

# AGENDA

## MAIDSTONE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD MEETING



Date: Wednesday 12 July 2017

Time: 5.00 p.m.

Venue: Town Hall, High Street, Maidstone

Membership:

Councillors Bird, Brown, D Burton (Chairman), Carter, Chittenden, Clark, Cooke, Cooper, Cuming, Daley, Garten, Hastie, Hotson, Prendergast, T Sams, Springett, Mrs Stockell, Wilby and Willis

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1. Apologies for Absence
2. Notification of Substitute Members
3. Notification of Visiting Members
4. Disclosures by Members and Officers
5. Disclosures of Lobbying
6. To consider whether any items should be taken in private because of the possible disclosure of exempt information.
7. Minutes of the meeting held on 19 April 2017

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**Issued on Tuesday 4 July 2017**

*Alison Broom*

**Alison Broom, Chief Executive, Maidstone Borough Council,  
Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone ME15 6JQ**

## 8. Petitions

Notice has been given pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 12 of the intention to present a petition in the following terms:

### Platts Heath Safe Transport Scheme

We, the undersigned, call upon Kent County Council to produce, with local community participation, a transport plan to make our village safe and sustainable for the future.

We request:

- A maximum speed limit of 20mph in School Lane
- 20mph outside the school in Headcorn Road
- Investigations to take place to identify methods to slow down traffic entering from the north and south on Headcorn Road
- The 30mph speed limit in Lenham Road to be extended further south as outlined in a previous report sent to Maidstone Joint Transportation Board
- Improved and additional signage and road markings

We ask that Kent County Council fully consider these requests and produce a plan that works and enables the community to have a safer environment for all residents. Consultation and input must include the School and all local residents and plans implemented at the Council's earliest opportunity.

## 9. Questions/Statements by members of the public

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## **PUBLIC SPEAKING**

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# Agenda Item 7

## MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

### MAIDSTONE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

#### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19 APRIL 2017

**Present:** Councillors Bird, Brown, D Burton, Chittenden, Clark, Cuming, Daley, English, Garten, Hotson (Chairman), Springett, Mrs Stockell, Vizzard and Willis

51. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

It was noted that apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Carter, Cooke, Mrs Grigg, T Sams and Whittle.

52. NOTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

It was noted that Councillor English substituted for Councillor Wilby.

53. NOTIFICATION OF VISITING MEMBERS

There were no Visiting Members.

54. DISCLOSURES BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

There were no disclosures by Members or Officers.

55. DISCLOSURES OF LOBBYING

There were no disclosures of lobbying.

56. EXEMPT ITEMS

**RESOLVED:** That all items be taken in public as proposed.

57. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 MARCH 2017

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 21 March 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed, subject to the replacement of Luton with Bedford on page 5.

58. PETITIONS (IF ANY)

There were no petitions.

59. QUESTIONS/STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no questions or statements from members of the public.

60. REPORT OF THE HEAD OF TRANSPORT AND DEVELOPMENT - UPDATE ON PETITIONS SUBMITTED TO KENT HIGHWAY SERVICES

There were no petitions.

61. AMENDMENT TO THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Chairman proposed that Agenda Item 12 – A Boards be taken in advance of Agenda Item 11 – Amendments to the Maidstone Joint Transportation Board Agreement, as there was a member of the public present who had an interest in this item.

**RESOLVED:** That the items be taken in the order proposed by the Chairman.

62. REPORT OF THE KCC DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORTATION AND WASTE: A BOARDS

The Maidstone District Manager from Kent County Council and the Street Scene and Waste Officer from Maidstone Borough Council presented a report on A Boards on the public highway.

It was noted that the item had been raised by the One Maidstone Street Scene Group following obstruction complaints by members of the public.

The Committee noted that there would be a collaborative effort from Kent County Council and Maidstone Borough Council to visit Week Street to tackle the obstruction issues using uniformed Enforcements Officers on 8 June 2017 and yearly thereafter.

The Maidstone District Manager from Kent County Council agreed to circulate the leaflet, which will be handed out to businesses on 8 June 2017, to Members of this Committee.

The Chairman requested that a report be brought back to this Committee in the next municipal year.

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

63. REPORT OF THE KCC DIRECTOR OF GOVERNANCE AND LAW: AMENDMENTS TO THE MAIDSTONE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD AGREEMENT

The Committee considered the amended Maidstone Joint Transportation Board Agreement.

The Chairman noted that the address for Maidstone Borough Council was not up to date.

**RESOLVED:** That the amended Maidstone Joint Transportation Board Agreement be approved for adoption in accordance with each party's

governance procedures, subject to the address being updated for Maidstone Borough Council within the agreement.

