

SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD (JTB)

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235/09/13	A2 / A251 Junction, Faversham	KCC	(1) That both proposed traffic improvements (Annex 1 and 2 in the report), the inclusion of consideration of the junction of The Mall and the A2, plus the option of 'no change', be approved for the purposes of a wider public consultation and the results of the consultation brought back to the JTB at a later date.	KCC are carrying out revised traffic modelling, around the two options of roundabout or traffic lights, in order to further inform the decision of which construction option KCC would want to pursue. Discussions are still ongoing with regards localised developments, including Perry Court, and S106 contributions.
	Subsequent related Minute No. 72/06/14 A2/A251 Junction, Faversham Highway Improvement Scheme	KCC	(1) That Option B (roundabout) be progressed as the preferred option for the A2/A251 junction, Faversham.	
218/09/14	Lower Road Junction with Barton Hill Drive, Isle of Sheppey	KCC	(1) That the preferred option for the Lower Road junction with the Barton Hill Drive junction be a small roundabout, rather than a mini-roundabout.	KCC – Report included in December JTB
383/12/15	Pedestrian Crossing at South Avenue School, Sittingbourne	KCC	(1) A feasibility study to be carried out into highway improvements at the site. (2) A report on the conclusions of the feasibility study to be presented to a future JTB. (3) The cost of funding for the feasibility study to come from a Member's grant.	A brief was issued to estimate the costs associated with producing an options report for this study. Following instruction, from the then County Member, the study commission was discontinued.
564/03/16	Public Session		(1) That a working group be set-up to examine how a 20mph limit could be implemented in Faversham and then rolled-out Borough-wide.	KCC – discussion at December JTB

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869/09/16	Kent County Council Local Transport Plan 4: Delivering Growth without Gridlock (2016-2031) (Consultation Draft)	KCC	(1) That the report be noted and delegated powers be given to the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman and the Cabinet Member for Environment and Rural Affairs, following meetings with the Economy and Community Services Manager and Spatial Planning Manager, to report back to the consultation with issues that the Board had raised.	LTP4 received over 500 consultation responses and a Consultation Report summarising the results was presented to KCC's Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee (ETCC) in January. The Report is available at www.kent.gov.uk/localtransportplan . LTP4 is subsequently being revised and the intention is to return to ETCC in March followed by adoption by County Council later this year.
1079/12/16	Update on the 20's Plenty for Faversham Working Group	KCC	(1) That the JTB supports the recommendations put forward by the Working Group, and officers submit a report to the next JTB meeting on the feasibility of the proposals. (2) That the officers' report considers how proposals might be rolled-out across the Borough.	<i>Following a meeting of the Faversham 20mph working group and KCC officers, the working group are now formulating a list of roads for them to carry out speed surveys upon (being advised accordingly by KCC officers). These speed surveys will be carried out in September and help to inform the discussion regarding suitability for 20mph limits and any need for traffic calming measures The working group are also planning a public exhibition / engagement exercise for the summer holiday period.</i>
1080/12/16	Informal Consultation on Proposed Waiting Restrictions – Fairview Road, Sittingbourne	SBC	(1) That the Traffic Regulation Order on proposed double yellow lines in Fairview Road, Sittingbourne proceed, as per the second consultation.	<i>Traffic Order enforceable from 5 September 2017</i>
1083/12/16	Update on the Progress of the Swale Freight Transport Plan	SBC	(1) That the Draft Freight Management Plan be submitted to DEFRA, to include all the recommendations agreed by the Board at the 12 September 2016 JTB meeting. (2) That the proposed actions in the Plan are progressed during 2017 with Swale	SBC: The draft action plan was prepared with the recommendations agreed by the Board at the 12 September 2016 JTB meeting. This was consulted on internally and relevant concerns were considered and incorporated into the

