



A G E N D A

JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Monday 15 January 2024 at 6.00 pm
Virtual Meeting - Online

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| Borough Members: | Councillors Lidstone (Vice-Chair), Atkins, Lewis, Munday, O'Connell and Roberts |
| County Members: | Councillors Hamilton (Chair), Barrington-King, Bruneau, Holden, McInroy and Oakford |
| Parish Member | Councillor Mackonochie |
| Quorum: | 4 Members (2 KCC members and 2 TWBC members) |

- 1 Apologies** (Page 4)
To receive any apologies for absence.
- 2 Declarations of Interest** (Page 5)
To receive any declarations of interest by Members in items on the agenda. For any advice on declarations of interest, please contact the Monitoring Officer before the meeting.
- 3 Notification of Visiting Persons wishing to speak** (Page 6)
To note any members of the Council wishing to speak, of which due notice has been given in accordance with Council Meeting Procedure Rule 18, and which items they wish to speak on.
- 4 Minutes of the meeting dated 2 October 2023** (Pages 7 - 11)
To approve the minutes of a previous meeting as a correct record. The only issue relating to the minutes that can be discussed is their accuracy.
- 5 PR2 Petition: Presentation by lead petitioner** (Pages 12 - 22)

Reports of Tunbridge Wells Borough Council

6 Active Travel Update (Pages 23 - 26)

Reports of Kent County Council

7 Highway Works Programme (Pages 27 - 43)

8 Topics for Future Meetings (Page 44)

To agree any topics for future meetings, of which prior notice must be sent to the Chairman and Democratic Services Officer no later than 4pm on the working day before the meeting. There can not be any substantive debate/discussion or any decision on any topics raised, except to agree whether the topic may come forward in future.

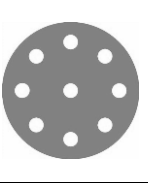
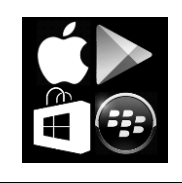
9 Date of Next Meeting (Page 45)

To note that the next scheduled meeting will be held on Monday 8 April 2024 at 6.00pm.

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Apologies for Absence

For Joint Transportation Board on Monday 15th January 2024

Procedural Item

To receive any apologies for absence.

Declarations of Interest

For Joint Transportation Board on Monday 15th January 2024

Procedural Item

To receive any declarations of interest by members in items on the agenda in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct. For any advice on declarations of interest, please contact the Monitoring Office before the meeting.

Notification of Persons Registered to Speak

For Joint Transportation Board on Monday 15th January 2024

Procedural Item

To note any visiting Members or members of the public wishing to speak, of which due notice has been given in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 18 or 19, and which item(s) they wish to speak on.

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Alternatively, speakers may join the meeting online. Speakers will need to provide contact details and the clerk will provide joining instructions to enable them to speak.

Comments should be in the form of a statement giving your opinion on the matter. Members of the Committee may not answer questions or get into a debate with you.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS BOROUGH COUNCIL

TUNBRIDGE WELLS JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

MINUTES of the meeting held at the Virtual Meeting - Online, at 6.00 pm on Monday, 2 October 2023

PRESENT: Borough Councillors Lidstone (Vice-Chair), Atkins, Lewis, Munday, O'Connell and Roberts
County Councillors Hamilton (Chair), Barrington-King, McInroy and Oakford
Parish Councillor Mackonochie

Officers in Attendance: Julian Cook (District Manager), John Farmer (KCC Project Manager (Major Projects)), John Strachan (TWBC Parking Manager) and Julie Reynolds (Democratic Services Officer)

Other Members in Attendance: None

APOLOGIES

TB12/22 No apologies received.

County Councillors Holden and Bruneau were not present at the meeting.
Councillor Lewis left the meeting at 6:50pm.
Councillors Barrington-King and Mackonochie left the meeting at 7:00pm.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

TB13/22 There were no disclosable pecuniary interests or other significant interests declared at the meeting

NOTIFICATION OF PERSONS REGISTERED TO SPEAK

TB14/22 The following people had registered to speak:

Agenda Item 5 – Ms Dawn Hodgson
Agenda Item 6 – Mr Harry Hopwood, Ms. Jenifer Vinell

MINUTES OF THE MEETING DATED 3 JULY 2023

TB15/22 Members reviewed the minutes. No amendments were proposed.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting dated 3 July 2023 be approved as a correct record.

JTB REPORT OCTOBER 23 - TRO RESPONSES

TB16/22 Registered Speaker Dawn Hodgson – not present at the meeting.

