

# AGENDA

## MAIDSTONE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD MEETING



Date: Wednesday 19 October 2016

Time: 5.00 pm

Venue: Town Hall, High Street,  
Maidstone

Membership:

Councillors Bird, Brown, D Burton (Vice-Chairman), Carter, Chittenden, Clark, Cooke, Cuming, Daley, Garten, Mrs Grigg, Hotson (Chairman), T Sams, Springett, Mrs Stockell, Vizzard, Mrs Whittle, Wilby and Willis

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**Alison Broom, Chief Executive, Maidstone Borough Council,  
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## MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

### MAIDSTONE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

#### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13 JULY 2016

**Present:** Councillor Hotson (Chairman), and  
Councillors Bird, Boughton, Brown, D Burton,  
Chittenden, Clark, Cooke, Cuming, Daley, Garten, Mrs  
Grigg, T Sams, Mrs Stockell, Vizzard, Mrs Whittle and  
Willis

**Also Present:** Councillor Prendergast

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

It was noted that apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Carter, Springett and Wilby.

2. NOTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

It was noted that Councillor Boughton was substituting for Councillor Springett.

3. NOTIFICATION OF VISITING MEMBERS

Councillor Prendergast was in attendance as an observer.

4. DISCLOSURES BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

There were no disclosures by Members or Officers.

5. DISCLOSURES OF LOBBYING

There were no disclosures of lobbying.

6. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20 APRIL 2016

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 20 April 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed.

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The Chairman updated the Board on two items that had been considered at the meeting held on 20 April 2016.

160. Verbal Report of the KCC Head of Transportation – Request for correspondence with Kent Police

The Chairman advised that he had contacted Kent police and had received a response. A meeting would be arranged between the Chairman and Chief Inspector Gardner to further discuss the issues raised.

165. Report of the KCC Head of Transportation – Verbal Update on proposed amendments to the Maidstone Joint Transportation Board Agreement

The Chairman had been in contact with the KCC legal department and it had been confirmed that an amended version of the agreement would be drafted in advance of the next meeting of the Board.

8. PETITIONS

The Chairman advised that the petition included on the agenda had been withdrawn at the request of the petitioner.

9. QUESTIONS/STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Mr Hughes was in attendance to make a statement regarding item 11 Report of the MBC Head of Planning and Development – Integrated Transport Strategy.

Mr Hughes stated that future growth would affect the A229 and A274, which were already congested. Mr Hughes expressed concern that more congestion would increase air pollution in these areas, and hoped that mitigation against this would be implemented at the earliest opportunity.

Mr Hughes' statement was noted.

10. VERBAL REPORT OF THE KCC DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORTATION AND WASTE - UPDATE ON PETITIONS SUBMITTED TO KENT HIGHWAY SERVICES

Richard Emmett, outgoing KCC Highways District Manager for Maidstone, provided an update on the petition received to the previous meeting requesting KCC to extend the existing 20 mph speed zone to further residential roads around North Maidstone with specific reference to Hillary Road, The Hedges, Gladstone Road and Peel Street.

Mr Emmett advised that a KCC Councillor had agreed to finance initial investigations into this matter through his combined members grant. Once the findings of these investigations had been evaluated they would be presented to the Board for discussion.

**RESOLVED:** That the verbal report be noted.

11. VERBAL UPDATE OF THE MBC HEAD OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT - BOUGHTON LANE AND OAK LANE

Steve Clarke, MBC Principal Planning Officer, addressed the Board regarding Boughton Lane and Oak Lane.

### Boughton Lane

Mr Clarke explained that following feasibility work undertaken on the A229 corridor as part of the evidence base for the Local Plan, various options had been considered to improve highway capacity. These included widening of the existing signal junction and its replacement by a mini roundabout.

It was agreed at MBC Strategic Planning, Sustainability and Transportation Committee on 6 July 2016 that results of the junction modelling indicated that proposed and committed developments could be delivered with improved operating conditions with the implementation of mitigation measures.

### Oak Lane, Headcorn

Mr Clark advised that improvements to visibility at the Junction with A274 Wheeler Street, to include minor kerb build-outs and the provision of a footway on Grigg Lane, had been secured through an approved housing development at Grigg Lane. Improvements would be delivered through S278 agreements with the Highways Authority.

## 12. REPORT OF THE MBC HEAD OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT - INTEGRATED TRANSPORT STRATEGY

Tim Read, KCC Head of Transportation, and Rob Jarman, MBC Head of Planning and Development, presented the joint MBC and KCC report on the Integrated Transport Strategy (ITS).

Mr Read advised that KCC and Highways England had objected to the ITS, and the ITS had not been included with the Local Plan for submission.

Mr Jarman explained that at the meeting of the Maidstone Joint Transportation Board on 7 December 2015, priority junctions were agreed and were largely in alignment with those of the MBC Strategic Planning, Sustainability and Transportation Committee. The Local Plan submitted for examination included a number of those junctions, and there was £8.9m available through the Local Growth Fund (LGF) for junction improvement.

