schemes and Member Highway Fund Manager

Date: 10 June 2013

Subject: Eastchurch Primary School (St Clements site),
Leysdown-on-Sea – response to petition

Classification: Information only

Summary: This report informs Members of the response to a petition submitted to the previous meeting of this Board.

Introduction

1. At the previous meeting on 11 March 2013, the Chairman advised that Cllr Pat Sandle had handed in a petition with 80 names for a proposal to be put forward to Kent County Council concerning the implementation of a safe crossing (i.e. a pelican crossing) outside the school gates, to enable the parents and children to cross safely when coming to Eastchurch Primary School, St Clement site, Leysdown-on-Sea.
2. The crossing location is currently served by a Road Crossing Patrol (i.e. a lollipop person).

Consideration and response

3. Cllr Sandle received a response to the petition from Bryan Sweetland, the Cabinet Member for Environment, Highways & Waste, in his letter of 25 April 2013:
4. “Thank you for your recent petition. Kent County Council receive many requests each year for highway safety schemes, and must carefully prioritise which improvements we can deliver and those we just cannot afford. We will only consider committing resources to locations where there has been a pattern of personal injury crashes within the last three years of available records. We have no record of any pattern of incidents in this section of Leysdown Road, and therefore at this moment in time, we will not be able to meet your request. KCC has to be fair and consistent in its approach to these issues across the County. I can reassure you that we take road safety issues very seriously. As part of our

annual Casualty Reduction Programme, we will continue to monitor the safety record in the area and will take whatever action we can justify, within the budgets that we have available. We will also continue to address pedestrian safety and raise awareness through road safety education.”

Recommendation

5. The Cabinet Member’s letter response of 25 April 2013 be noted.

Background documents:

None

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