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			<p>Borough Council, Kent County Council and other partners.</p> <p>(3) That the final changes to Section 3 and to paragraphs 7.7 and 7.8 go to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the JTB, prior to the Plan being submitted to DEFRA.</p>	<p>final plan in December.</p> <p>The final changes to Section 3 and to paragraphs 7.7 and 7.8 were sent to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the JTB, The final plan was sent to the leader of the Council for it to be agreed by the management before it was submitted to Defra in December. Defra acknowledged receipt of the draft plan.</p> <p>I aim to consult more widely externally once I have an opinion from Defra on the draft Plan.</p> <p>If agreed the actions will be pursued during 2017 and 2018 provided that funding can be obtained to support those actions.</p>
1084/12/16	A2 Teynham Speed Limit Petition Response	KCC	<p>(1) That the Cabinet Member at KCC be advised that the three tiers of Local Government represented on the Swale JTB are dissatisfied with the report and would like the matter to be looked into again, to include looking at how changes could be made.</p>	<p>Response sent to JTB Chair, Andrew Bowles, by Matthew Balfour.</p>
1085/12/16	Eligibility of New Developments to Purchase Permits in Residents' Parking Schemes	SBC	<p>(1) That the report be noted which clarifies the current position with regard to the eligibility of residents in new developments to purchase parking permits in existing Residents' Parking Schemes.</p> <p>(2) That the current position is reconsidered and strengthened as part of any future planning policy review of Parking Standards.</p> <p>(3) That a review of the Parking Standards used by Swale Borough Council's Planning</p>	<p>Copy of December JTB Minutes forwarded to Planning Services</p> <p><i>Traffic Regulation Order Amendment 7 prepared to state that new developments within existing Residents Parking Scheme will not be eligible for parking permits. Traffic Order for formal consultation in September.</i></p>

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			Officers takes place at the earliest opportunity with a view to decoupling from the current KCC Standards and adopting a local policy by the end of 2018. This would help Planners ensure adequate numbers of parking places are provided on new developments.	
1227/03/17	Petition to provide Tunstall School with a Pedestrian Crossing	KCC	(1) That a report would be written and submitted to a future meeting of the Board.	<p><i>KCC have no plans to provide any further crossing facilities at this time. Please see below.</i></p> <p><i>From the KCC Development Planners</i></p> <p><i>The suggestion is that KCC stated the new school would attract less traffic than before. The advice given actually referred to a reduction in the proportion of car journeys to the school. Previously 84% of pupils travelled by car due to the school being remote, from the main residential areas of southern Sittingbourne, with no continuous footway link it. The new school is adjacent to the residential areas it generally serves and is well connected by footways, so a greater proportion of children are expected to walk. Similarly located schools typically have around 52% of pupils arrive by car.</i></p> <p><i>The Stage 1 and 2 Road Safety Audits, carried out for the S278 works, didn't envisage any need to provide controlled crossings, or consider that crossing points taking advantage of the speed humps to facilitate a flush surface would indicate that pedestrians had any priority over vehicles.</i></p>

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				<p><i>From the KCC School crossing patrol team:</i></p> <p><i>An application was received from the school for a school crossing patrol to be established outside of the school pedestrian access point. The school identified this as the pedestrian access only gate across Tunstall Road in February 2017 (across Tunstall Road from Chevington House).</i></p> <p><i>KCC Safer Mobility Team, using the defined guidance from Road Safety GB for establishing crossing sites, conducted the pedestrian and vehicle crossing count in March 2017. As a result the school were provided authorisation for the recruitment of a KCC funded crossing patrol. The RSGB Guidance uses the calculation to define the busiest 30 minute period between 8am and 9am on a school day. This was identified as 8.30am to 9am for Tunstall School and therefore is the identified time for the morning crossing. The afternoon crossing will be determined by the school and KCC depending on the timing of the end of the school day, considering after school activities that may require an extended crossing period outside of the usual 30 minutes. There are no additional reasons provided by the school, therefore the crossing time remains at 30 minutes for the afternoon session.</i></p> <p><i>During the site assessment the latest crash statistics were considered; no injury road traffic collisions were recorded for the three year period to 31/03/2017 (latest available).</i></p> <p><i>Whilst there were no problems regarding ambiguity observed during the traffic count</i></p>

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				<p><i>between driver's and pedestrians, the provision of the SCP will give clear direction to all crossing users.</i></p> <p><i>There were considerations identified to the Safety Schemes Team for relocating and adding further warning signs for drivers, which have been approved and is being undertaken.</i></p> <p><i>At the time of recruiting for the full time patrol it is identified to schools to consider recruiting a casual relief to cover absences; however, this proves difficult when considering general recruiting problems.</i></p> <p><i>The school have had difficulty in recruiting an SCP (common across all Kent schools); however, interviews were held in late June recruitment paperwork is still awaited.</i></p>
1227/03/17	Petition to introduce a 20mph restriction on all roads within The Meads, Sittingbourne	KCC	1) That a report would be written and submitted to a future meeting of the Board.	KCC are happy to provide advice and guidance in order to assist a third party in their attaining the necessary Traffic Regulation Order. KCC would not be looking to fund the implementation of this scheme at this time.
1228/03/17	A request from Eastchurch Parish Council to investigate the possibility of installing a one-way system in the upper section of Church Road, Eastchurch	KCC	(1) That KCC supports the proposals set-out by Eastchurch Parish Council for the re-designation of Church Road, Eastchurch, as a one-way road, and note that the Parish Council was happy to fund the scheme.	KCC are providing advice and guidance in order to assist the Parish Council in their attaining the necessary Traffic Regulation Order. KCC would not be looking to fund the implementation of this scheme at this time.
1229/03/17	A request from	KCC	(1) That KCC supports the proposals set-out	<i>The extending of the existing 30mph limit is</i>

