# A256 WESTWOOD ROAD BROADSTAIRS: PROPOSED HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

To: Thanet Joint Transportation Board – 15<sup>th</sup> March 2012

Main Portfolio Area: *KCC – Enterprise & Environment* 

By: Director of Highways & Transportation, Kent County Council

Classification: Unrestricted

Ward: St Peters

Division: **Broadstairs & Sir Moses Montefiore** 

Summary: Kent County Council are promoting a highway improvement scheme for A256 Westwood Road Broadstairs. On 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2011 the Members of this Board approved proposals for consultation purposes (and construction in the event of no objections being received). This report details the results of that consultation.

#### **For Decision**

Please Note: This report is incomplete as the consultation runs to 12<sup>th</sup> March. Details of the consultation results will be provided as a hard copy at the meeting of this Board on 15<sup>th</sup> March, along with the subsequently revised plans.

#### 1.0 Introduction and Background

- 1.1 Members may recall that an overall Westwood Transport Plan was approved by this board on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010. The plan sets out a package of proposed highway improvements aimed at addressing the increasing levels of traffic congestion by providing a choice of routes, increasing road capacity, improving traffic flow and improving pedestrian and cycle connectivity and safety.
- 1.2 Work has started on implementing the first phases of the Westwood Transport Plan. In 2010 pedestrian and cycle facilities were constructed on the A254 Margate Road between the Hare and Hounds traffic signals and Invicta Motors. In 2011, widening of the A254 Margate Road took place to provide two lanes in each direction between the Westwood roundabout and the superstores roundabout. Pedestrian and cycle facilities were also improved as part of this.
- 1.3 On 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2011 Members of this Board approved proposals for the next phase of improvement. This involves the widening of A256 Westwood Road on the approach to the Westwood roundabout; the provision of a right turn lane into Poorhole Lane and further improvements to pedestrian and cycle facilities. Approval was given to take these proposals to public consultation and progress with construction in the event of no objections being received. The approved plans are included in Annex 1 to this report.
- 1.4 KCC Highways & Transportation carried out the public consultation during February and March 2012. The deadline for responses to be received by KCC was 12<sup>th</sup> March

2012. Over 100 consultation packs were distributed to local residents & businesses; Local County & District Councillors and key organisations including the emergency services. Consultees were asked if they understand and support the proposals and were given an opportunity to provide comment. In addition to consultation packs being distributed to the above, details were provided on line at <a href="https://www.kent.gov.uk/khsconsult">www.kent.gov.uk/khsconsult</a> and public notices were put up on site.

1.5 The consultation drawings have been amended taking into consideration the comments received during that consultation. Please see Annex 3 for the revised plans.

## 2.0 Results of Consultation

2.1 A total of ?? responses have been received.

Yes	No	Not Sure	Did not indicate a preference

2.2 A summary of the comments received can be seen in Annex 2.

#### 3.0 Recommendation

3.1 That Members of this Board approve revised plans (as detailed in Annex 3) for detailed design and construction.

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### Annex List

Annex 1	Consultation Plans as approved by JTB Members on 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2011
Annex 2	Summary of consultation comments
Annex 3	Revised Plans for approval

