

Maidstone Joint Transportation Board

**17
January
2018**



Platts Heath Petition

Decision Making Authority	Kent County Council
Lead Director	Roger Wilkin
Lead Head of Service	Tim Read
Lead Officer and Report Author	Jennie Watson
Wards and County Divisions affected	Maidstone Rural East
Which Member(s) requested this report?	N/A

This report makes the following recommendations:

FOR INFORMATION ONLY - The purpose of this report is to provide Members with an update following the petition submitted

Timetable

<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Date</i>
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1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

- 1.1 A petition was presented at the July meeting of this board for KCC to consider and investigate.
- 1.2 The petition requested:
 - A speed limit of 20mph in School Lane
 - A speed limit of 20mph outside the school in Headcorn Road
 - Investigations to take place to identify methods to slow traffic entering from the north and south on Headcorn Road
 - The 30mph speed limit in Lenham Road to be extended
 - Improved and additional signage and road markings

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Members with a progress report on the issues raised in the petition.
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3. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Kent County Council Officers met with the lead petitioner, Lenham Parish Council and Boughton Malherbe Parish Council to discuss the issues raised within the petition.
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4. AVAILABLE OPTIONS

- 4.1 The main concerns are the speed of vehicles through the area, the amount of larger vehicles and HGV's using the narrow lanes as a rat run and the associated impact on the quality of life and wellbeing of the residents living in the area.
- 4.2 Officers investigated the reported personal injury crash history for Platts Heath and found that there have been no recorded personal injury accidents in the past three years.
- 4.3 Following the meeting with the lead petitioner and the parish councils, it was agreed that the parish council would produce a Highway Improvement Plan, listing their concerns in priority order so that KCC Officers can investigate and agree an action plan with the parish council. The purpose of the action plan is to agree what is to be investigated with the limited staff resource available and agree a programme and how any improvements may be funded. The action plan would be regularly reviewed and updated and so provide a running commentary on what has been agreed to be undertaken and by when.

5. PREFERRED OPTION AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 That the Board note the contents of this report and agree that officers continue to monitor the area and work with the parish council on their Highway Improvement Plan and Action Plan. To date, Kent County Council has not received the Parish Council's Improvement Plan.
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