

To: Maidstone Joint Transport Board

By: Tim Read, Head of Transportation

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Subject: Petitions Report

1. A20 Ashford Road, Lenham
2. Faversham Road, Wichling

Classification: For Information

Summary: The purpose of this report is to provide members with a progress report on petitions currently being considered by KCC Highways and Transportation

1. Petitions Received

A Petition to reduce the existing speed limit on the A20 Ashford Road, Lenham (1) to 40mph and on Faversham Road, Wichling to 30mph (2).

2. Work undertaken

A20 Ashford Road

A petition containing 72 signatures was received at the October meeting of this board. Kent County Council Highways and Transportation investigated this request.

There have been a number of recent planning applications made on sites adjacent to and accessed from the A20 Ashford Road.

As a statutory consultee to the planning process, Kent County Council has requested that as part of any development fronting the A20 Ashford Road, the current national speed limit on the A20 is reduced to 50mph, which is supported by recent speed data. Whilst one of the proposed developments has currently not received full planning consent, it is possible that it will be re-submitted. If ultimately successful these developments will alter the characteristics of Ashford Road, which currently has little housing directly fronting the road with the exception of the properties near the Faversham Road junction.

The junction of Faversham Road has also been identified as part of this year's review of crash cluster sites, proposals are currently being developed into a scheme for delivery 2015/16.

Faversham Road, Wichling

With regards to the request to consider Faversham Road, Wichling for a 30 mph speed limit, following the last meeting of this board, residents made contact with their Local Member Mrs Whittle and the Cabinet Member for Highways and Waste, Mr Balfour.

Subsequently a site meeting was held between concerned residents, Mr Balfour and KCC Officers. The meeting resolved that Mr Balfour would raise the matter with Mrs Whittle, who was not present at the site meeting. This has now happened and further discussions are now ongoing with respect to new works to be undertaken.

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