During discussion it was confirmed that the jointly commissioned strategic modelling, and the MBC commissioned detailed local modelling, would inform each other.

### **RESOLVED:**

1. That the transport interventions identified in paragraphs 2.4 and 2.5, together with a firm commitment to the items identified in paragraph 4.2 of the report of the MBC Head of Planning and Development, be approved as forming the basis of the transport strategy.

2. That this matter be referred to the KCC Cabinet Member for Transport and the MBC Strategic Planning, Sustainability and Transport Committee for approval.

13. MINUTES (PART II) OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20 APRIL 2016

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes (Part II) of the meeting held on 20 April 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed.

14. DURATION OF MEETING

5.00 p.m. to 5.44 p.m.

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**To:** Maidstone Joint Transportation Board  
**By:** KCC Highways, Transportation and Waste  
**Date:** 19<sup>th</sup> October 2016  
**Subject:** Highway Works Programme 2016/17  
**Classification:** Information Only

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Summary: This report updates Members on the identified schemes approved for construction in 2016/17

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## 1. Introduction

This report provides an update and summarises schemes that have been programmed for delivery in 2016/17

**Footway and Carriageway Improvement Schemes** – see Appendix A

**Drainage Repairs & Improvements** – see Appendix B

**Street Lighting** – see Appendix C

**Transportation and Safety Schemes** – See Appendix D

- **Casualty Reduction Measures** – See Appendix D1
- **Integrated Transport Schemes** – See Appendix D2
- **Local Growth Fund** – See Appendix D3

**Developer Funded Works** – Appendix E

**Bridge Works** – see Appendix F

**Traffic Systems** – see Appendix G

**Combined Member Fund** - See Appendix H

## Conclusion

1. This report is for Members information.

**Contact Officers:**

The following contact officers can be contacted on **03000 418181**

Kirstie Williams	Mid Kent Highway Manager
Susan Laporte	Maidstone District Manager
Alan Casson	Resurfacing Manager
Katie Moreton	Drainage Manager & Interim Structures Manager
Sue Kinsella	Street Lighting Manager
Toby Butler	Intelligent Transport Systems Manager
Jamie Hare	Development Agreement Manager
Jamie Watson	Transportation and Safety Schemes Manager
Jamie Watson	Combined Member Fund Manger

## Appendix A – Footway and Carriageway Improvement Schemes

The delivery of these schemes is weather dependent; should it prove not possible to carry out these works on the planned dates, new dates will be arranged and the residents will be informed by a letter drop to their homes.

<b>Machine Resurfacing – Contact Officer Mr Byron Lovell</b>			
<b>Road Name</b>	<b>Parish</b>	<b>Extent of Works</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
A229 Royal Engineers Road	Maidstone	Roundabout adjacent to Stacey Street	Postponed until 2017 due to Maidstone Gyrotory works
Mill Street	Maidstone	Full extents	Postponed until 2017 due to Maidstone Gyrotory works
A299 Cobtree Roundabout	Boxley	Eastern half of roundabout gyrotory	Postponed until 2017 due to Maidstone Gyrotory works
<b>Footway Improvement - Contact Officer Mr Neil Tree</b>			
<b>Road Name</b>	<b>Parish</b>	<b>Extent and Description of Works</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
Willington Street	Maidstone	Various sections to be identified. (Footway Reconstruction).	Completed
Trevor Drive	Maidstone	Entire Length. (Footway Reconstruction).	On Site
Maxwell Drive	Maidstone	Entire Length. (Footway Reconstruction).	Programmed to commence 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2016
Newbury Avenue	Maidstone	From its junction with Tintern Road to its junction with Hyde Road. (Footway protection treatment).	Completed

<b>Surface Treatments – Contact Officer Mr Clive Lambourne</b>			
<b>Road Name</b>	<b>Parish</b>	<b>Extent and Description of Works</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
Gore Court Road	Otham	Sutton Road to White Horse Road Microsurfacing	Completed
Buckland Hill	Maidstone	Buckland Road to Pevensey Court Microsurfacing	Postponed to 2017
Boxley Close Estate	Maidstone	Whole length Microsurfacing	Programmed 20 October 2016
Maidstone Road	Maidstone	New Barn Road to Plumtree Surface Dressing	Completed
Sutton Road	Maidstone	Willington Street to Gore Court Road Surface Dressing	Completed
Hampstead Lane	Yalding	Teapot Island to Lees Road and Headcorn Road to Coldbridge Farm Microsurfacing	Completed
Dunn Street	Boxley	Lidsing Road to Forge Lane Surface Dressing	Completed
Goddington Lane And Holm Mill Lane	Harrietsham	No through road up to Goddington Cottages Microsurfacing	To be programmed – Likely to be end October
Lidsing Road	Lidsing	Forge Lane to Dunn Street Road Surface Dressing	Completed
Collier Street	Collier Street	Haviker Street to Green Lane (Collier Street School) Microsurfacing	Completed
Underlyn Road	Marden	Whole length Surface Dressing	Completed
White Horse Lane	Otham	Gore Court Road to Simmonds Lane Surface Dressing	Completed
Hog Hill	Bearsted	Whole Length Microsurfacing	Completed
Coldbridge Lane	Boughton Malherbe	Lenham Road to Coldbridge Farm Microsurfacing	Completed

## **Appendix B – Drainage**

<b>Drainage Works – Contact Officer Kathryn Moreton</b>			
<b>Road Name</b>	<b>Parish</b>	<b>Description of Works</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
No drainage works planned over £5000.			