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	Minster-on-Sea Parish Council to review the speed limit on Scocles Road, Minster		by Minster-on-Sea Parish Council to reduce the remaining part of Scocles Road, Minster from 60mph to 30mph, so that the entire length of road has a 30mph speed limit.	<i>currently subject of discussions between the Parish Council and KCC Development Planners, with a view to this being funded through Section 106 contributions.</i>
69/06/17	Public Session - Petition on behalf of local residents which sought parking restrictions in Highsted Road, Sittingbourne between 10am and 11pm Monday to Friday.	KCC	The Chairman accepted the petition and advised that a report would be written and submitted to a future meeting of the Board.	<p><i>The petition was forwarded, by SBC, to the KCC Cabinet Member for Environment & Transport, Mr Mathew Balfour.</i></p> <p><i>Mr Balfour responded directly to the petition authors, stating the following:</i></p> <p><i>Dear Sirs,</i></p> <p><i>As you know, your petition calling for “the council to impose parking restrictions between 10am to 11am Monday to Friday” in Highsted Road, was passed by the Swale Joint Transportation Board to Kent County Council.</i></p> <p><i>Firstly, I would like to thank you for taking the time to organise this petition.</i></p> <p><i>Kent County Council receives many requests for the implementation of highway improvement measures and, as such, all requests are reviewed and prioritised accordingly. Our evidenced based approach is how we prioritise investment in road safety improvements.</i></p> <p><i>The implementation of all new waiting restriction schemes is managed by the Swale Borough</i></p>

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				<p><i>Council parking team. Such schemes are only funded by Kent County Council if they formed part of a new safety scheme or a County Member funded scheme. As Highsted Road is neither of the above, at this time, such parking restrictions would have to be referred to the Swale Borough Council parking team.</i></p> <p><i>If such a scheme were to be implemented it would be carried out by Swale Borough Council, as the parking authority for your area, given that this would fall within their remit. We have referred your petition to their Parking Manager, contactable via 01795 424341.</i></p> <p><i>Meanwhile, if drivers are parking across the driveway of a property, with a legal vehicle crossover, and in doing so preventing a vehicle from exiting that driveway this would constitute an offence of Unnecessary Obstruction, contrary to Regulation 103 of the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986. Kent Police are the enforcement authority for such an offence and can be contacted by phoning 101.</i></p>
	Public Session - Petition to provide Tunstall School with a Pedestrian Crossing.	KCC	(1) That KCC Highways and Transportation provide a more in-depth report on the proposals for providing Tunstall School with a pedestrian crossing for consideration at a future meeting of the Board.	<i>Please see comments relating to item 1227/03/17 above</i>
70/06/17	Petition for residents parking - School	SBC	(1) That a Residents Parking Scheme is introduced in School Road, Faversham.	<i>(1) & (2) See two update reports submitted to September 2017 JTB.</i>

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	Road, Faversham - update report		(2) That Plantation Road is included in the Residents Parking Scheme. (3) That a Residents Parking Scheme is not introduced in Kings Road, Faversham.	<i>(3) Residents of Kings Road advised that that scheme will not progress in their road.</i>
71/06/17	Formal objections to Traffic Regulation Order Swale Amendment 6	SBC	(1) That the proposed double yellow lines at the side of the Funeral Directors in Ranelagh Road, Sheerness be progressed. (2) That the proposed double yellow lines in Ospringe Place, Faversham, be progressed on both sides of the road. (3) That the proposed double yellow lines in Fairview Road, Sittingbourne, be progressed.	<i>Traffic Order enforceable from 5 September 2017.</i>
72/06/17	Petition for changes to Residents Parking Scheme - Ufton Lane, Sittingbourne - update report	SBC	(1) That officers proceed with an informal consultation with residents located within the 2 hour waiting limit of Ufton Lane on proposals to amend the waiting limit to one hour or 30 minutes and that the impacts of such proposals be clearly set out for residents. (2) That officers extend the informal consultation area to include all residents located within the 1 hour waiting limit areas of the Residents Parking Scheme to gauge support for changing the waiting limit to 30 minutes and that the impacts of such proposals be clearly set out for residents.	<i>Update report with draft consultation material submitted to September 2017 JTB.</i>