64. VERBAL REPORT OF THE KCC DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND WASTE: A20 THROUGH HARRIETSHAM UPDATE

The Strategic Transport and Development Planner from Kent County Council presented a verbal report on A20 Through Harrietsham Update.

The following points were noted:

- This item related to the scheme for road improvements on the A20 which are required to support new housing developments in Harrietsham.
- The proposals involved:
  - The narrowing of the carriageway
  - Lowering of the speed limit from 40 mph to 30 mph
  - The provision of new sections of footway and pedestrian crossing facilities
- An outline scheme design had been commissioned by MBC and had provided a basis for securing financial contributions via Section 106 agreements from the various housing developments in the village. Payment of the contributions was tied to the occupation of the developments, which were at varying stages of construction.
- Once funding was available, the County Council would allocate the necessary resource to review and progress the scheme design. The design had been developed as a complete package and the traffic order required for the speed limit reduction would require a statutory consultation process.
- In the event that there was local growth fund money left over, following delivery of the Maidstone Integrated Transport Package, there would be scope for the Maidstone Joint Transportation Board to consider whether it could be put towards the Harrietsham scheme.
- The County Council would continue to explore other funding opportunities that would help to accelerate the delivery of this locally important scheme.

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

65. REPORT OF KCC'S HEAD OF COUNTYWIDE IMPROVEMENTS: HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES

Councillor Clark noted that, as the housing development was no longer going ahead, the scheme at Boughton Lane on page 31 could be removed from the list.

Councillor Clark asked the Strategic Transport and Development Planner from Kent County Council whether the scheme at Cripple Street, on page 29, could be reviewed to consider the amount of land in the frontage to allow for future footpath provision. The Officer agreed that this would be raised with and considered by Kent County Council's agreements team.

Maidstone Joint Transportation Board Work Programme 2017/18

Date to Committee	Report Title	Report Author	Lead Authority	Notes
12/07/17	Petition: Platts Heath Safe Transport Scheme		KCC	
12/07/17	Petition Report - Queen's Avenue, Maidstone	Jennie Watson	KCC	
12/07/17	A Boards Update	Susan LaPorte	KCC/MBC	
12/07/17	Leeds/Langley Relief Road Update	Tim Read/John Farmer	KCC	
18/10/17	Traffic Study to Explore Congestion Issues on Queen's Avenue	Jennie Watson	KCC	Petition from Cllr Dan Daley at JTB on 21 March 2017
18/10/17	Willington Street Junction Improvements	Mark Egerton	MBC	
17/01/18	Park and Ride, Parking and Bus Workstreams	Mark Egerton	MBC	
TBC	Before and After Statistics for Bridges Gyratory and Potential Changes to Light Timings		KCC	A further review will be brought back to the Committee once the light timing changes have been implemented. post-implementation surveys are currently programmed for Spring 2018 as this represents the end of the defects period.
TBC	Arriva Timetable Change Report		MBC	Arriva to provide an update to the Committee once the changes to the timetable have come into place. Followed up several times but have received no response.
TBC	A20 Harrietsham Road Update	Brendan Wright	KCC	
TBC	Air Quality around Hermitage Lane		MBC	
TBC	A249 Detling Hill Road Improvements		KCC	
TBC	KMEP ITS Funding Package Progress			

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## Petition Report – Queens Avenue, Maidstone

<b>Decision Making Authority</b>	<i>Kent County Council</i>
<b>Lead Director</b>	Roger Wilkin
<b>Lead Head of Service</b>	Tim Read
<b>Lead Officer and Report Author</b>	Jennie Watson
<b>Wards and County Divisions affected</b>	<i>Bridge Ward</i>
<b>Which Member(s) requested this report?</b>	<i>Dan Daley</i>

**This report makes the following recommendations:**

For Information: The purpose of this report is to provide members with a progress report on a petition currently being considered by KCC Highways, Transportation and Waste

<b>Timetable</b>	
<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>
Maidstone Joint Transportation Board	12 July 2017

# Petition Report – Queens Avenue, Maidstone

## **1. ORIGIN OF REPORT**

A petition was presented at the March meeting of this board for KCC to undertake a study to explore all opportunities for controlling and limiting traffic movement and inconsiderate parking.

## **2. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to provide members with a progress report on a petition currently being considered by KCC Highways, Transportation and Waste

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## **3. WORK UNDERTAKEN**

A meeting was held with the petitioner, Shernold School, Councillor Daley and KCC Officers to discuss the issues experienced and options available.

KCC has arranged for a speed survey to be carried out and will investigate waiting restrictions and traffic flow ideas.

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## **4. AVAILABLE OPTIONS**

KCC will provide a full report to the Joint Transportation Board in October.

