

**Tabled paper – Deferred Item 1**

**18/502735 - Land at Perry Court, Ashford Road, Faversham**

Kent Country Council Highways and Transportation have submitted the following additional comments following publication of the latest committee report –

*For clarification the A2/A251 scheme may not be delivered in the next 18 months as implied in the report. Whilst this is the anticipated timescale it is subject to forward funding being secured and completion and approval of the detailed designs. Large amounts of the Section 106 contributions already committed to the scheme have housing occupation triggers for developments that have not yet been reached. As such all the required funding is not readily available and the report to the JTB highlighted that forward funding may be necessary from the Local Authorities.*

*The decision for signalisation has however been approved by the JTB. The contribution from this 18/502735 application would provide readily available funds to continue progressing the delivery of the scheme. The County Council have advanced with the delivery of the scheme having already forward funded the options studies and are currently completing the detailed designs and seeking contractor quotes for the works.*

*The applicants promoted EV strategy is acceptable to KCC Highways. It is recommended that this money be provided to Swale Borough Council for installation of the off-site EV provision within Faversham.*

*I offer my apologies that I cannot attend on Thursday. In respect of the development members may wish to note the following information, all of which was presented at the last committee on the 30<sup>th</sup> May.*

- *The applicant has agreed to an appropriate contribution of £99,660. This is calculated on a per peak hour movement contribution as pre-determined by earlier applications which generate movements through the A2/A251 junction.*
- *The number of peak hour vehicle movements directly related to the development affecting the A2/A251 is expected to be 98.*
- *The analysis completed demonstrates that the movements from the development on the A2/A251 junction equate to a 1.1% increase in the AM and a 2.2% increase in the PM. Such percentages are very minor and indeed well within the 5% usually quoted for daily fluctuations in flows. In addition the Highway Authority had requested very robust trip generation calculations for the Aldi store element of the development. This has been assessed in line with supermarkets rather than discount stores as originally proposed by the applicant. Two of the three Supermarkets assessed for the trip generation were over double in size of the proposed application and whilst supermarkets remain the most appropriate comparable parameter, as in this case, Aldi stores generally require significantly smaller car parks than a standard*

*supermarket. There are also a number of food retail options in the local vicinity. For these reasons I am confident that the assessment completed is robust, the contribution being offered is appropriate and that should there be any, temporary delay, between the opening of the supermarket and the delivery of the signalised A2/A251 junction, there are no Highway concerns.*

*I hope that the above provides members with a succinct summary to answer any questions that could not be answered in my earlier formal responses. As mentioned I am happy to attempt to answer any member questions submitted prior to the meeting should these be sent through to me.*

Officer note – Firstly, I would apologise to Members for any misrepresentation of the delivery schedule in paragraph 4.02 of my report. This was taken directly from the report to the Swale Joint Transport Board dated 24<sup>th</sup> June (P86, paragraph 7.4 of the JTB report). KCC have now clarified that delivery may take longer. However KCC advise that any temporary delay between opening of the foodstore and delivery of the junction improvement scheme does not raise any highways concerns.

Members will note that a KCC Highways officer will not be present at the committee meeting. If any Member has a highways question relating to this scheme prior to the meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> September, please send an email to the addresses below and KCC Highways will seek to answer it. I will update the Planning Committee Members of any such queries raised and subsequent answers by way of another tabled update on the day of committee.

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