## **Appendix C – Street Lighting**

<b>Street Lighting Works – Contact Officer Sue Kinsella</b>			
<b>Road Name</b>	<b>Parish</b>	<b>Description of Works</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
No Street Lighting works planned.			

## **Appendix D – Transportation and Safety Schemes**

### **Appendix D1 – Casualty Reduction**

Identified to address a known history of personal injury crashes

<b>Location</b>	<b>Parish</b>	<b>Description of Works</b>	<b>Lead officer</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
A274 Sutton Road j/w St Saviours Road	Urban	Review of traffic signal operation, minor signal head alteration	Michael Heath	Works ordered
A274 Sutton Road j/w Wallis Avenue	Urban	Review of traffic signal operation, revised pedestrian facilities proposed	Michael Heath	Under design
A274 Maidstone Road j/w Chartway Street	Sutton Valence	Signage and road markings	Michael Heath	Under design
A20 Lenham j/w Faversham Road	Lenham	Improved ADS signage, warning signage and road markings approaching junction	Michael Heath	Detailed design completed Construction early 2016/17

A249 Detling to town centre	Detling, Thurnham and urban	Route study work	Michael Heath	Investigation complete. Under design
A229 Royal Engineers Rd and Fairmeadow roundabouts	Urban	Replace and improve advance direction signs on the A229 approaches to the two roundabouts.	Paul Brand	Design in preparation
A229 Hayle Road j/w College Road	Urban	Junction improvements with pedestrian facility.	Paul Brand	Design in preparation
A229 Upper Stone Street j/w Brunswick Street	Urban	Review of lining and signing	Thomas Williams	Signage has been decided. Installation of sign will have to wait until gyratory works are complete to avoid further traffic disruptions.
A229 Upper Stone Street near Tesco Express	Urban	Carriageway marking improvements	Paul Brand	Design in preparation

## **Appendix D2 – Integrated Transport Schemes**

All other LTP funded non-casualty reduction schemes

Location	Parish	Description of Works	Lead officer	Current Status
A274 Maidstone Road	Sutton Valence	Implementation of new pedestrian crossing and associated footway works	Michael Heath	Pedestrian ‘Puffin’ crossing completed. Footway under design.
Old Chatham Road	Boxley	Implementation of improved pedestrian and cycle facilities	Michael Heath	Scheme design and development

## **Appendix D3 – Local Growth Fund**

### **Local Growth Fund programme update for the Maidstone Borough.**

The Department for Transport (DfT) added £100m to the Local Growth Fund (LGF) pot in order to fund Local Sustainable Transport Fund Style schemes. KCC subsequently submitted four Local Sustainable Transport Fund (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.

The Kent Thameside, West Kent and Tonbridge Town Centre Regeneration bids were all successful. The schemes aim to:

- improve access to employment and services
- reduce the need to travel by the private car
- enhance pedestrian, cycle and public transport facilities
- improve sustainable transport connections

The following schemes have been submitted as part of the successful West Kent LSTF this financial year.

<b>Local Growth Fund (Transport Innovations)</b>		
<b>Scheme Name</b>	<b>Description of Works</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
Maidstone East Station Forecourt Scheme	Re-development of the station building and forecourt to improve the transport interchange	Network Rail has secured funding for the demolition of the Old Vic Pub which is due to take place in Autumn/Winter 2016. The scheme will be reported in detail to a later meeting of the JTB once designs have been further progressed.

#### **Appendix E – Developer Funded Works**

<b>Developer Funded Works (Section 278 Agreement Works) Maidstone Borough – Contact Officer Claremarie Vine</b>				
<b>Scheme Name</b>	<b>Mastergov File Ref No</b>	<b>Parish</b>	<b>Description of Works</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
Cripple Street Maidstone		Tovil	New access to development, slight road widening and footway works.	Initial information received
Bell Farm Ashford Road Harrietsham		Harrietsham	Realignment of Church Road to form new access. New footway.	Initial information received