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## 'A' Boards Report

<b>Decision Making Authority</b>	KCC/MBC
<b>Lead Director</b>	Roger Wilkin
<b>Lead Head of Service</b>	Andrew Loosemore
<b>Lead Officer and Report Author</b>	Susan Laporte, District Manager, Maidstone
<b>Wards and County Divisions affected</b>	<b><i>Maidstone Town Centre</i></b>
<b>Which Member(s) requested this report?</b>	Councillor English

### **This report makes the following recommendations:**

Information report to update the Board on actions outlined in the April Joint Transportation Board.

<b>Timetable</b>	
<b><i>Meeting</i></b>	<b><i>Date</i></b>
Maidstone Joint Transportation Board	12 July 2017

# 'A' Boards Report

## 1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

- 1.1 This item was raised by Councillor English at April JTB. It was also previously raised as an item by the One Maidstone Street Scene Group following obstruction complaints by members of the public.

## 2. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 To review and enforce the 'A' board advertising in the Town Centre, primarily in the high amenity areas and to include High Street, Week Street, Gabriels Hill, Union Street, Earl Street and Bank Street.

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## 3. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The current arrangement is that businesses do not need a licence, but do need to agree to the requirements set out by KCC. The requirements exist to protect all highway users, including those with mobility and visual impairments. Kent County Council as the Highway Authority promotes the free and safe passage of all users of the highway. The requirements follow the "Inclusive Mobility" guidance from the Department for Transport, which requires a minimum unobstructed footway width of 2.0m wherever possible, or 1.5m where fewer pedestrians are expected. Only one 'A' is permissible for each business.
- 3.2 A joint initiative has been set up collaboratively working with Maidstone Borough Council (MBC) and Kent County Council (KCC) to ensure that businesses follow the requirements set out by KCC as the highway authority.
- 3.3 The collaborative proposal is for KCC and MBC to jointly visit Week Street to tackle the obstructions issues using uniformed Enforcement Officers and Highway Stewards. The officers will visit premises displaying 'A' Boards and deploy a 'soft' approach to encourage businesses to display their boards in accordance with the KCC guidance policy.
- 3.4 A joint enforcement day took place on Thursday 8 June in advance of the increase in footfall as a result of tourism and good weather.
- 3.5 Businesses were encouraged to consider other alternatives such as:
- externally mounted boards
  - hanging signs
  - externally mounted display boxes
  - additional signage in the shop front
- 3.6 Local Authorities can act on behalf of KCC in relation to powers available to Local Authorities under the Highways Act 1980 (the 'Act'). Maidstone Borough Council is permitted to consider prosecution under Section 137 & 137A of the Highways Act 1980. This section of legislation would also confer the powers to take action under Section 132 of the 'Act' – relating to

illegal advertising on the highway. A delegated authority would not be required.

- 3.7 Of the 115 enforcement notices served, we have had a 23% return on signed agreements. The businesses were given 28 days to respond. We will be chasing the remainder to ensure compliance.

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#### **4. PREFERRED OPTION AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- 4.1 The enforcement will be followed up by Maidstone Borough Council officers under powers devolved under the Highways Act 1980 – see point 3.6 above.

Should Kent County Council wish to tackle the more prolific offenders around the County, under Section 101(1), (b) of the Local Government Act 1972, KCC could request permission to prosecute under the Town & Country Planning Act.

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#### **5. REPORT APPENDICES**

- 5.1 None

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#### **6. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 6.1 None

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## B2163 Leeds and Langley Relief Road

<b>Decision Making Authority</b>	Kent County Council
<b>Lead Director</b>	Roger Wilkin
<b>Lead Head of Service</b>	Tim Read
<b>Lead Officer and Report Author</b>	John Farmer
<b>Wards and County Divisions affected</b>	Wards: Leeds, Sutton Valence and Langley, North Downs, and Boughton Monchelsea and Chart Sutton County Divisions: Maidstone South East, Maidstone Rural South, and Maidstone Rural East
<b>Which Member(s) requested this report?</b>	Gary Cooke & David Burton

### **This report makes the following recommendations:**

**For Information.** The Board are asked to note the contents of the Report, the further assessment work being undertaken and the commitments needed to support the delivery of a Relief Road.

<b>Timetable</b>	
<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>
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### **1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 Maidstone's draft Local Plan was published in 2016 and Examination in Public has been concluded.

1.2 The Maidstone Borough Council, Local Plan, Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP), May 2016 includes at Paragraph 3.18:

*For the longer term the MBLP and ITS confirm the intention to investigate and assess the justification for a Leeds - Langley Relief Road at the first review of the MBLP. KCC have advised that strategic traffic modelling indicates that a link between the A20 and A274 could have a significant beneficial impact upon traffic levels in the south and south east sectors of the urban area. A significant amount of work is required however to develop the detailed case, including full traffic and environmental impact studies, strategic alternatives, a preferred route and funding methods, and progress will be taken into account as the IDP is reviewed in the future.*

1.3 The Inspector recognised, "*The Borough Council is generally supportive but funding the road would be a significant challenge unless it were to support further major development*". He has formed a view that its delivery is unlikely until very late in the plan period at the earliest.

