
A256 WESTWOOD ROAD WIDENING – PROPOSED SCHEME FOR CONSULTATION

To: **Thanet Joint Transportation Board, 23 November 2011**

Main Portfolio Area: **KCC – Enterprise and Environment**

By: **Director of Highways, Kent County Council**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Ward: **St Peters** Division: **Broadstairs and Sir Moses Montefiore**

Summary:

For Decision

1.0 Introduction and Background

- 1.1 Members may recall that an overall Westwood Transport Plan was approved by this Board on 30 September 2010. The plan sets out proposed highway improvements to address the increasing level of traffic that is attracted to Westwood and reflects the success of the Westwood Cross shopping area.
- 1.2 The first phases of the Westwood Transport Plan were completed in September 2011 and provide two lanes in each direction on A254 Margate Road between the Westwood roundabout and the superstores roundabout..

2.0 Proposal

- 2.2 The next phase of the transport plan is the widening of Westwood Road on the approach to Westwood roundabout and includes:
- Two westbound lanes between Tesco's roundabout and Westwood roundabout,
 - Modifications to the mini roundabout to provide left slips into and out of Tesco store,
 - Improved right turn lane into Poorhole Lane,
 - Shared footway / cycle way on the southern side of Westwood Road
 - Improvements to footway / cycleway on the northern side between Poorhole Lane and Westwood roundabout
 - The relocation and upgrade of existing pelican crossing to a toucan crossing.
 - Improved pedestrian refuges and islands
- 2.3 These proposals are shown on drawing numbers 10-ITS-TH-02-003 to 006 in Appendix 1.

3.0 Financial

- 3.1 The scheme is estimated at £420,000 and will be funded from developer contributions. Construction is expected to be programmed for mid 2012.

4.0 Conclusion

- 4.1 The scheme provides improvements in highway capacity, traffic flow, and pedestrian and cycle facilities and delivers a further element of the Westwood transport plan.

5.0 Recommendation

- 5.1 It is therefore recommended that the scheme shown on drawings 10-ITS-TH-02-003 to 006 in Appendix 1 are approved for consultation, and that if no objections are received the scheme is approved for construction.

Future Meeting if applicable: March 2012 JTB if objections are received at consultation stage.	Date: 20/10/2011
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Annex List

<i>Annex 1</i>	Drawing numbers 10-ITS-TH-02-003 to 006
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