Grigg Lane/Lenham Road Headcorn		Headcorn	Access on Grigg Lane and Lenham road. Footway on Grigg Lane and Oak Lane	Initial submission details received
Howland Road, Marden		Marden	New development access and footway link	Initial submission details received
Gatland House, Gatland Lane, Maidstone, Kent. ME16 8PF	MA3081	Tovil	Parking Restrictions, Signage, Road Markings and Tactile crossings for new school	Works completed.
Bell Lane Staplehurst	MA3080	Staplehurst	New footway provision extending existing towards main road	Submission received.
Napoleon Drive and Plain Road, Marden	MA3079	Marden	New access on each road for new housing development.	Submission received
The Oaks, Maidstone Road, Sutton Valence. ME17 3LR	MA3078	Sutton Valence	Upgrade existing Vehicle crossing access to Bellmouth with tactile crossing.	Submission received
Lenham Road Headcorn	MA3062	Headcorn	New Footway to site and extend speed limit boundary	Works substantially complete
Hermitage Lane – opposite hospital	MA003060	Maidstone	New Traffic signal junction	Agreement signed.
The Coppice, A274 Sutton Road, Toucan Crossing	MA003076	Maidstone	Install new Toucan crossing	Technical Approval complete. Agreement to be signed
BP Tudor Service station, London Road Maidstone	MA003072	Allington	Alter access arrangements	Works complete

Buckland Rise, Buckland Hill	MA03074	Maidstone	Reshaped access	Works complete - inspection due
Hermitage Lane/ Howard Drive, Maidstone	MA003070	Maidstone	New access for development (opposite the quarry entrance)	Technical approval complete except for Street lighting.
Boughton Lane, Boughton Monchelsea	MA003069	Boughton Monchelsea	Widen carriageway around new site accesses	Submission received. More info requested
The Parsonage, Goudhurst Road Marden	MA003066/7	Marden	New access and associated upgrade works	Agreement signed, works commenced.
King Street Maidstone	MA003064	Maidstone	New access into retirement home - old bowling site	Letter of Agreement signed.
Heath Road Coxheath	MA003063	Coxheath	New access and Footway works	Works largely completed.
Metro Bank10 Week Street	MA003059	Maidstone	Pavement re- grade	Agreement and works complete.
Ashford Road Harrietsham	MA003058	Harrietsham	Upgrade of existing bell mouth	Works substantially complete.
Lenham Road (Site links to Grigg Lane)	MA003057	Headcorn	New footway	Agreement to be finalised.
Valdene Industrial Estate	MA003054	Sutton Valence	Upgrade of existing bell mouth plus extension to footway	Stage 2 audit complete
Bridge House Nursery, London Road	MA003051	Maidstone	Traffic light Jcn Beaver Rd to become X-rds	Main works completed and remedial works part complete. Some resurfacing and white lining to do.
Church Road Tovil Courteney school)	MA003049	Tovil	New access	Works completed.

Oak Lane	MA003048	Headcorn	New footway plus junction improvements	Revised submission under review
Bunyards Farm, Beaver Road	MA003047	Allington	New bell mouth and associated ancillary works for new development	Works in progress.
Oakapple Lane/ Hermitage Lane,	MA003046	Maidstone	New bell mouth and associated ancillary works for new development including new bus stop.	Works in progress
531 Tonbridge Rd	MA003045	Maidstone	Service layby for new retail unit	Works completed
Brooklyn Yard	MA003041	Maidstone	New access	Approaching end of maintenance period
Land to the north of Sutton Rd (The Coppice)	MA3040	Maidstone	New right turn lane and bellmouth	Works part complete
8 Faversham Rd Lenham	MA003032	Lenham	New access	Works completed
Bell Lane Staplehurst	MA003030	Staplehurst	Upgrade of existing access for new development	Works substantially complete. Neighbouring development joining on to and widening last section of new footway.
Langley Park, Sutton Road	MA003028	Boughton Monchelsea	New roundabout and associated ancillary works for new development	Works mostly completed, awaiting further inspection
Oliver Road Staplehurst	MA003019	Staplehurst	New pedestrian crossing to Marden Rd, junction improvements and bus boarders	Crossing works on Marden Road to be planned in asap once finalised.
Old Ashford Rd Lenham	MA003018	Lenham	New footway plus access	Approaching end of maintenance period

Imperial Park	MA003017	Maidstone	New right turn lane and bellmouth, plus footway works	Works substantially complete
McDonalds Drive thru, Hart street Maidstone	MA003013	Maidstone	New access, improvements to Hart street.	Approaching end of maintenance period
MAP Depot, Goudhurst Road, Marden	MA003012	Marden	New Bellmouth and footway	Works substantially complete. Snagging works requested
Site opposite cottages 129-147 Dean St/Farleigh Hill	MA003007	Tovil	New access and speed limit relocation, footway and bus stop provision	Stage 2 technical audit in progress Follow up works now submitted for new access and footway across from of site, downhill to Tesco.

#### **Appendix F – Bridge Works**

<b>Bridge Works – Contact Officer Kathryn Moreton</b>			
<b>Road Name</b>	<b>Parish</b>	<b>Description of Works</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
No works planned.			