1.4 The first review of the Local Plan is planned for 2020/21 although preparatory work will commence earlier as a Local Plan is in practice a continually evolving process. The implication is that at the start of the formal review sufficient work would have been done to establish a preferred route for the Relief Road, a business case prepared and potential sources of funding identified.

1.5 Although the Inspector has dismissed the Relief Road as a pre-review contributor to delivery of the Local Plan housing needs, the severe traffic congestion in south east Maidstone has led to increasing public interest in a Relief Road and regular requests for updates on progress.

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### **2. RELIEF ROAD BENEFITS AND DISADVANTAGES**

2.1 A modest standard Relief Road would have the following key benefits:

- Traffic congestion relief and air quality improvement in the south east quadrant of Maidstone including Willington Street.
- Traffic congestion relief and air quality improvement to Leeds & Langley villages
- Environmental benefits to the built heritage of Leeds
- A purpose made route to access the commercial areas at Parkwood.
- Potential opportunities for additional enabling development within Leeds, Langley and Kingswood to support the sustainability of existing villages and offset other allocated sites that may be undeliverable.

2.2 However, any major scheme does have inevitable issues of deliverability that will need to be overcome as follows:

- The area is very attractive with varied topography, with the heritage of Leeds Castle and ancient woodland at Langley.
  - The countryside around any preferred route would need strong policy protection by the Planning Authority (MBC)
  - Based on past consultation local opinion on a route is likely to be strongly divided.
  - There is no current government funding stream to support the scheme. The Planning Authority (MBC) would therefore need to assist in securing developer contributions towards the scheme.
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### **3. CURRENT SITUATION**

#### **Route Standard**

3.1 The Relief Road has over recent years been contemplated as a 50mph single carriageway - where the modest design standards would be more sympathetic to the topography, land use and local hamlets - providing environmental benefits by removing through traffic from both villages. This followed the very first consultation in the early 1990's where the severe impact of a high standard dual carriageway on the varied topography was considered unacceptable by the local community - there is no basis for changing this view.

#### **Route Options**

3.2 Various routes are theoretically available within an area that is attractive, near to Leeds Castle, in sight of the North Downs AONB, of varied topography and geology and with a range of physical and natural environmental aspects. Identifying a preferred route following public consultation may be difficult as the tensions that existed in the 1990's may be repeated although the evidence of need may be a more compelling factor.

3.3 A route to the east of Leeds is undeliverable because it would encroach into the curtilage of Leeds Castle. A route to the east of Langley may also be increasingly undeliverable as it would affect Abbey Woods as government has indicated its intention to strengthen protection for ancient woodland.

3.4 Although one cannot prejudge, it is likely that feasibility work, environmental assessment and public consultation would conclude as before that the only realistic scheme would be a western route, with or without a local bypass of the A274 to achieve a connection to an improved Five Wents junction.

3.5 Such a scheme is also the shortest and cheapest but still has an estimated cost of £50m at today's prices - and this will be more like £75m cash terms, allowing for inflation, even if delivered at the earliest opportunity.

## **Assessment Status**

3.6 A significant amount of initial feasibility work was carried out in 2015 . This work included:

- Option drawings showing routes, variations and junction options.
- Environmental constraints desktop assessment.
- Geotechnical desktop study.
- Surface water drainage strategy.
- Initial high level traffic assessment
- Land referencing and acquisition estimates.
- Overall scheme options estimates

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## **4. FURTHER FEASIBILITY WORK**

4.1 While considerable work has been done on route options the most important next step is to carry out traffic surveys and scheme specific traffic modelling. This will establish the benefits of the scheme, the most critical element of the business case. The VISUM modelling for the Local Plan provided a helpful high level view but more detailed work is required to fully assess the relief road options and treatment of side road junctions. Such aspects would consider and identify:

- Traffic that would use the Relief Road.
- Impact on the A274 between Five Wents and Horseshoes Lane.
- What interventions would be required on B2163 to maximise use of the Relief Road and relief to both villages.
- Should scheme include an intermediate link from the Relief Road to the B2163.
- Changes to the wider network such as the A274, Willington Street and B2163 westwards towards Linton.

4.2 Such modelling is vital to fully understand the traffic benefits and calculate the benefits to cost ration (BCR) which is a fundamental pre-cursor to attracting funding support and where central Government typically expect a minimum threshold BCR value of 2.

