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## **Broadstairs Schools Road Safety Petition**

To: **Thanet Joint Transportation Board – 27<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

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

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Ward: **Broadstairs & Sir Moses Montefiore**

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**Summary:** **Petition received by Kent County Council regarding Broadstairs Schools Road Safety**

### **For Decision**

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#### **1.0 Introduction and Background**

1.1 At the December 2013 meeting of this Board Kent County Council (KCC) reported the receipt of a petition and ePetition regarding Broadstairs Schools Road Safety. The petitions which were signed by a combined total of 1517 people requested *“We the undersigned petition the council to restrict the speed along routes to Broadstairs schools to 20mph and actively enforce this through creation of safer crossing points, clearer signage and road markings, and more parking restrictions outside schools”*.

#### **2.0 The Current Situation**

2.1 A meeting took place on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2013. The meeting was attended by David Brazier (Cabinet Member for Transport & Environment), Laura Sandys MP, Andy Corcoran (KCC Traffic Schemes & Member Highway Fund Manager), Annette Bonner (KCC School Travel Planner), Councillors and representatives from the local schools. The schools presented their concerns for road safety and the problems they are experiencing. Positive discussions followed with the agreement that representatives from the schools would work with KCC officers to further explore their concerns and investigate the extent of the perceived problems to identify suitable solutions.

2.2 Through KCC’s Annual Casualty Reduction Programme, crash data for the last 3 year period (to 30/09/13) has been analysed for the roads leading to and surrounding the local Broadstairs schools. A small cluster of three child pedestrian crashes, two categorised as slight and one serious has been identified on A255 Broadstairs Road outside Charles Dickens Secondary School. KCC are proposing to implement a pedestrian crossing at this location as part of the 2014/15 Casualty Reduction Programme. This is subject to funding approval and public consultation.

#### **3.0 Next Steps**

3.1 To further develop proposals for the Casualty Reduction Measure as outlined in paragraph 2.2 above with a view to delivering a pedestrian crossing in the 2014/15 financial year.

3.2 KCC officers will work with the local schools and the Broadstairs Road Traffic Group to further investigate the issues and identify the extent of the problems. A further meeting has been arranged with the 'working party' on the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2014 to start this process. If considered necessary following the further investigations the 'working party' will develop solutions as appropriate with a view to identifying highway improvement measures for inclusion in a bid for funding from the 2015/16 Local Transport Plan.

#### **4.0 Recommendation(s)**

4.1 To approve the next steps proposed in paragraphs 3.1 & 3.2 above.

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#### ***Annex List***

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#### ***Background Papers***

<b>Title</b>	<b>Details of where to access copy</b>
NA	

#### ***Corporate Consultation Undertaken***

Finance	NA
Legal	NA
Communications	NA