#### **Appendix G – Traffic Systems**

There is a programme of scheduled maintenance to refurbish life expired traffic signal equipment across the county based upon age and fault history. The delivery of these schemes is dependent upon school terms and holiday periods; local residents, businesses and schools will be informed verbally and by a letter drop of the exact dates when known.

<b>Traffic Systems - Contact Officer: Toby Butler</b>		
<b>Location</b>	<b>Description of Works</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
No traffic signal refurbishment work being carried out this year		

## Appendix H – Combined Member Fund

### **Combined Member Fund (Highways) programme update for the Maidstone District.**

The following schemes are those, which have been approved for funding by both the relevant Member and by Roger Wilkin, Director of Highways, Transportation and Waste. The list only includes schemes, which are

- in design, or
- at consultation stage, or
- about to be programmed, or
- have recently been completed on site.

The list is up to date as of **30 September 2016**.

The details given below are for highway projects only. This report does not detail -

- contributions Members have made to other groups such as parish councils, or
- highway studies, or
- traffic/non-motorised user surveys funded by Members, or
- requests for tree planting to be funded by Members

More information on the schemes listed below can be found via Kent Gateway the online database for all Combined Member Grant schemes and studies, or by contacting the Traffic and Safety Engineer for the Combined Member Grant (Maidstone).

#### **Paul Carter**

<b>Details of Scheme</b>	<b>Status</b>
<p><b>15-MHF-MA-132 The Cut, Bredhurst</b></p> <p>This very narrow road is being converted to a one-way road from The Street to Forge Lane. Traffic regulation order and associated signage will be required.</p>	<p>Design and TRO progressing.</p>

#### **Brian Clark**

<b>Details of Scheme</b>	<b>Status</b>
<p><b>16-MHF-MA-2 A229 Loose Road (previously 15-MHF-MA-110, -79 and -78)</b></p> <p>Waiting restrictions at the junctions of Loose Road and (i) Plains Avenue and (ii) Cripple Street.</p> <p>Traffic regulation order sealed following no comments received at consultation. Work to install carriageway markings ordered, not yet programmed.</p>	<p>Works ordered</p>
<p><b>16-MHF-MA-20 Pheasant Lane (previously 15-MHF-MA-51)</b></p> <p>Resiting motorcycle barrier.</p>	<p>Complete</p>

## Dan Daley and Rob Bird

Details of Scheme	Status
<p><b>16-MHF-MA-11(RB) and -12 (DD) Leafy Lane</b></p> <p>Installation of Zebra pedestrian crossing.</p>	Substantially complete
<p><b>16-MHF-MA-13 (RB) and -14 (DD) A229 Hayle Road / Postley Road / Old Tovil Road</b></p> <p>Pedestrian crossing feasibility study.</p>	Complete
<p><b>15-MHF-MA-127 Stagshaw Close Parking Restrictions</b></p> <p>To provide two mandatory 'SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR' road markings with and single yellow line waiting restrictions. Kent County Council has made the traffic regulation orders for this scheme. The lining is now ordered.</p>	Substantially complete

## Eric Hotson

Details of Scheme	Status
<p><b>15-MHF-MA-126 - A229 Staplehurst</b></p> <p>Traffic Regulation Order for Speed Limit extension south of Staplehurst on A229 with signs and boundary signage gateways</p>	TRO processed and works designed
<p><b>15-MHF-MA-58 – Chart Sutton</b></p> <p>Traffic Regulation Orders for 30mph limit extension and yellow lines to deter parking close to junction and associated speed limit signage.</p>	TRO process complete, Yellow line completed, speed limit designed

## Gary Cooke

Details of Scheme	Status
<p><b>15-MHF-MA- 68 Worcester Road, Maidstone</b></p> <p>Site investigation and design for the provision of off road grasscrete parking areas.</p> <p>The site investigation is complete and the scheme objective was changed to revoke the existing verge parking TRO and implement bollards if required, to protect verges. The TRO was advertised 25 March 2016.</p>	TRO complete

## Jenny Whittle

Details of Scheme	Status
<p><b>15-MHF-MA-27 Detling Village</b></p> <p>Proposed TRO to implement a prohibition of motorised vehicles in the Village (except access). Work has commenced on the production of the TRO and draft designs have been provided for review by the Member. Design now finalised and consultation underway.</p>	TRO progressing and design

### **1.1 Legal Implications**

1.1.1 Not applicable.

### **1.2 Financial and Value for Money Considerations**

1.2.1 Not applicable.

### **1.3 Risk Assessment**

1.3.1 Not applicable.

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## **Kent County Council *Local Transport Plan 4: Delivering Growth without Gridlock* (2016 2031) (Consultation Draft)**

**To:** Joint Transportation Board

**Main Portfolio Area:**

**By:** Kent County Council Transport Strategy Team

**Classification:** For Information

**Ward:** All wards

**Division:** All divisions

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### **Summary:**

Kent County Council (KCC) has a statutory duty to have a Local Transport Plan (LTP). The current LTP3 (2011-16) needs to be replaced. This report introduces the draft LTP4 (2016-31). It incorporates a refresh of Growth without Gridlock (Kent's Transport Delivery Plan) and will be aligned with the Kent and Medway Growth and Infrastructure Framework (GIF) and the South East Local Enterprise Partnership's (SELEP) Strategic Economic Plan (SEP). In addition, transport strategies that support districts' Local Plans should have regard for the policies and priorities within LTP4.

