

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

MINUTES

Monday, 22nd November, 2021

Present: Cllr D Lettington (Chairman), County Cllr H Rayner (Vice-Chairman), Cllr M D Boughton, Cllr V M C Branson, Cllr D A S Davis, Cllr M Taylor, County Cllr Mrs T Dean, County Cllr M Hood, County Cllr S Hudson, County Cllr A Kennedy and County Cllr P Stepto.

Councillor Mrs P A Bates, R P Betts, G C Bridge, A E Clark, N J Heslop, F A Hoskins, D Keers, Mrs F A Kemp, B J Luker, Mrs A S Oakley, M R Rhodes, H S Rogers and J L Stapleton participated via MS Teams and joined the discussion when invited to do so by the Chairman in accordance to Council Procedure Rule No 15.21.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor D Thornewell.

PART 1 - PUBLIC

JTB 21/30 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

JTB 21/31 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Transportation Board held on the 20 September 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

JTB 21/32 TONBRIDGE TOWN WIDE 20MPH ZONE TRIAL

The report of the Head of Transportation, Kent County Council provided an update on the Tonbridge town-wide 20mph limit trial that was funded by the Department for Transport's Emergency Active Travel Fund. The report was to enable discussion and to consider and debate the officer recommendation. The Independent Evaluation and review of 20mph trials in Faversham and Tonbridge undertaken by Agilysis Research Services was provided at Appendix B.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) a 30mph speed limit be reintroduced in Shipbourne Road to the previous extents prior to the trial;

- (2) subject to a separate consultation being undertaken, the 30mph gateway on Shipbourne Road near Willow Lea be extended further north to cover Whistler Road, Cherry Tree Road, Horns Lodge Lane and Shandon Close;
- (3) the 20mph speed limit be retained at Sites 1 & 2 Brook Street, Site 11 The Ridgeway and Site 14 Yardley Park Road;
- (4) a 30mph speed limit be reintroduced to the previous extents prior to the trial at Site 3 A26 Quarry Hill Road, Sites 4 & 5 Pembury Road and Site 8 B245 London Road;
- (5) officers investigate whether additional complementary measures could be implemented to support the extended 20mph zone; and
- (6) a targeted behavioural change campaign to promote the benefits of lower speeds to all road users be undertaken to raise awareness, increase knowledge and positively influence intended behaviours.

MATTERS SUBMITTED FOR INFORMATION

JTB 21/33 HIGHWAYS FORWARD WORKS PROGRAMME: 2021/22 AND 2022/23

The report of the Kent County Highways, Transportation and Waste summarised schemes programmed for delivery in 2021/22 and 2022/23 and provided an update on Road, Footway and Cycleway Renewal and Preservation Schemes (Appendix A), Drainage Repairs and Improvements (Appendix B), Street Lighting (Appendix C), Transportation and Safety Schemes (Appendix D), Developer Funded Works (Appendix E), Bridge Works (Appendix F), Traffic Systems (Appendix G) and the Combined Members Grant (Appendix H). Representatives from Kent County Council Highways offered to respond direct to Members outside of the meeting on a number of matters identified during consideration of this item.

In response to concerns expressed by Members regarding the charges made for the use of street light columns, the County Officers offered to present a report to the next meeting.

RESOLVED: That the content of the report be noted.

JTB 21/34 UPPER HAYSDEN LANE, TONBRIDGE - PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING SCHEME AND GENERAL UPDATE

The report outlined progress made to date in relation to the request for a reduction in speed limit to 30mph along with traffic calming measures on Upper Haysden Lane, outside The Nexus School, following the previous report to the Joint Transportation Board on 7 June 2021.

RESOLVED: That the content of the report be noted.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION IN PRIVATE

JTB 21/35 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no items considered in private.

The meeting ended at 8.55 pm