



TONBRIDGE FORUM: WEDNESDAY 12 MAY 2016

Matters Arising

At the last meeting of the Tonbridge Forum several areas of concern were raised by Members. The responses to further enquiries made by Officers and Councillors from both Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council and Kent County Council are set out below.

1. Tonbridge High Street – Regeneration Project

Mrs R Pope of the Tonbridge Music Club received the following response from Kent Highway Services regarding the High Street redevelopment works:

'In relation to the points raised at the last Tonbridge Forum regarding the Tonbridge High Street regeneration project, there is not a 'shared space' in Tonbridge High Street. A shared space is an area where there are no priorities for any particular user of the highway whether vehicular or pedestrian and many of the accepted signing and lining guides removed.

There is a raised tabled in the middle of the High Street to slow vehicles down, which has no raised kerb between the carriageway and footway. The two distinct areas are marked with differing colours and textures of paving and there is a ribbed tactile area each side of the carriageway which highlights the edge of the footway for the visually impaired.

There are also loading and unloading bays marked out on the footway with flush kerbs and different coloured blocks to highlight this. Street furniture in some locations is placed to discourage vehicles from overrunning the footways outside of the loading bays. This allows the full width of the footway to be utilised when the bays are being utilised for loading and unloading.

The whole scheme will be monitored following completion. Stages 3 (on completion of the scheme) and Stage 4 (12 months following completion) of the safety audit process will comment on any usability issues and make recommendations.'

Kent Highway Services

We look forward to welcoming you to the next meeting of the Tonbridge Forum arranged for Monday 12 September 2016.

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