The LTP4 sets out nationally important strategic priorities (such as a new Lower Thames Crossing and a solution to Operation Stack), countywide priorities and priority transport schemes in each district. The local priorities pages for each district have been developed through close working with the district/borough councils. Kent-wide priorities (such as road safety, highway maintenance, and our policy on aviation) are also prominent in the LTP, as is an explanation of funding sources and how LTP4 will be used as a basis to bid for future funding streams and investment.

The draft LTP is currently undergoing a statutory 12-week public consultation alongside a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) report and an Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA). Following the consultation, a revised LTP4 will be adopted by KCC in 2017. Key stakeholders, including district councils, are encouraged to take part in the consultation at [www.kent.gov.uk/localtransportplan](http://www.kent.gov.uk/localtransportplan)

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## **1.0 Background**

- 1.1 This report details the purpose and contents of Kent County Council (KCC)'s draft *Local Transport Plan 4: Delivering Growth without Gridlock*, and focuses on the priorities for Maidstone. KCC invites the JTB to consider responding to the consultation.
- 1.2 KCC is in the process of developing a new Local Transport Plan, to replace the current Local Transport Plan (LTP3) 2011-16. Under the Local Transport Act 2008, it is a statutory requirement for KCC to have a Local Transport Plan (LTP) in place. The LTP is a critical tool in supporting and facilitating sustainable growth and in assisting Kent to attract investment from national government to priority transport schemes. It is thus vital that KCC has a robust LTP in place.
- 1.3 The existing LTP3 is a five year plan (2011-16), and as such, is relatively short-term in horizon and focus. The current refresh provides an opportunity to produce a new longer-term plan, enabling KCC to take a strategic view of transport to better support the county's growth ambitions. By spanning the period to 2031, LTP4 will align with the Kent and Medway Growth and Infrastructure Framework (GIF).

- 1.4 KCC has also taken the opportunity to integrate LTP4 with Kent's transport delivery plan, Growth without Gridlock (GwG). GwG was produced in December 2010, separate to LTP3 and set out the strategic aims for transport to support economic growth in Kent over a 20-year period. Many of the ambitions of that strategy have been achieved or significant progress made in the six years since publication, so LTP4 recognises this progress and reaffirms and refreshes KCC's strategic transport priorities. Therefore, KCC will have one transport policy document covering both strategic and local transport priorities.
- 1.5 Critically, the GIF has fed into LTP4. The GIF identifies the county's infrastructure needs to support planned growth to 2031 and is an important evidence base for LTP4. Transport priorities identified in LTP4 reflect those identified in the GIF and therefore provide a clear link between such transport priorities and the growth agenda.
- 1.6 A range of internal stakeholders across KCC were consulted in developing the draft LTP4. These partners included officers from Highways, Transportation and Waste, Education, Public Health, and Environment, Planning and Enforcement teams. An informal Member Task and Finish Group was established, with one representative from each political party sitting on the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee. The objective of this group was as an advisory panel to provide a steer on the formation of the LTP.
- 1.7 Importantly, districts have also been extensively consulted regarding their transport priorities in advance of the full public consultation. This included a review of transport schemes for inclusion in the Plan. The views of the Kent and Medway Economic Partnership have also been taken into account.
- 1.8 KCC has a statutory duty to consult on LTP4. The consultation is taking place over 12 weeks, from August 8<sup>th</sup> to October 30<sup>th</sup>. District councils are invited to review the full LTP4 and respond to KCC with comments, following their pre-consultation input.

## 2.0 Summary of Local Transport Plan 4: Delivering Growth without Gridlock (2016 – 2013) (Consultation Draft)

- 2.1 The ambition set out in LTP4 is **"To deliver safe and effective transport, ensuring that all Kent's communities and businesses benefit, the environment is enhanced and economic growth is supported."** The draft LTP takes an outcomes-based approach and all transport schemes should achieve at least one of the five outcomes, as follows:
1. **Economic growth and minimised congestion:** *Deliver resilient transport infrastructure and schemes that reduce congestion and improve journey time reliability to enable economic growth and appropriate development, meeting demand from a growing population.*
  2. **Affordable and accessible door-to-door journeys:** *Promote affordable, accessible and connected transport to enable access for all to jobs, education, health and other services.*
  3. **Safer travel:** *Provide a safer road, footway and cycleway network to reduce the likelihood of casualties, and encourage other transport providers to improve safety on their networks.*
  4. **Enhanced environment:** *Deliver schemes to reduce the environmental footprint of transport, and enhance the historic and natural environment.*
  5. **Better health and wellbeing:** *Promote active travel choices for all members of the community to encourage good health and wellbeing, and implement measures to improve local air quality.*
- 2.2 LTP4 is set out into three main sections: 'Transport in Kent', 'Transport Priorities' (Strategic, Kent-wide, and District) and 'Our Funding Sources'. The summary structure of LTP4 is:
- **Foreword** – Sets out the context for the LTP4, including Kent's ambitious targets for growth. With potential opportunities for devolution from government, now is the time for us to set out our plans and our asks. This Plan articulates what KCC and partners will

do to make sure transport is playing its part in making Kent a great place to live, work and do business.

