
Kent Street Improvement Scheme

To: **Tonbridge and Malling Joint Transportation Board, 25th September 2017**

Main Portfolio Area: **Planning, Highways, Transport and Waste**

By: **Tim Read – Head of Transportation, KCC**

Classification: **For Recommendation**

Ward: **Downs and Mereworth**

Division: **Malling Rural East**

Summary: This report outlines the Kent Street Improvement Scheme. A recommendation is sought to endorse the scheme so that the necessary land negotiations can proceed in a defined way.

1.0 Introduction and Background

1.1 As part of the S106 agreement for phase 3 of the Kings Hill development under section E Local Traffic Management and Calming Sum:-

'The Highway Authority proposes to use the Local Traffic Management and Calming Sum paid in accordance with Schedule 1 Part 1 paragraph 1.5 of the Phase 2 Agreement (Highways) (as defined in clause 2.1 below) towards:

A scheme of off-site highway works at Kent Street Mereworth junction with the A228 designed to mitigate the impact of traffic arising from the Development (as defined in clause 2.1 below) and to enhance safety and conditions for local residents pedestrians and cyclists; and

A scheme of traffic management at Offham Village designed to mitigate the local impact of traffic arising from the Development and to enhance safety and conditions for local resident's pedestrians and cyclists.'

1.2 The proposed design for the Kent Street scheme is appended.

2.0 The Design

2.1 The scheme comprises visibility splay improvements where possible, new verges, fencing, footway provision, signing, surfacing and relocation and strengthening of ironwork / service chambers within the carriageway of the A228 over the length of the scheme.

2.2 This will provide a safer environment for pedestrians, bus users, and improved visibility for vehicles emerging from the side roads (Kent Street), increase the exposure of the junction to through traffic and reduce maintenance demands and the disruption this causes for this section of the A228.

3.0 Financial

3.1 The scheme is to be funded from S106 contributions received as part of phase 2 of the Kings Hill development.

4.0 Legal implications

4.1 The scheme requires additional land (beyond the highway boundary) for its implementation and drawing 4300542/003 appended shows the extent of that required permanently and for construction purposes.

5.0 Recommendations

5.1 The endorsement/approval of this scheme is sought by the Joint Transportation Board to progress it further and reconvene land negotiations which were agreed in principle on an earlier design.

Future Meeting if applicable:	Progress reports will be presented to the JTB in the future.
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Annex List

<i>Annex 1</i>	<i>Drawings 4300542/003 00 and 4300542/002 01</i>
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