John Strachan, TWBC Parking Manager, presented the report and provided a verbal update on responses.

Questions and discussion from Members included:

- It was suggested that Co-wheels facilities and cycle routes in Rusthall might give some relief to the demand for parking.

- Although deemed driven by the need to secure vehicular access, the Highway Code reinforcement of junction parking rules by KCC was commended to ensure safety of pedestrians and cyclists.
- It was clarified that the development timings in Windmill Street would be the influencing factor between the initial loss of carparking space and the additional spaces planned as part of the development. It was confirmed that feedback would be given to make the residents views known re managing the timings with minimal loss of parking.
- It was noted that, technically, there was no loss of parking around junctions as a result of proposed junction restrictions as the Highway Code already sets this driver expectation. It was confirmed that the restriction road markings would serve to reinforce the guidance.
- Parking around road junctions in Edward Street, Southborough, was raised as a particular issue. Urbaser (refuse collection agents) had put notices on cars where access was impeded. Parking was noted as being similarly bad on the corners of both Western Road and Forge Road with safety, visibility and access all noted as particular challenges.

RESOLVED –

1. That the Joint Transport Board considered representations made in response to the public consultation.
2. That the Board endorsed the recommendation that the restrictions proposed be put in place.

EXTENSION OF ZONE HB PERMIT PARKING CLIFTON ROAD

TB17/22 Registered Speakers - Harry Hopwood and Jenifer Vinell

- The view expressed by one speaker was that extending the parking permit restrictions would help reduce current parking challenges for residents in the area.
- One speaker noted that there was an observed disparity between number of households and possible resident parking spaces available, most commonly observed in evenings and weekends. It was reported that having to park some distance from home and poor lighting were considered a safety concern. Leaving the situation as it currently stood was suggested as the best possible compromise; extended parking permits were considered unlikely to make any difference.

John Strachan, TWBC Parking Manager, presented the report and provided a verbal update on responses.

- The point was reinforced that schemes such as this were proposed to manage local worker and commuter parking and to protect, or give preference to, resident parking over other road users.
- Final figures from the formal public consultation were provided with 24 residents against the extension, 12 residents in favour and 1 resident unclear. Based on these numbers, the officer noted that the parking scheme would not be supported into the currently un-regulated kerbside space in Clifton Road.

Questions and discussion from Members included:

- It was suggested that, based on speaker comments, an investigation onto improved lighting in the area should be considered.

Resolved –

Members were in agreement with the recommendation not to endorse the

making of advertised changes to Clifton Road Permit Parking Restrictions.

ACTIVE TRAVEL PROJECTS UPDATE REPORT

TB18/22 No questions or discussion points were raised by Members.

RESOLVED – The report was noted.

BADSELL ROAD JTB REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2023

TB19/22 Julian Cook, KCC Highways Manager, introduced John Farmer, KCC Project Manager (Major Projects), to deliver the information report as set out in the agenda.

- It was noted that there were delays in finalising the Badsell Road junction due to the proposal over the line of a watercourse which raised potential flooding concerns.
- Flood modelling work and associated risk assessments had been undertaken as detailed in the report. Work and discussion with the Environment Agency remained ongoing with a view to identifying mitigation measures so a planning application could be made hopefully before the end of October.
- It was acknowledged that, as outlined in the report, the roundabout at Dampiers Corner needed to be larger which would require land. It was confirmed that any residual Section 106 monies would only be used for the development of the Dampiers Corner roundabout. There had been a meeting with Paddock Wood Town Council who had expressed frustration at the delays; expressed concern for safety of pedestrians and cyclists and a need to limit any tree loss at the Badsell Road Junction.

Questions and discussion from Members included:

- Concerns were raised that the design proposed did not encourage Active Travel per KCC plan to achieve net zero. It was noted that KCC was implementing a design that was part of the requirement of consents for the housing development.
- It was suggested that the curves within the design would lead to higher vehicle speeds posing a risk to pedestrians and cyclists.
- The issue of pedestrian crossings in the design was raised. It was suggested that school children would be unwilling to wait for lights to change, posing a risk to their personal safety. It was further noted that the design proposed the removal of the North side crossing of Maidstone Road.
- The challenges of managing the junction with the constraints of the area were acknowledged. Local developer land constraints were being investigated for possible pathway widening options. Improvements to the plan for pedestrians and cyclist would be made where possible.
- It was clarified that KCC had no funds and that Active Travel projects were funded from Government Grants. TWBC had applied for grants – some of which had been successful and had been invested in other areas of the county. It was reinforced that the officers were working within financial constraints set down by KCC.
- While some disagreement was expressed regarding the funding of the Active Travel scheme and lack of inclusion of provision for pedestrians and cyclists, there was agreement by all parties that the safety of

cyclists and young people was of the utmost importance. Any schemes considered would be developed around the funds available for which there were specific criteria that KCC worked to.

