
CANTERBURY ROAD, WESTGATE-ON-SEA – PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

To: **Thanet Joint Transportation Board, 15 December 2020**

Main Portfolio Area: **KCC – Growth Environment and Transport**

By: **Director of Highways, Transportation and Waste**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Wards: **Westgate-on-Sea and Birchington South**

Division: **Birchington & Rural**

Summary: The report summarises the results of a consultation for a new proposed controlled pedestrian crossing point in Canterbury Road, Westgate-on-Sea outside Ursuline College

For Information

0.0 Introduction and Background

- 0.1 Kent County Council (KCC) are proposing the installation of a new controlled crossing point in Canterbury Road, Westgate-on-Sea in the vicinity of Ursuline College and the junction with Hengist Road.
- 0.2 Canterbury Road is a dual carriageway road with a 40mph speed limit, although there is an advisory 20mph limit in place during school start and end times. There are bus stops on both sides of the road.
- 0.3 The intention is to provide a safe crossing facility for pedestrians at this location, in particular school children. In addition, it would also support the delivery of KCCs Active Travel Strategy by facilitating walking and cycling as an attractive, realistic, accessible and safe choice.
- 0.4 The proposal is supported by County Members Miss Emma Dawson and Ms Liz Hurst. The proposal also has the support of Westgate Parish Council.
- 0.5 £200,000 has been allocated for the scheme under the Local Transport Plan budget. The County Members have also each pledged £10,000 from their Combined Member Fund.

2.0 The Proposed Crossing

- 1.1 The proposed crossing is a puffin crossing incorporating a push button demand and near-side pedestrian signals. There are also sensors to ensure that the signals do not change whilst pedestrians are crossing.
- 1.2 It will be necessary to locate the crossing at the crest of the hill for safety and sightline purposes and to ensure it is on the most popular crossing desire-line. As Hengist Road is also located directly opposite, we will need to restrict access to and from the road.
- 1.3 A staggered arrangement will be used, which will necessitate the gap in the central reservation to be closed. This will enable pedestrians to cross the road in two stages and minimise delays to traffic.
- 1.4 The bus stop would be moved to ensure that stationary buses do not obscure the view of

the crossing or of the traffic signals.

- 1.5 Access to Hengist Road will be for left turning traffic only, and no traffic will be permitted to exit from Hengist Road. The footway will be widened to incorporate a short section of unsegregated pedestrian/cycle route to enable cyclists to exit Hengist Road whilst not contravening the short section of one-way working.
- 1.6 Additional waiting restrictions would be required to ensure that sightlines and access is not affected by parked vehicles.

3.0 Public Consultation & Results

- 1.7 A full consultation exercise has been undertaken. The consultation ran from Tuesday 23 June 2020 to midnight on Monday 3 August 2020. A copy of the consultation documents, including the scheme proposal, questionnaire and public notice is contained in Appendix A.
- 3.2 A copy of the consultation document giving details of the consultation and results of the questionnaire and an analysis of the results of is attached in Appendix B.
- 3.3 A copy of the Equality Impact Assessment can be found in Appendix C

4.0 For Information

- 4.1 Members are asked to note the contents of this report and consultation report, with a recommendation to proceed with the proposed crossing.

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Appendix List

<i>Appendix A</i>	<i>Consultation Documents</i>
<i>Appendix B</i>	<i>Consultation Report</i>
<i>Appendix C</i>	<i>Equality Impact Assessment</i>