4.3 The traffic modelling will also inform the development of the route and junction options. Some of the current outline design work will also need to be reviewed and refined to ensure that route and junction options are fully feasible and environmental aspects are fully understood so that there is confidence in options that might be offered for future public consultation.

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## **5. COMMENTARY**

5.1 The proposed traffic modelling and feasibility work are practical steps in the next stage of scheme development, but there are wider aspects to be considered

that are all required to contribute to the successful and acceptable delivery of a Relief Road.

5.2 There are many who are frustrated by an apparent lack of progress. Having public consultation on the work done to date would be premature as supporting information is not yet available on route options. Expectations will be raised and informal blight created.

5.3 All major schemes are a balance of advantage over disadvantage. It is important that the feasibility work is thorough and is fully explained to the local community as strong local support from the local community, their Parish Councils and the Borough Council is a vital factor in influencing government support. Without these, the scheme will fail.

5.4 A major fear of the local community is that a new road will have unintended consequences and facilitate inappropriate or unplanned development. It will be important that the Borough Council as planning authority put in place strong and enforceable policies that will stop urban sprawl.

5.5 There is currently no obvious source of government funding available. Within the SELEP, the County Council receives significant funding for smaller, lower cost schemes. However, Kent is not alone in requiring larger major infrastructure improvements and such schemes do feature in other LEP programmes around the country. Government also recognises this need exists and introduced a Major Scheme Funding stream in 2016 (although it is currently low in quantum and spread thinly over the country). There are obvious hurdles but a scheme with significant benefits and widespread public and political support has the potential to attract funding.

5.6 Making successful Government funding bids requires a significant level of third party contributions. As planning authority the Borough Council can play a major role in securing and maximising s106 contributions towards a Relief Road and seeking to renegotiate any existing infrastructure contributions so that they can be redirected towards the Relief Road.

5.7 Some housing development in Leeds, Langley and Kingswood could also make a contribution which would greatly assist the business case for a Relief Road, as well as the benefits some housing would make towards maintaining vibrant sustainable communities for their villages.

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## **6. FINANCE AND PROGRAMME**

6.1 County Council has made an appropriate level of revenue funding available in 2017/18 to support the traffic modelling and feasibility work. Consultants will be commissioned. Traffic surveys are most sensibly undertaken in neutral months and these will be planned for autumn 2017. Traffic data assessment, building and validating a traffic model and option testing will take several months and a report back to this Board is anticipated in spring 2018. It would be the intention to brief the parish councils and local Members, on a confidential basis, as this work progresses.

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## **7. RECOMMENDATION**

**For Information.** The Board are asked to note the contents of the Report and the further assessment work being undertaken and the contribution that others can help make towards supporting the delivery of a Relief Road.

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## **8. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None

# Agenda Item 14

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## Highway Works Programme 2017/18

<b>Decision Making Authority</b>	Kent County Council
<b>Lead Director</b>	Roger Wilkin
<b>Lead Head of Service</b>	Andrew Loosemore
<b>Lead Officer and Report Author</b>	Susan Laporte
<b>Wards and County Divisions affected</b>	Maidstone District
<b>Classification</b>	Information Only

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Summary: This report updates Members on the identified schemes approved for construction in 2017/18

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### 1. Introduction

This report provides an update and summarises schemes that have been programmed for delivery in 2017/18

**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**

Susan Laporte  
Alan Casson  
Katie Moreton  
Sue Kinsella  
Toby Butler  
Jamie Hare  
Jamie Watson

Maidstone District Manager  
Senior Asset Manager  
Drainage Manager & Interim Structures Manager  
Street Lighting Manager  
Traffic & Network Solutions Asset Manager  
Development Agreement Manager  
Senior Schemes Programme Manager

## 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>
A20 London Road (The Broadway)	Maidstone	Between Gyratory and Maidstone West Train Station	To be programmed
A249 Sittingbourne Road	Detling	Northbound only. Approach to Stockbury Roundabout and between County Showground and Aerodrome Estate	Completed
A229 Royal Engineers Road	Maidstone	Roundabout adjacent to Stacey Street	Completed
Mill Street	Maidstone	Full extents	Completed
Brewer Street	Maidstone	Whole Road (High Street to Wheeler Street)	Programmed for 10 August 2017
Chatham Road	Maidstone	Dickens Road to Gibrator Lane	Programmed for 14 August 2017
Cobtree Roundabout	Cobtree	Retexturing: Circulatory of Roundabout	Programmed 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2017
Pudding Lane	Maidstone	Whole length	Completed
Forstal Road	Maidstone	Retexturing: West and eastbound outside White Cottage	Programmed 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2017
A229 Royal Engineers Road	Maidstone	Retexturing: Sandling Roundabout	Programmed 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2017