- The point was made that the use of Section 106 monies to mitigate development impact, through investment in modal shift (moving people out of cars), would be transformative. It was noted, as previously, that S106 monies are required to be directed to the junction improvements.
- It was noted that the timing of the meeting with Paddock Wood Town Council was after the consultation period had ended. This was not considered conducive to KCC receiving feedback on the consultation.
- The level of residual funding was queried and it was clarified that this could not be finalised until the flood risk mitigation measures had been finalised. It was confirmed that any residual funding would be focused on the Dampiers Corner roundabout.
- The complexities of the work undertaken by officers was acknowledged.
- The issue of congestion at Dampiers corner roundabout was raised and it was suggested that this was given consideration as part of any works undertaken. It was confirmed that there was no space or scope for widening the entry and exit points at Dampiers Corner roundabout and reiterated that any residual project monies would be invested in improving Dampiers Corner. Any proposed changes at Dampiers Corner would give consideration to any possible road improvements for Colts Hill.
- Councillor Adkins requested that the minutes note he does not support the design.

RESOLVED – The report program as at today's date was reported and noted.

HIGHWAY WORKS PROGRAMME

TB20/22 Julian Cook, KCC Highways Manager, introduced the report as set out in the agenda.

Questions and discussion from Members included:

- It was confirmed that the report detailed works that would be undertaken where large developments affected the highway within the application. It was reiterated that the report details and funds only covered the larger schemes that KCC and the Agreements Team were working on and not every development. It was further clarified that details of planned resurfacing works could be found further on in the report but that the officer would send a direct response to Councillor O'Connell by email regarding Hawkenbury works.
- It was clarified that 'footway preservation' meant minor resurfacing to level out minor surface damage.
- It was confirmed that TW area resurfacing works were completed early on in the year and that capital bids were underway for planned works next year.

RESOLVED – The report program as at today's date was reported and noted.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

TB21/22 Discussion included the following:

- It was proposed that Public Realm 2, and an associated petition, be considered as an Agenda item for the next meeting to address resident concerns.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

TB22/22 The next meeting was scheduled for Monday 15 January 2024 at 6pm

Notes:

The meeting concluded at 7.10 pm.

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Notice of Petition received by Kent County Council

Title: Scrap traffic restrictions and enforcement on Mount Pleasant, Tunbridge Wells (Public Realm 2), with immediate effect.

Statement:

We the undersigned petition the council to 1. Remove signage associated with the scheme and allow all traffic to flow freely along Mount Pleasant (Public Realm 2). 2. Waive fines imposed to date

Justification:

1. The restrictions on Mount Pleasant between Monson and Church/Crescent Roads fail to meet its published intentions (greener and more prosperous town centre). Similar volumes of traffic are forced onto alternative and narrower residential town centre roads and their junctions (Calverley, Crescent, Church), increasing noise and air pollution, congestion and compromising pedestrian safety on those roads.
2. Buses and taxis are not able to be restricted in using Mount Pleasant, preventing full implementation of improved pedestrian enjoyment. The widened pavements and reduced carriageways have already achieved this aim in this regard.
3. Residents (and other users) of feeder (Dudley, York) roads are forced to undertake unnecessarily lengthy and timeous routes, to secure parking near their homes, counter to the greener intent.
4. Inadequate signage on feeder roads of (3) above and Monson Road, disallowing drivers to choose alternative routes before being committed to observe the Mount Pleasant restrictions.
5. Inadequate signage forcing drivers to undertake u-turns at a pedestrian crossing point on Monson Road, compromising pedestrian safety.
6. Confusing signage leading to unwitting lack of compliance with the traffic restrictions.
7. To avoid restrictions, Dudley/York Roads being used as a short-cut to access Camden Road, increasing the traffic flow on the feeder roads of above.
8. Newton Road residents enduring higher volumes of traffic as drivers try to avoid the u-turn on Monson Road.

Submitted by: Sally Atkinson

Status: Completed

The online petition received 754 signatures and the paper petition received 331 signatures

Date submitted: 24/04/2023

Joint Transportation Board

15 January 2023

Subject: E-petition

1) Remove signage associated with the scheme and allow all traffic to flow freely along Mount Pleasant (Public Realm 2).

