

**To:** Maidstone Joint Transport Board

**By:** Tim Read, Head of Transportation

**Date:** 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2014

**Subject:** Petitions Report

**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

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### **1. Petitions Previously Received**

Petition to extend the 30mph speed limit on the A274 at Langley from the beginning of the Parish of Langley to the Five Wents Crossroads.

### **2. Work undertaken**

A petition containing 268 signatures was received at the recent full Council meeting 27<sup>th</sup> March 2014. Kent County Council Highways and Transportation investigated this request. Current vehicle mean speeds were found to be very close to the existing 40mph speed limit. Kent Police were informally consulted and stated that based on the existing driven speeds previously recorded, they would object should any proposed reduction to 30mph be proposed. Based on this and the likelihood that any reduced speed limit would largely not be complied with, as well as the sound safety reasons for not imposing an artificially low speed limit, The Cabinet Member for Highways, Transportation and Waste responded, declining the request.

### **3. Petitions Newly Received**

A petition containing 67 signatures was received by Kent County Council Highways and Transportation on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2014. The petition requested the construction of a new section of footway on the A249 Sittingbourne Road, to link Toppesfield Park to the existing Pelican Pedestrian Crossing near Tudor Avenue.

Site investigation revealed there is insufficient highway land to enable a new footway to be built to appropriate technical standards. The Cabinet Member for Highways, Transportation and Waste, has responded declining the request, but indicating that if land was made available, by those properties fronting Sittingbourne Road, a potential bid for Local Transport Plan funding may be possible. The Cabinet Member made it clear however that funding could not be guaranteed as there are always more bids than available funding.

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