<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>
Tonbridge Road	Maidstone	From opposite Milton Road to Bower Mount Road (Footway Reconstruction)	In Design To be programmed
Saltwood Road	Tovil	Entire length (Footway Protection).	In Design To be programmed
Avington Close	Tovil	Entire length (Footway Protection).	In Design To be programmed
Langdale Rise	Maidstone	Entire length (Footway Protection).	In Design To be programmed
Milford Close	Maidstone	Entire length (Footway Protection).	In Design To be programmed
<b>Surface Treatments – Contact Officer Mr Jonathan Dean</b>			
<b>Micro Surfacing</b>			
<b>Road Name</b>	<b>Parish</b>	<b>Extent and Description of Works</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
Buckland Hill	Maidstone	Pevensey Court to Buckland Road	To be programmed
B2079 Goudhurst Road	MARDEN	West Field House to Pattenden Lane	Programmed for the 09 July 2017 for 2 days
West Street	Hunton	East Street to Mill Lane (Omitting section o/s primary school)	Programmed for the 29 August 2017 for 4 working days
Royston Road	Bearsted	Spot Lane to Rosemary Road	Completed
Madginford Road	Bearsted	Royston Road to Willington Street	Completed
Stockett Lane	Coxheath	B2163 Heath Road to Forstal Lane	Completed
Hubble Drive	Downswood	Valentine Road to either end cul de sac	Programmed for 13 October 2017 for 2 days

Valentine Road	Downswood	Willington Street to Hubble Drive	To be Programmed Programmed for 13 October 2017 for 2 days
B2163 Heath Road/Ewell Lane	West Farleigh	Heath Road (Right angle junction) to Lower Road (past road to Good Intent PH) including around triangle	Programmed for 11 October 2017 for two days
B2010 Yalding Hill	Yalding	Lughorse Lane to Shingle Barn Lane	Completed
Vicarage Road	Yalding	Yalding Hill to Mill Lane	Completed
Claygate Road	Yalding	Jarmons Lane to Victoria Cottage	Completed
Admiral Road	Hucking	Hollingbourne Hill to South Lees Lane	Programmed for the 07 July 2017 for 2 days
Pested Bars Road	Boughton Monchelsea	Joy Wood/Brishing Lane to Cliff Hill	Completed
B2010 Dean Street	East Farleigh	Lower Road to join with Old Tovil Crescent up to Sheals Crescent	Completed – lining outstanding
Hogbarn Lane	Harrietsham	Stede Hill to Ringlestone Road	Completed
Pinnock Lane	Staplehurst	A229 Cranbrook Road to j/w Goudhurst Road	Programmed for the 03 July 2017 for 3 working days
Howland Road	Marden	Meadow Way to Battle Lane	Completed
<b>Surface Treatments – Contact Officer Mr Jonathan Dean</b>			
<b>Surface Dressing</b>			
<b>Road Name</b>	<b>Parish</b>	<b>Extent and Description of Works</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
A229 STAPLEHURST ROAD	Marden	End of HFS on bends to Chart Hill Road, Cross at Hand to joint with 2015/16 SD	Completed
THE STREET	Wormshill	Black Post crossroads to Wormshill church bends	Completed

## **Appendix B – Drainage**

<b>Drainage Repairs &amp; Improvements - <i>Contact Officer Katie Moreton</i></b>			
<b>Road Name</b>	<b>Parish</b>	<b>Description of Works</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
Queens Road	Maidstone	Removal of some surface water from the southern Water sewer	Works at Design Stage

## **Appendix C – Street Lighting**

<b>Street Lighting Works – <i>Contact Officer Sue Kinsella</i></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	Design in progress
A274 Sutton Road j/w Wallis Avenue	Urban	Review of traffic signal operation, revised pedestrian facilities proposed	Michael Heath	Scheme to be delivered by the Major Project Team
A274 Maidstone Road j/w Chartway Street	Sutton Valence	Signage and road markings	Michael Heath	Completed

A20 Lenham j/w Faversham Road	Lenham	Improved ADS signage, warning signage and road markings approaching junction	Michael Heath	Complete
A249 Detling to town centre	Detling, Thurnham and urban	Route study work	Michael Heath	Complete
A229 Royal Engineers Rd and Fairmeadow roundabouts	Urban	Replace and improve advance direction signs on the A229 approaches to the two roundabouts.	Paul Brand	Handed over for delivery
A229 Hayle Road j/w College Road	Urban	Junction improvements with pedestrian facility.	Paul Brand	Complete
A229 Upper Stone Street j/w Brunswick Street	Urban	Review of lining and signing	Thomas Williams	Works set to be ordered now the main carriageway work of the gyratory has been completed.
A229 Upper Stone Street near Tesco Express	Urban	Carriageway marking improvements	Paul Brand	Handed over for delivery

## **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	Design complete. Land issues complete. Programmed August 2017
Old Chatham Road	Boxley	Implementation of improved pedestrian and cycle facilities	Michael Heath	Scheme in design.