2) Waive fines imposed to date.

Head of Service:

KCC: Tim Read Head of Transportation

Cabinet Member:

KCC: Neil Baker Cabinet Member for Highways and Transportation

Key or Non Key decision: Non Key

Decision Issues:

These matters are within the authority of the KCC Cabinet Member for Highways and Transportation

Tunbridge Wells ward(s):

Park Ward

St James' Ward

Culverden Ward

Summary and purpose of the report:

This report considers the subject of an E-Petition received by Kent County Council (KCC) regarding the Public Realm 2 restriction in the centre of Tunbridge Wells. 754 electronic signatures were received, accompanied by 331 signatures on a paper petition.

KCC and Tunbridge Wells Borough Council (TWBC) Officers have reviewed the contents of the petition and have laid out their findings and recommendations to the JTB.

To Recommend:

Members of the Board to consider the petition and make a recommendation on how to proceed:

- a) Do nothing (no alterations to the layout in response to the petition).
- b) Retain the Public Realm 2 scheme but incorporate some amendments to help raise further awareness of the restrictions. See Table 2 and Appendix A (drawings)

1. Introduction

1.1 Public Realm 1 has successfully operated in Tunbridge Wells since 2015, restricting traffic flow along the A263 Grosvenor Road between its junctions with Goods Station Road and Mount Pleasant Road, limiting traffic to buses only, daily, from 9 am to 6 pm.

- 1.2 Tunbridge Wells Borough Council's Five-Year Plan was committed to further enhancing the public realm in the town centre of Royal Tunbridge Wells to provide a distinctive community space for residents and visitors.
- 1.3 The Council's Corporate Priorities for 2017/18 contained a commitment to develop a Phase 2 scheme around the civic centre complex, with funding from the Local Enterprise Partnership's Local Sustainable Transport Fund Scheme via Kent County Council (£1m) and its own resources (£300,000) which was part of the approved capital programme.
- 1.4 The Public Realm 2 project is a street scene improvement initiative for Mount Pleasant Road, extending from its junction with Monson Road to Church Road Tunbridge Wells. Restricting traffic to buses, taxis and cycles only, 9 am to 6 pm daily.

2. Issues Raised by the Petition and officer responses

- 2.1 Issue: The restrictions on Mount Pleasant between Monson and Church/Crescent Roads fail to meet their published intentions (greener and more prosperous town centre). Similar volumes of traffic are forced onto alternative and narrower residential town centre roads and their junctions (Calverley, Crescent, Church), increasing noise and air pollution, congestion and compromising pedestrian safety on those roads.

Response: There is no data supporting the assertion that PR2 has increased noise, air pollution, congestion or danger to pedestrians on Calverley, Crescent and Church Roads. Mitigating this, Mount Pleasant Road is significantly quieter in terms of traffic flow and has much wider pedestrian areas for ease of movement. The intention of the scheme was to divert traffic along Crescent, Church and Calverley Roads. The crash data over the last 4 years for Crescent Road, Church Road and Calverley Road shows a decline in reported crashes from a combined 7 crashes in 2018 to 3 in 2022. 1 incident has been reported between January 2023 and July 2023 (no further data is available at present).

- 2.2 Issue: Buses and taxis are not able to be restricted in using Mount Pleasant, preventing full implementation of improved pedestrian enjoyment. The widened pavements and reduced carriageways have already achieved this aim in this regard.

Response: The designs catered for keeping Mount Pleasant Road as a bus hub close to the Town Centre and allowing taxis and cyclists through the restrictions. The more open environment along with the reduced traffic volumes allows for a more enjoyable pedestrian and cycling experience especially when crossing Mount Pleasant Road and Monson Road.

- 2.3. Issue: Residents (and other users) of feeder roads (Dudley, York) are forced to undertake unnecessarily lengthy routes, to seek parking near their homes, counter to the greener intent.

Response: The restriction in Mount Pleasant Road does mean that residents of York Road and Dudley Road, during the restricted hours, do need to travel further to re-enter their roads if parking is not found initially. Mitigating this requires further investigation.

- 2.4. Issue: Inadequate signage on feeder roads of above (2.3) and Monson Road, preventing drivers from choosing alternative routes before being committed to observe the Mount Pleasant restrictions.

Response: It is understood that additional signage and other minor adjustments may assist with improving the awareness of the restrictions. Recommendation (b) suggests relatively simple improvements.

- 2.5. Issue: Inadequate signage forcing drivers to undertake u-turns at a pedestrian crossing point on Monson Road, compromising pedestrian safety.