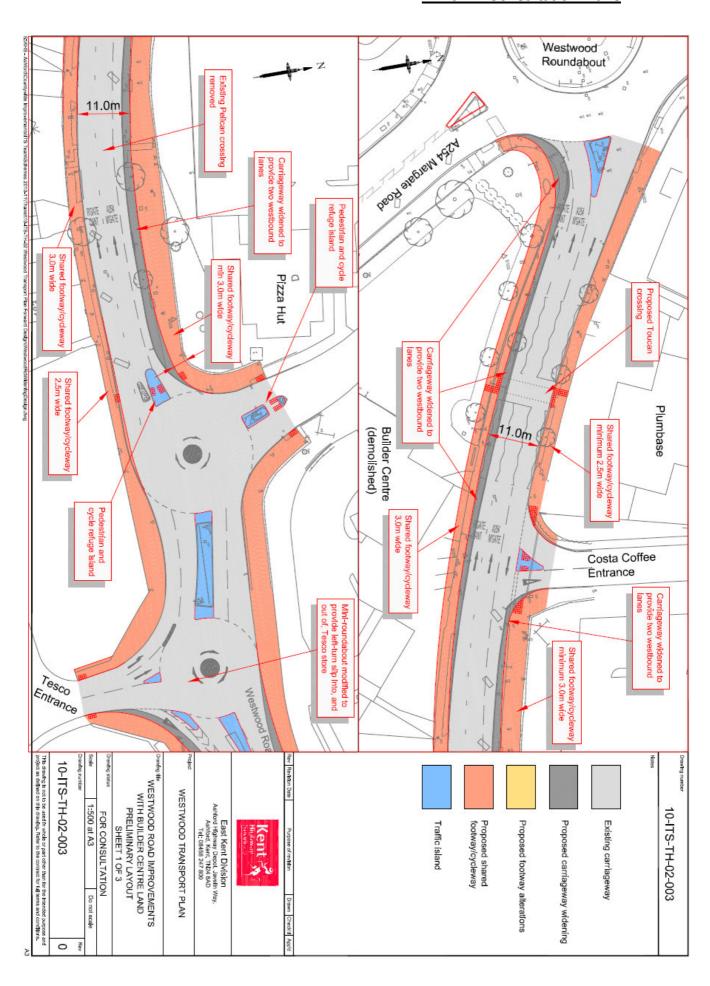
## **Background Papers**

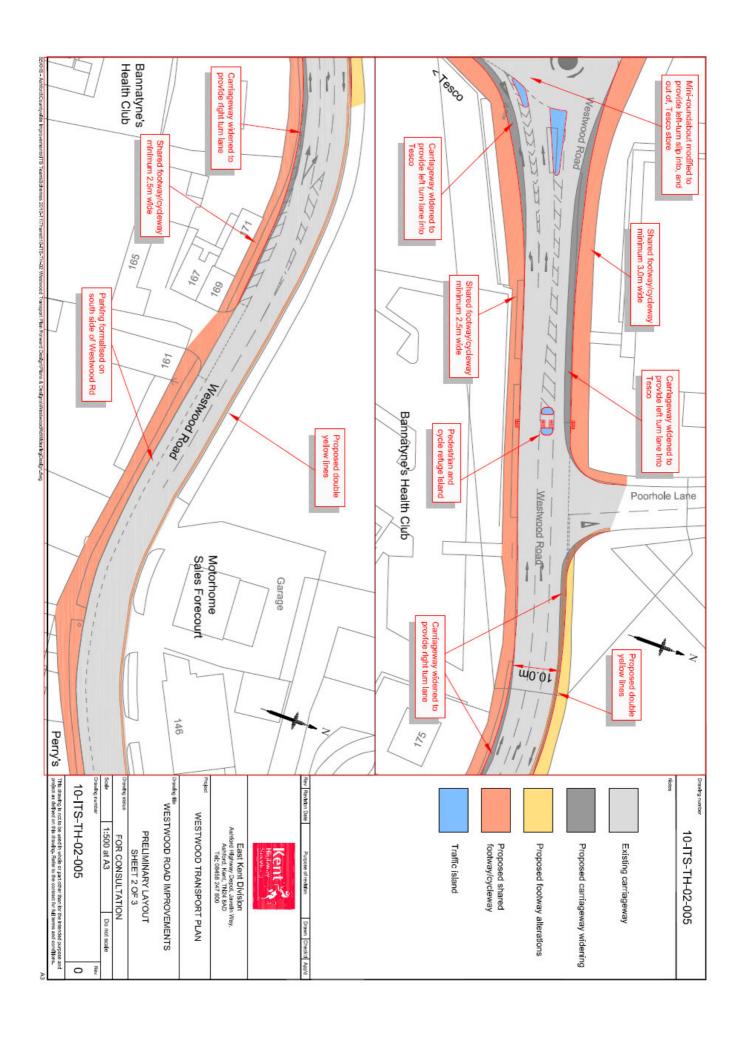
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Letters & Feedback forms received from consultees.	To be provided at this meeting of the JTB for Member inspection. Summary provided in Annex 2 of this report.

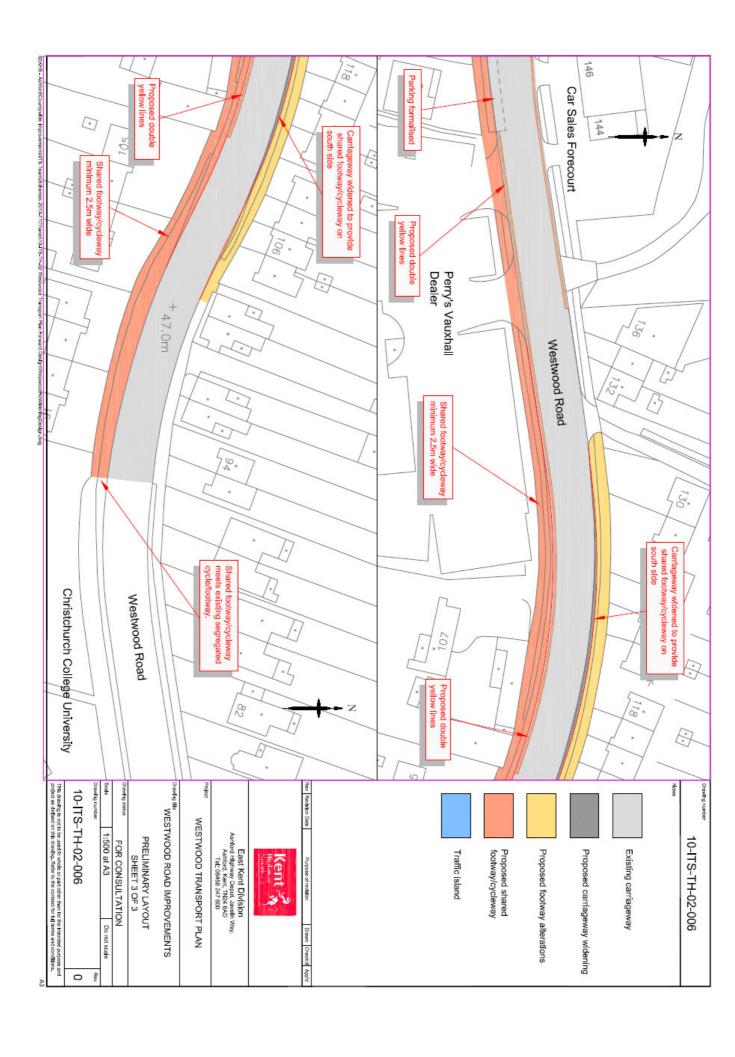
# Corporate Consultation Undertaken

Finance	None needed	
Legal	None needed	
Communications	Consultation materials provided to Corporate web	
	team for inclusion on the Kent website	

## **Annex 1: Consultation Plans**







## **Annex 2: Summary of Consultation Responses**

Respondent	Comment	Officers Response

# Annex 3: Revised Plans for Approval