## **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 LGF 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 issued a tender for a design and build contract to include the station redevelopment scheme and the demolition of the Vic Public House. It is expected that the contractor will be appointed mid-July. Following this, the detailed design will be progressed and the demolition of the pub will move forwards. 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**

**NB** Phase 3 Maidstone town centre (Week Street) advised but no drawings received yet.  
Expected start Jan 2018

<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>
Fishers Farm (East), Headcorn Road Staplehurst		Staplehurst	Realignment and new access at Headcorn Road/Pile Ln junc. Minor access Pile Lane	Initial information received
Fishers Farm (West), Headcorn Road		Staplehurst	New access onto Headcorn Road	Submission received
Woodford Park	MA003099	Staplehurst	New access for 9 dwellings	Submission received
Bell Farm, North Street, Barming	MA3098	Barming	2 new accesses to split site, shared surface and new crossing point	Initial submission received
Tovil Green Lane	MA 3095	Tovil	New Footway and crossing point to side of site	Submission acknowledged.
Bell Farm Ashford Road Harrietsham	MA3094	Harrietsham	Realignment of Church Road to form new access onto A20. New footway along A20.	Initial S278 works along lower part Church Road (East Street) completed. Works to Bellmouth on A20 and new footway along A20 imminent. (trial holes re utility levels in progress)
Cripple Street Maidstone	MA3093	Tovil	New access to development, slight road widening and footway works.	Works underway.
The Lodge, Beaver Road, Maidstone	MA003091	Maidstone	New Footway and crossing	Agreement signed

			point (LoA)	
Howland Road, Marden	MA3088	Marden	New development access and footway link	Agreement signed
Ledian Farm, Leeds	MA3086	Leeds	Proposed new access to development site at Ledian Farm, Leeds	Technical approval granted
Wallis Avenue Phase 3, Maidstone	MA3085	Maidstone	Some stopping up of highway completed for redevelopment of old carpark and shops area opp LongshawRd	Agreement signed, works to 3 realigned accesses commenced.
Hubbards Lane	MA3084	Boughton Monchelsea	2x access to minor new developments	Works completed on both accesses, pedestrian crossing point to add
Caring Wood House Caring Road	MA3083	Leeds/Bearstead	New Minor access	Works completed and in maintenance
Gatland House, Gatland Lane, Maidstone, Kent. ME16 8PF	MA3081	Tovil	Parking Restrictions, Signage, Road Markings and Tactile crossings for new school	Works completed except for flashing amber lights for school signs.
Bell Lane Staplehurst	MA3080	Staplehurst	New footway provision extending existing towards main road	Works complete. Cert1 issued
Napoleon Drive and Plain Road, Marden	MA3079	Marden	New access on each road for new housing development.	Agreement signed, works to Plain Road access carried out
The Oaks, Maidstone Road, Sutton Valence. ME17 3LR	MA3078	Sutton Valence	Upgrade existing Vehicle crossing access to Bellmouth with tactile crossing.	Submission approved

The Coppice, A274 Sutton Road, Toucan Crossing	MA003076	Maidstone	Install new Toucan crossing	Agreement signed
Buckland Rise, Buckland Hill	MA03074	Maidstone	Reshaped access	Works complete – remedial works due
BP Tudor Service station, London Road Maidstone	MA003072	Allington	Alter access arrangements	Works complete, except pedestrian crossing point to add and additional signage
Hermitage Lane/ Howard Drive, Maidstone	MA003070	Maidstone	New access for development (opposite the quarry entrance)	Works started on site
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, Access substantially completed
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.
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	All works and RSA3 completed.
Ashford Road Harrietsham	MA003058	Harrietsham	Upgrade of existing bellmouth	Works in maintenance
Lenham Road (South side)	MA003057	Headcorn	New footway	Agreement finalised.

