

Capital Plan Post Implementation Review	
Service:	Planning & Transport Services
Scheme Title:	Blue Bell Hill Car Park
Scheme Description:	<p>Construction of a large (276 space) public car park on the site of the existing small car park near Junction 3 of the M2, the fundamental aims being:</p> <p>(i) to promote sustainable transport and reduce traffic congestion by enabling commuters to park their cars cheaply and securely and to continue their journey by commuter coach, and</p> <p>(ii) to enable the Council to address the problems caused by commuter parking in nearby residential areas by providing an acceptable off–street alternative</p>
Evaluation:	DP&T Committee 13 Sept 2001.
Capital Plan Year(s)	2003/4 & 2004/5
Approved budget	£140,000 Capital Plan provision plus £500,000 contribution from the Highways Agency. Land purchased from KCC.
National Priorities	<p>Location identified in studies commissioned by the Highways Agency in the 1990s as offering the potential for a park and ride facility to reduce traffic congestion on the major routes into London</p> <p>Meeting local transport needs more effectively.</p>
Local Priorities	<p>Local Plan policy P7/5 “ <i>The land within the proposed motorway junction is considered to be suitable in principle for an extension to the existing park and ride facility following completion of the motorway junction improvement and subject to its detailed design and boundaries not prejudicing a satisfactory landscaping scheme for the motorway</i>”.</p> <p>Also in line with TMBC improvement priorities including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To promote & improve public safety • To protect & enhance built and natural environment • Producing with others, benefits beyond those possible from the Council’s resources • Make Tonbridge & Malling a better place to live.
Targets for judging success:	<p>1. Construction of the car park within the available budget.</p> <p>2. Accreditation of the car park under the Park MarkTM Safer Parking Scheme.</p>

	3. Enabling the successful implementation of the Parking Action Plan for Blue Bell Hill Village.
Completion date (work completed):	November 2004
Completion date (final payment):	April 2005 (main contract)
Projected date for post implementation review:	To follow the Parking Action Plan for Blue Bell Hill Village.
Final cost:	£614,000
Performance against National and Local Priorities and Targets:	<p>The Park Mark was awarded in June 2006 demonstrating to potential users that the car park was safe and secure.</p> <p>Prior to the implementation of the Parking Action Plan the car park had around 100 users showing that it had met a substantial latent demand in excess of the old 45 space car park.</p> <p>Following the Parking Action Plan measures, the usage increased by 50% broadly representing 50 commuter cars relocated from surrounding streets.</p>
Budget performance / Value for money:	The car park was successfully engineered within the available budget despite estimates by the Highways Agency's contractor of several £100,000s more than our total budget.
Other performance / procurement issues:	None.
Ongoing / Outstanding issues:	None.