
**READING STREET - 20MPH SPEED LIMIT – Member Highway Fund Scheme
RESULTS OF CONSULTATION**

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

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

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

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Ward: **Beacon Road** Division: **Broadstairs and Sir M M'fiore**

Summary: **The report summarises the results of the consultation for a proposed 20mph speed limit in Reading Street and surrounding roads.**

For Decision

1.0 Introduction and Background

- 1.1 Kent County Council (KCC) is proposing the introduction of a 20mph speed limit in Reading Street.
- 1.2 Residents have requested through the means of a petition that Reading Street be made 20mph for its whole length from the junction with Beacon Road to the junction with Elmwood Avenue. As part of the same scheme it is proposed to include the following side roads within the 20mph limit: Trinity Square, Elmwood Close and Astor Road.
- 1.3 The principal scheme aim is to improve pedestrian safety and advise drivers that they need to maintain lower speeds in the area. Speed surveys were previously carried out in Reading Street and the results of this survey demonstrated that 85th percentile speeds were below 30mph (26.6mph westbound and 28mph eastbound).
- 1.4 A crash analysis was carried out in Reading Street to ascertain if a crash record is present. In the last three years one slight injury crash was reported in Reading Street, this does not represent a crash record.

2.0 Summary of consultation response

- 2.1 A scheme proposal was prepared and a traffic regulation order (TRO) consultation was carried out at the end of October. The scheme proposal may be seen in Annex 1.
- 2.2 The consultation period ran for 3 weeks, from 30th October to 21st November 2011. Site notices were erected in Reading Street and nearby roads and a newspaper advert was displayed in the Kent on Sunday. Additionally councillors and other statutory consultees were sent consultation packs via post.
- 2.3 Responses to this consultation will be updated verbally by the District Manager at this JTB. If no objections are received then the scheme will be progressed as outlined.
- 2.4 All of the consultation information was made available on the www.kent.gov.uk website, which included the opportunity to comment via an email feedback form. Other consultees directly contacted included Thanet District Council, the local District and County Councillors, the emergency services and bus companies.

2.5 A copy of the consultation responses can be viewed upon request.

3.0 Financial

3.1 The scheme will cost £15, 611 to implement. This will include the cost of signing the new 20mph speed limit and the introduction of red hi-friction surfacing at each of the speed limit entrances. Kent County Councillor Bill Hayton has chosen to use some of his Member Highway Fund allocation to progress and construct this scheme.

4.0 Recommendation

4.1 Funding is to be fully delivered by Bill Hayton and based on the results of the TRO consultation it is recommended that the scheme proceed as outlined.

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Annex List

<i>Annex 1</i>	<i>Scheme Proposal / Plan</i>
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Annex 1 – Scheme Proposal / Plan

