

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

11 June 2012

Report of the Director of Kent Highways & Transportation

Part 1- Public

Matters For Information

1 PETITIONS SUBMITTED TO KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – H&T

Summary

An update on petitions currently being considered by Kent County Council Highways and Transportation (H&T).

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 items:

- A20 Wrotham Hill

1.2 A20 Wrotham Hill

1.2.1 Whilst there have been two very regrettable fatal crashes at this location which prompted this petition, the details of these crashes have now been updated onto the County's crash cluster site list.

1.2.2 It is understood from the last meeting of this Board that proposals may be independently developed. Kent County Council will be happy to consider those proposals when developed and available.

1.2.3 Kent County Council is continuing to monitor this location on an annual basis, and should this location meet the policy criteria to be classified as a crash cluster site, funding will be allocated through our Crash Remedial Measures (CRM) process. Officers are also investigating alternative funding sources. No further updates will be provided unless any funding is secured.

1.2.4 In response to the previously submitted independent report on behalf of Wrotham Parish Council, Kent County Council has agreed to undertake a route study of this section of the A20 as part of the CRM process this year. Whilst individual crash cluster sites have not been identified, this section of road will be looked at as a route, and the rate of crashes along the length compared with local and national statistics. This should identify if funding can be justified from the CRM budget allocation.

- 1.2.5 The CRM process is to be undertaken in the New Year and the route study will be added onto this process. Should the route not be identified as a priority, Kent County Council officers will then liaise with the County Councillor responsible for the area to seek funding through the Member Highway Fund process.
- 1.2.6 Kent Police have confirmed with Kent County Council that they support the need for 'no overtaking' markings to be installed on the north western end of Wrotham Hill. The extent of the carriageway markings is to be agreed onsite with Kent Police.
- 1.2.7 As mentioned above, Kent County Council will liaise with the County Councillor for the area to seek whether they would be willing to fund this work through their Member Highway Fund. Should this be supported, the work will be reported through the Member Highway Fund report.

1.3 New Petitions

Pear Tree Avenue, Ditton

- 1.3.1 In May 2012 Kent County Council has received a petition with 61 signatures from properties on Pear Tree Avenue supporting the request to review highway safety in the vicinity of the School located on this route.
- 1.3.2 The petition relates to traffic associated with schools on Pear Tree Avenue and the potential concerns of parents and residents during school peak hours. Kent County Council will liaise with schools located in the vicinity of Pear Tree Avenue with the view to provide a full report at the next Joint Transportation Board.
- 1.3.3 Kent County Council has acknowledged this petition and will provide a report to the next Joint Transportation Board.

1.4 Legal Implications

- 1.4.1 None.

1.5 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

- 1.5.1 None.

1.6 Risk Assessment

- 1.6.1 None.

Background papers:

Nil

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