- **Transport in Kent** – Sets out the KCC’s achievements, anticipated growth, the background to our transport issues, roles and responsibilities, links to the South East Local Enterprise Partnership (SELEP) and the policy context of the Plan. It also outlines our ambition for transport, our strategic outcomes and supporting policies.
- **Strategic priorities** – Sets out KCC’s strategic transport priorities, which is essentially an update of ‘Growth without Gridlock’. This section includes delivering growth in the Thames Gateway (to include A2 Bean and A2 Ebbsfleet junction upgrades and Crossrail extension), a new Lower Thames Crossing, bifurcation of port traffic, port expansion at Dover, a solution to Operation Stack, provision for overnight lorry parking, Ashford International Station signalling, Journey Time Improvements and Thanet Parkway Rail Station, and rail and bus improvements (by working with bus operators and influencing the rail franchise).
- **Kent-wide priorities** – Sets out our approach to road safety, highway maintenance, home to school transport, active travel and our policy on aviation.
- **District priorities** (see paragraph 2.3) – Sets out district transport schemes that have been identified as necessary in each district by the GIF, schemes funded by Local Growth Fund (LGF), schemes identified in the South East Local Enterprise Partnership (SELEP) Strategic Economic Plan (SEP), and priority future schemes identified by the districts. We have worked closely with each district/borough council in preparing this section.
- **Our Funding Sources** – Sets out what funding sources are available and alternative funding strategies. These alternatives include Kent receiving a fair portion of the income from the HGV Road User Levy, fuel loyalty discounts and port landing charges related to the impact of these activities in the county. In addition, LTP4 will be used to bid for future funds as and when they become available.
- **Technical annexes** - Comprising a prioritisation method for the Integrated Transport Programme (ITP), the implementation plan for the ITP, and the implementation plan for the Crash Remedial Measures (CRM) Programme.

2.3 KCC met with Andrew Thompson, Dawn Hudd and John Foster, of Maidstone Borough Council, on May 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss the content within LTP4. The priority schemes in Maidstone that were identified through liaison with the Borough Council were considered for inclusion in the latest Local Growth Fund (LGF) bid. As agreed policy once LTP4 is adopted, these schemes will form the basis of bids for future funding opportunities. The Maidstone schemes and accompanying text is available at the end of this report.

### 3.0 Consultation

3.1 The draft LTP4 is undergoing a 12 week consultation, along with an accompanying Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) report and Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA). The consultation launched on August 8<sup>th</sup> and will close on October 30<sup>th</sup>. All LTP4 documents can be accessed at [www.kent.gov.uk/localtransportplan](http://www.kent.gov.uk/localtransportplan).

3.2 Following the consultation, responses will be analysed and a consultation report produced that summarises organisations’ and the public’s responses to the draft LTP. This will be reported alongside a revised LTP4 to KCC’s Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee before consideration by Cabinet to then recommend it to full County Council for adoption in early 2017.

### 4.0 LTP4 – Maidstone pages

#### Accompanying text included on the Maidstone page:

Maidstone is the County Town of Kent and has a road and rail network that is based on the historic development of the town. The town centre is at the point where several A roads (A26,

A20, A229 and A249) converge and provide onward connectivity to four nearby junctions with the M20.

