

**TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

**15 December 2008**

**Report of the Interim Director of Kent Highway Services**

**Part 1- Public**

**Matters For Information**

**1 PETITIONS SUBMITTED TO KENT HIGHWAY SERVICES**

**Summary**

**An update on petitions currently being considered by Kent Highway Services (KHS) and information on fresh submissions.**

**1.1 Petitions currently under consideration**

1.1.1 In keeping with recent practice, this report on petitions received by KHS is a standing item on the Board's agenda paper. For this meeting, KHS will be considering the following four items

- Safer crossing for Pedestrians on Rochester Road in Burham
- Wincliffe Road PACT request (Partners and Communities Together)
- Ridgeway Pedestrian Crossings
- Station Road, Aylesford, Pedestrian Crossing
- Priory Road Bridge Bashing Incidents

**1.2 Safer crossing for Pedestrians on Rochester Road in Burham**

1.2.1 A petition has been submitted by 380 residents led by Mrs Pauline Harvey of Bell Lane, Burham. It supports proposals to install further measures to improve the safety of pedestrians crossing Rochester Road, Burham.

1.2.2 Kent Highway Services recently installed a number of speed management measures on a section of Rochester Road through Burham. These measures consisted of a combination of roads signs and carriageway markings to inform drivers to keep speeds under 30mph. As part of these works an improved crossing was installed by the playground consisting of ramped kerbs, tactile paving and warning signs.

- 1.2.3 As a result of concerns raised about visibility at one of the crossing points during an independent safety audit carried out on the installed measures further improvements have been suggested and the petition supports the implementation of these improvements.
- 1.2.4 Following a constructive meeting with Burham Parish Council discussing the design and safety concerns it was agreed that the Parish Council would seek formal approval of the proposals at its meeting on the 15 December 2008. Following the Parish Councils approval of the improvements Kent Highway Services will arrange for their implementation.
- 1.2.5 Officers have responded to the lead petitioner to let her know that the residents' concerns have been reported to this Board and that Kent Highway Services will endeavour to carry out the further improvements in the New Year.

### **1.3 Wincliffe Road PACT request**

- 1.3.1 This item relates to an issue of anti-social behaviour raised through the local PACT initiative. Meetings were initially held on site between Local Councillors and an officer from KHS to view the area and to discuss potential options. The main focus of attention appears to be at the end of Lawn Road.
- 1.3.2 KHS has investigated a proposal to landscape the area at the base of the retaining wall where Lawn Road joins the footpath from Wincliffe Road using suitable shrubs, such as Berberis, to deter youths from congregating adjacent to and on top of the wall. A draft estimate for this work is in the region of £3,000/£4,000 and KHS will seek joint funding for it from KHS, T&MBC, the local PACT and Russet Homes.

### **1.4 Station Road, Aylesford, Pedestrian Crossing**

- 1.4.1 A petition has been submitted by parents of children who attend Aylesford Primary School requesting that a suitable and safe pedestrian crossing be implemented on Station Road near Teapot Lane in Aylesford.
- 1.4.2 Kent Highway Services recently installed a pedestrian refuge island and right turn lane at this location as reported at previous meetings of this Board as part of the 2008/09 Integrated Transport Programme for Kent. The petitioners feel that a formal pedestrian crossing would be more suitable and safer for pedestrians at this location.
- 1.4.3 Kent Highway Services are investigating this request and have arranged for pedestrian and traffic counts to be undertaken in the vicinity of Mill Hall and the Station to enable the request for a formal crossing to be reassessed.
- 1.4.4 The outcome of this formal assessment will be reported back to the next meeting of this Board for a decision to be made on whether a bid for a formal crossing be submitted for inclusion in the 2010/11 Integrated Transport Programme for Kent.

## **1.5 The Ridgeway – Pedestrian Crossing**

- 1.5.1 As reported to the last meeting of this Board a petition had been submitted by 56 residents lead by Dr Brierley of Thorpe Avenue seeking action to improve highway safety along the Ridgeway, Tonbridge.
- 1.5.2 Kent Highway Services reported that a bid for funding had already been submitted for a pedestrian crossing in the location described in the petition as part of the 2009/10 Integrated Transport Programme for Kent.
- 1.5.3 The 2009/10 Integrated Transport Programme for Kent is still to be approved by Kent County Council. Once this programme has been approved the success of this bid can be reported back to this Board.

## **1.6 Priory Road Bridge Bashing Incidents**

- 1.6.1 To be the subject of an oral report on the night of the meeting outlining potential options.

## **1.7 Legal Implications**

- 1.7.1 None at this stage

## **1.8 Financial and Value for Money Considerations**

- 1.8.1 As reported.

## **1.9 Risk Assessment**

- 1.9.1 Not applicable.

Background papers:

Nil

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