

**TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

**1<sup>st</sup> December 2014**

**Report of the Head of Transportation**

**Part 1- Public**

**Matters for Information**

**1 A20 LONDON ROAD, WROTHAM HILL, WROTHAM**

**1.1 Background**

1.1.1 This report seeks to inform members of action undertaken in response to a recent fatal motorcycle crash on the A20 London Road Wrotham Hill. This matter was raised at the last meeting of this board.

**1.2 Progress to Date**

1.2.1 Officers from KCC Highways and Transportation met with the Vice-chairman of Wrotham Parish Council, Mr Harry Rayner, on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2014. An officer from KCC Road Safety provided specific motorcyclist insight.

1.2.2 The current crash history for the site is currently good. The site is not currently being investigated as a crash cluster site. Initial investigations from Kent Police following the recent tragic incident did not recommend any changes to the highway.

1.2.3 The recent crash and tragic fatality will be subject to a Coroner's Inquest in due course and Kent County Council will of course take consideration of any recommendations made at that time.

**1.3 Work to be undertaken**

1.3.1 Notwithstanding the findings of any future inquest, Kent County Council does feel there is merit in improving some highly visible chevron signage at the site. The site is close to a number of motorcycling trip generators and as such a minor, cost effective measure such as this may be prudent.

**1.4 Legal Implications**

1.4.1 None at this stage

## **1.5 Financial Considerations**

- 1.5.1 The site currently has a good safety record; however it is clear that due to the high numbers of motorcyclists present at times, a relatively low cost measure such as this represents good value.

## **1.6 Risk Assessment**

- 1.6.1 Not required

Background papers:

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None

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