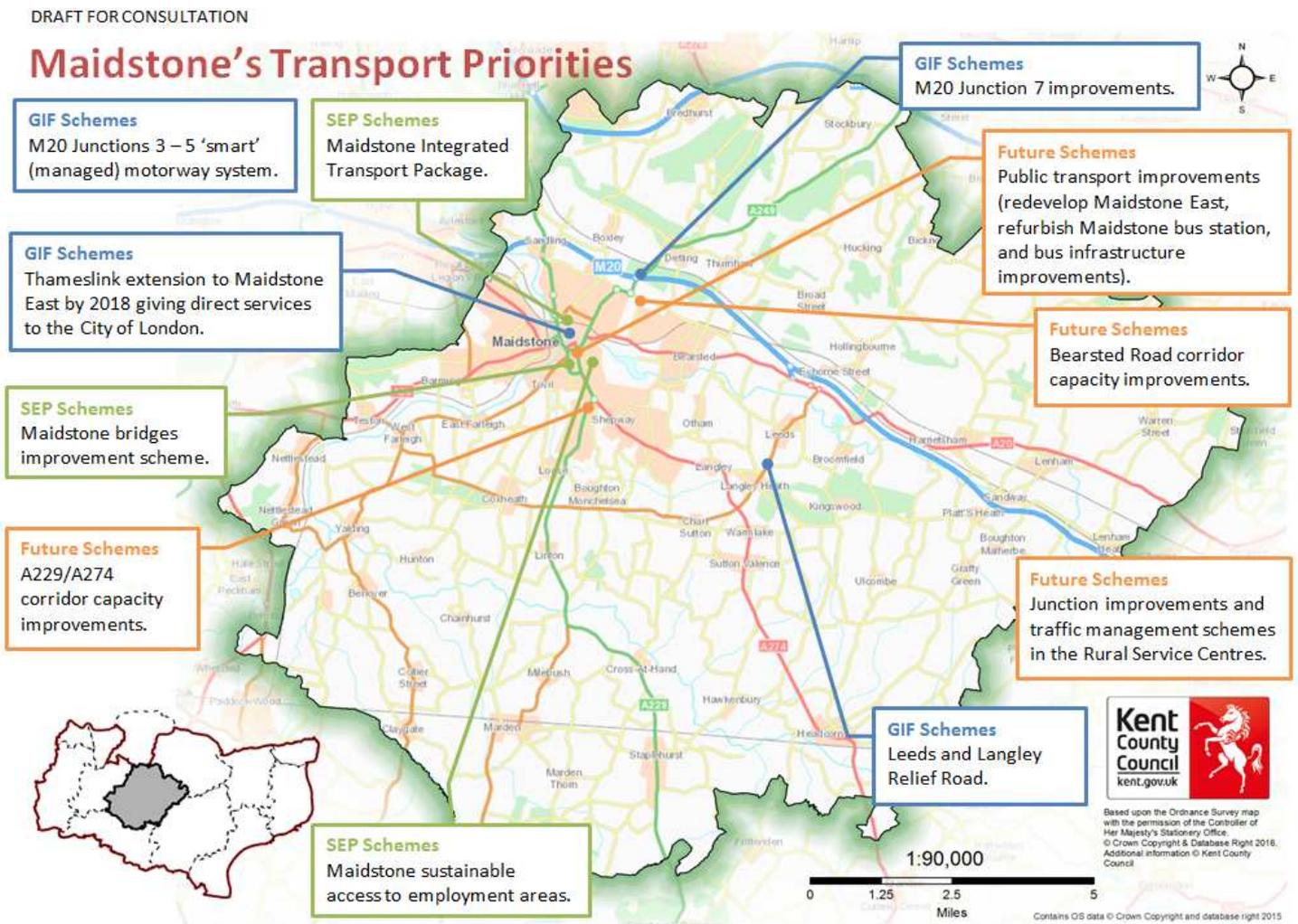
The constrained nature of the town centre has contributed to peak period congestion and the designation of the wider urban area as an Air Quality Management Area. A scheme to relieve congestion at the Bridges Gyratory is currently being implemented, although continued traffic growth on other parts of the network is expected to result in worsening delays for road users. These pressures are most evident on the congested A229 and A274 corridors in south and south eastern Maidstone and on the A20 corridor in north western Maidstone.

Rail links across the district are comparatively poor, with Maidstone currently having no direct service to the City of London (although proposed Thameslink extension from 2018) and a slow journey into Victoria. In the south of the district, Headcorn, Staplehurst and Marden have access to direct train services to the City via Tonbridge and Sevenoaks, making them attractive locations for commuters.

Bus services within the urban area are largely focused around serving the town centre and hospital. Many outlying suburban and rural communities are afforded a more limited level of service that does not provide a convenient travel option for many potential users.

At times when Operation Stack is initiated Maidstone has no direct access to the M20 coastbound. This results in extensive congestion as motorway traffic diverts onto the A20.

**Identified Schemes on the Maidstone page:**



## 5.0 Financial

5.1 Not applicable.

## 6.0 Legal implications

6.1 There is a legal requirement for KCC to have a Local Transport Plan and a legal requirement for KCC to consult on the proposed Plan. The consultation can be accessed at [www.kent.gov.uk/localtransportplan](http://www.kent.gov.uk/localtransportplan).

## 7.0 Conclusions

7.1 The Local Transport Plan (LTP) is a statutory Plan which is currently undergoing public consultation. The draft *Local Transport Plan 4: Delivering Growth without Gridlock (2016-2031)* sets out KCC's overarching transport policy and the strategic outcomes that all transport schemes must achieve. It also includes the strategic schemes that KCC supports and transport priorities in each district. District councils are encouraged to take part in the consultation on the draft plan by visiting [www.kent.gov.uk/localtransportplan](http://www.kent.gov.uk/localtransportplan)

## 8.0 Recommendations

8.1 The Joint Transportation Board is asked to note the draft LTP and the opportunity to respond to the consultation, as set out in paragraph 3.1.

Future Meeting if applicable:	Date:
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