
SNODLAND TRAIN STATION – Proposed access and forecourt improvements

To: **Tonbridge and Malling Joint Transportation Board, 28th September 2015**

Main Portfolio Area: **KCC – Growth Environment and Transport**

By: **Director of Highways, Transportation and Waste**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Ward: **Snodland East** Division: **Malling North**

Summary: **The report outlines the proposed improvements to Snodland train station, to include a new forecourt with improved an improved transport interchange and a redesigned forecourt.**

For Information

1.0 Introduction and Background

- 1.1 Kent County Council (KCC) and Southeastern Railway are intending to carry out improvements to Snodland train station to provide improved access for all transport types and an improved user experience at the station. The proposed improvements will take place within the station building, car park, access and forecourt area with some minor footway and junction alterations in High Street.
- 1.2 The scheme is to be funded from the National Stations Improvement Programme (NSIP), developer contributions and the successful West Kent – Tackling Congestion Local Growth Fund (LGF) bid. The DfT added £100m to the LGF pot in order to fund Local Sustainable Transport Fund Style schemes. KCC subsequently submitted four LSTF capital bids 1) East Kent – A network for Growth, 2) Kent Thameside – Integrated door-to-door journeys and 3) West Kent – Tackling Congestion. The fourth was for Tonbridge Town Centre Regeneration, which included a highway improvements scheme in the Lower High Street as well as additional LSTF style measures. The objective of all of the capital bids is to boost economic growth by decreasing carbon emissions and reducing congestion.
- 1.3 The Kent Thameside, West Kent and Tonbridge Town Centre Regeneration bids were all successful. The East Kent capital bid was unsuccessful. The Snodland train station development is one of the schemes to be delivered in 2015/16 from West Kent – Tackling Congestion.
- 1.4 The principal scheme aim of the Snodland train station works are to increase sustainable transport journeys in the area, in order to reduce congestion and carbon emissions. There is significant development planned for the surrounding areas, and it is envisaged that providing improved facilities at the station along with the new High Speed service in place since January 2015, will encourage new residents to use rail for the commute or leisure travel.

2.0 Discussion

- 2.1 The scheme proposal has been discussed in detail with Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council officers and a GRIP 1-3 design was commissioned by Southeastern Rail in 2014 to provide an outline design (shown in Annex 1).
- 2.2 A new bus turning loop will be included within the scheme (as shown in **Annex 1**) with a new bus stop and shelter. This will help to enable buses to serve the Station once the infrastructure improvements have been installed and use at the station increases. Footway widening and dropped kerbs are to be installed at the junctions in and out of the station and to nearby walking routes in the High Street, with marked walkways within the station grounds to highlight the areas where pedestrians should be crossing. Disabled parking will be moved closer to the station entrance and cycle parking will be relocated.
- 2.3 The station forecourt will be redesigned internally to include a tenancy (café) a peak time manned ticket office, a new ramp and improved access facilities for disabled.

3.0 Financial

- 3.1 The scheme delivery is being funded by the National Stations Improvement Programme (NSIP), developer contributions and the West Kent – Tackling Congestion LGF bid. It is proposed that the scheme proceed as outlined on the plan shown in Annex 1.

4.0 For Information

- 4.1 Funding has been secured, and the scheme is proposed to proceed to consultation. Any objections received as part of the consultation process will be investigated and if required bought back to the Board in November.

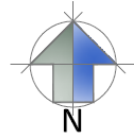
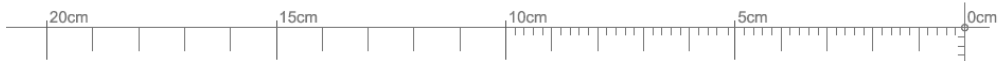
Future Meeting if applicable: N/A	Date: 31/07/2015
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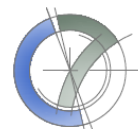
<i>Annex 1</i>	<i>Scheme Proposal / Plan</i>
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Transport innovations Scheme
 Annex 1 – Scheme Proposal / Plans



Legend:

1. Storage Facilities
2. Station Platform
3. Station Building
4. Proposed Parking
5. 4x Tennant Parkin
6. Flowerbed
7. Public Footbridge
8. Proposed Pedestrian Walkway
9. DDA Compliant Parking Bays
10. Cycle Parking
11. Bus Stop
12. Proposed Pedestrian Island



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Proposed Site Plan

Proposed New Station Fit Out
 for
South Eastern at Snodland