

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

9 March 2009

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 seven 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
- Fernleigh Rise, Ditton.
- Holmes Court, Medway Wharf Road, Tonbridge.

1.2 Safer crossing for Pedestrians on Rochester Road in Burham

1.2.1 A petition was submitted by 380 residents led by Mrs Pauline Harvey of Bell Lane, Burham. It supported 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 were suggested and the petition supported the implementation of these improvements.
- 1.2.4 No adverse comments were received during recent local consultation by Burham Parish Council on these improvements and they are now being programmed for implementation.

1.3 Wincliffe Road PACT request

- 1.3.1 As reported previously to this Board, Officers will be presenting a request to the various stakeholders with a view to requesting funding for the scheme to be implemented. Responses will be required by mid March so that the works can go ahead early in the new financial year.
- 1.3.2 The lead petitioner will be kept informed as progress is made.

1.4 Aylesford Pedestrian Crossings

- 1.4.1 A petition has been submitted by parents of children who attend Aylesford Primary School requesting that suitable and safe pedestrian crossings be implemented in Aylesford.
- 1.4.2 Kent Highway Services recently installed a pedestrian refuge island and right turn lane at one of the locations in Aylesford which has been reported to previous meetings of this Board as part of the Integrated Transport Programme for Kent.
- 1.4.3 Kent Highway Services are proposing further bids for improvements to pedestrian facilities in Aylesford as reported to this Board as part of the Integrated Transport Programme for Kent.

1.5 The Ridgeway – Pedestrian Crossing

- 1.5.1 As reported to 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 submitted a bid for a pedestrian crossing in the location described in the petition as part of the 2009/10 Integrated Transport Programme for Kent. As reported to this board as part of the Integrated Transport Programme for Kent and subject to the outcome of the Highways Advisory Board meeting on the 3rd March it is unlikely this bid will now be successful. The bid will now be reassessed and resubmitted as part of the 2010/11 Integrated Transport Programme for Kent.

1.6 Priory Road Bridge Bashing Incidents

1.6.1 This matter is still subject to investigation by KHS Technical Services officers and will report to the next meeting of this Board

1.7 Petitions received since the last board

1.7.1 The following petitions have been received since the last meeting of this Board.

- Fernleigh Rise, Ditton.
- Holmes Court, Medway Wharf Road, Tonbridge.

1.8 Fernleigh Rise, Ditton

1.8.1 Kent Highway Services received a letter on behalf of the residents of Fernleigh Rise, Ditton, concerning the condition of the roadside verges, indiscriminate parking that takes place and the consequential damage.

1.8.2 The KHS Engineer has already been in contact with residents and is consulting with them, Borough Council Officers and KHS Transportation Engineers to identify if there is a suitable solution. The results of the consultation exercise will be reported to the next meeting of this Board.

1.9 Holmes Court, Medway Wharf Road, Tonbridge

1.9.1 Kent Highway Services have received a letter signed on behalf of 18 residents of Holmes Court, Medway Wharf Road, Tonbridge requesting a safe cross-over for residents to cross at this junction to access the local shops.

1.9.2 Kent Highway Services are currently investigating this request and will report the results of our investigations to the next meeting of this Board.

1.10 Legal Implications

1.10.1 None at this stage

1.11 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

1.11.1 As reported.

1.12 Risk Assessment

1.12.1 Not applicable.

Background papers:

Nil

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