Valdene Industrial Estate	MA003054	Sutton Valence	Upgrade of existing bellmouth plus extension to footway	Stage 2 audit complete
Bridge House Nursery, London Road	MA003051	Maidstone	Traffic light Jcn Beaver Rd to become X-rds	Works complete, stage 3 safety audit completed
Grigg Lane/Lenham Road /Oak Lane, Wheeler Street,Headcorn	MA3050	Headcorn	Access on Grigg Lane and Lenham road. Footway on Grigg Lane and Oak Lane, Junction improvement at Wheeler St/Oak Lane	Submission details part approved. Temp access to go in Lenham Rd – awaiting details
Church Road Tovil (Courteney school)	MA003049	Tovil	New access	Works completed.
Oak Lane	MA003048	Headcorn	New footway plus junction improvements	Oak Lane footway provisional start date July
Bunyards Farm, Beaver Road	MA003047	Allington	New bellmouth and associated ancillary works for new development	Works Complete, Stage 3 Safety audit complete
Oakapple Lane/ Hermitage Lane,	MA003046	Maidstone	New bellmouth and associated ancillary works for new development including new bus stop.	Main works complete, remedials still to do
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. Traffic and Pedestrian count surveys carried out to help determine best solution.
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 Drivethru, Hart street Maidstone	MA003013	Maidstone	New access, improvements to Hart street.	Approaching end of maintenance period – Structure affecting highway requires maintenance agreement prior to handover.
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	Works completed – access, footway across front of site, downhill to Tesco, crossing to cottages and new bus boarders.

## **Appendix F – Bridge Works**

<b>Bridge Works – Contact Officer Katie 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>
Sandling Road/ Station Road, Maidstone	Refurbishment of traffic signal controlled junction	Proposed January 2018
B2162 Twyford Bridge, Yalding	Refurbishment of traffic signal controlled junction	Proposed March 2018

## **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 **26 June 2017**.

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

Details of Scheme	Status
<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. Alternative option of a Stopping-Up order has been proposed.</p>	<p>No further correspondence received from Bredhurst Parish Council.</p>

#### Brian Clark

Details of Scheme	Status
<p><b>16-MHF-MA-1 Dean Street, between Dean Farm to just west of the junction with Burial Ground Lane</b></p> <p>Revoke existing 40 miles per hour local speed limit and replace with 30mph local speed limit to make a continuous length.</p>	<p>Substantially complete</p>
<p><b>16-MHF-MA-18 Park Way</b></p> <p>Installation of two SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR markings and associated signage.</p>	<p>Complete</p>
<p><b>16-MHF-MA-21 Cripple Street weight limit</b></p> <p>Extension of existing 7.5 tonne environmental weight limit to include Cripple Street (part) and other intermediate roads.</p>	<p>Handed over for delivery</p>

#### Eric Hotson

Details of Scheme	Status
<p><b>16-MHF-MA-53 &amp; 50 - A229 Staplehurst</b></p> <p>Speed limit order to extend limit south of Staplehurst on A229 with signs and boundary signage gateways at Knoxbridge.</p>	<p>Complete.</p>
	<p>Complete</p>

<b>16-MHF-MA-62</b> Investigation for improvement options Heath Road pedestrian crossing.	
<b>16-MHF-MA-28 – Chart Sutton</b> Speed limit order for extension to 30 miles per hour limit and yellow lines to deter parking close to junction and associated speed limit signage. Additional ‘unsuitable for HGVs’ signs added.	Complete

### Ian Chittenden

<b>Details of Scheme</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>16-MHF-MA-25 Peel Street area</b> Implementation of a 20 miles per hour speed limit (signed only) on Canning Street, Chillington Street, Gladstone Road, Peel Street and Hillary Road from its junction with Peel Street in a north-easterly direction to the boundary of numbers 29 and 31 Hillary Road.	Complete
<b>16-MHF-MA-24 St Luke’s Avenue</b> (1) Implementation of no waiting restrictions (at any time) across the entrance to Barden Court on St Luke’s Avenue; and (2) Installation of KEEP CLEAR marking on Holland Road at its junction with St Luke’s Avenue.	Complete

### Paulina Stockell

<b>Details of Scheme</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>16-MHF-MA-5 West Street, Hunton (outside of Hunton Primary School)</b> Installation of traffic signs for advisory 20 miles per hour speed limit when lights show.	Complete
<b>16-MHF-MA-7 Goudhurst Road, Marden (outside of Marden Primary School)</b> Installation of traffic signs for advisory 20 miles per hour speed limit when lights show.	Complete
<b>16-MHF-MA-8 Collier Street (outside of St Margaret’s Primary School)</b>	Handed over for delivery

Installation of traffic signs and gateways for advisory 20 miles per hour speed limit when lights show.	
<b>16-MHF-MA-10 Vicarage Road, Yalding (outside of Yalding Primary School)</b> Installation of traffic signs for advisory 20 miles per hour speed limit when lights show.	Substantially complete

**Jenny Whittle**

<b>Details of Scheme</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>16-MHF- MA-30 Friday Street</b> 'Unsuitable for HGVs' signage	Complete.
<b>16-MHF-MA-37 Various villages</b> 'Unsuitable for HGVs' signs Lenham to Headcorn area	Complete
<b>15-MHF-MA-27 Detling village</b> Implementation of traffic regulation order to prohibit motorised vehicles in the village (except for access).	Complete

**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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