To: Maidstone Joint Transportation Board

By: KCC Roadworks Co-ordination Team

Date: 17 April 2013

Subject: Gas Works – Maidstone Town Centre

Classification: Information - ongoing

Summary: The Chairman of the JTB has requested this item is reported on until completion of the ongoing Gas Main replacement works within Maidstone.

Morrison Utilities, working on behalf of Southern Gas Networks, have completed the works on Upper Stone Street and moved onto Hayle Road. This is the final phase of these works. This phase will be completed in two sections, the junction with Campbell Road being the location when the first section finishes and the second will start. This changeover will take place in the next fourteen days. The right hand lane will be closed, initially between College walk and Campbell Road, and then between Campbell Road and Sheal's Crescent/ Postley Road. The Highway Management Centre and the Roadworks Team are closely monitoring traffic flow and adjusting traffic light timings to keep traffic disruption to a minimum.

The project is progressing well, and when the second phase is started there will be additional coning in place at the junction of Sheal's Crescent, Upper Stone Street and Loose Road. The design of this will be the same as when the road was used as a diversion for Knightrider Street, which aided the movement of traffic and reduced congestion on Upper Stone Street.

This will finish the town centre project and is due to conclude on the 26th April.

In conclusion, the Roadworks Co-ordination Team continue to work closely with Maidstone Borough Council and Morrison Utilities to ensure this complicated and high profile project is completed on time and causes the least amount of disruption, and that the reinstatements are completed to the highest quality.

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