Response: Additional signage and other minor adjustments may assist with improving the awareness of the restrictions. Recommendation (b) suggests relatively simple adjustments. The original designs understood that U Turns in Monson Way may be required, or alternatively, Newton Road and Mount Pleasant Road could be used so vehicles could still access the western end of Monson Road but be facing in the right direction to exit Monson Road rather than having to do a U Turn.

- 2.6. Issue: Confusing signage leading to unwitting lack of compliance with the traffic restrictions.

Response: KCC and Tunbridge Wells Borough Council have, over the last few years, investigated possible improvements to the advanced signing of the restrictions and implemented changes. The restrictions came into force in February 2023 following the introduction of CCTV cameras. Also in February 2023, TWBC commenced a publicity campaign to raise the public's awareness of the PR2 restriction, including press releases, social media posts, and letter drops to local residents and businesses. TWBC has operated a very sympathetic appeals process throughout enforcement operations and has issued around 20,000 warning notices rather than strictly enforcing them. Since April 2023 there has been a steady decline in vehicles entering the restrictions – see table 1 below:

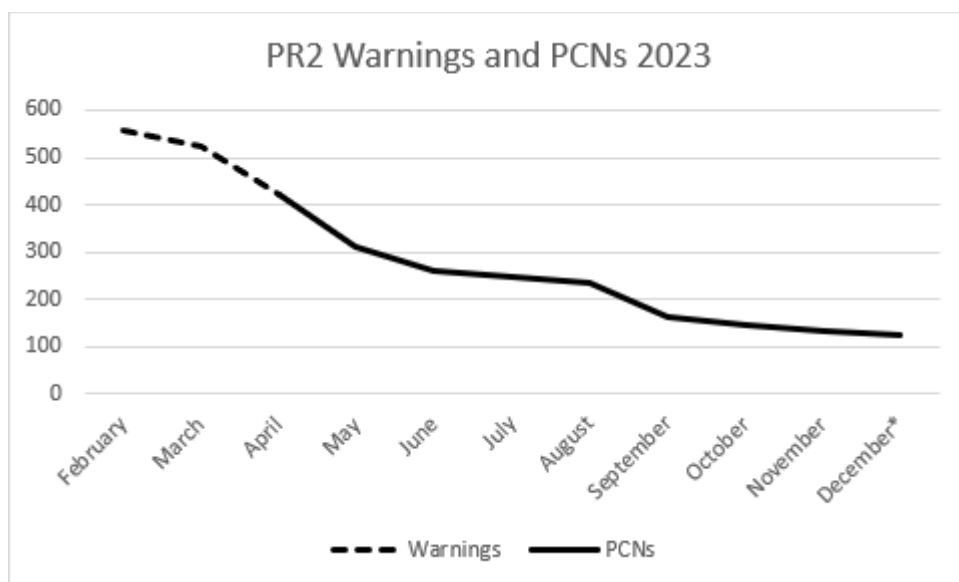


Table 1 – Numbers of Warning Letters and Penalty Charge Notices sent in 2023

Adjudicators are provided with evidence of the infringement, including details of the signs on approaches and entrances to the restriction. In most cases where the appeal is based wholly or partly on the quality of signs, they have decided in favour of the Council and commented that the signs are compliant.

- 2.7 Issue: To avoid restrictions, Dudley/York Roads being used as a short-cut to access Camden Road, increasing the traffic flow on the feeder roads of above.

Response: This short cut was possible previously for drivers using London Road that wanted to bypass Church Road, but it is understood that additional traffic may use these residential roads to access Monson Road and Camden Road.

- 2.8. Issue: Newton Road residents enduring higher volumes of traffic as drivers try to avoid the U-turn on Monson Road.

Response: At the design stage it was understood that Newton Road could receive additional traffic. However, there is no evidence to say that Newton Road is not able to cope with the levels of traffic, the road itself is an important location for vehicles to access and load and unload to the town centre.

3. Option b

- 3.1 The majority of the PCN's have been issued for vehicles entering from the northern end (Monson Road end), twice as many as from the southern approach. Table 2 below suggests additional measures to improve the awareness of the restrictions from all directions. See Appendix A for drawings showing the proposed amendments.
- 3.2 In addition to Option b) a further report will be produced to look at any additional measures to compliment the Public Realm 2 scheme. This report will be brought to a future JTB. KCC has not allocated any funding for further alterations to the existing arrangement.

Table 2 – Option b – Additional Measures to further raise awareness of the restrictions

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| <p>Option b. See drawing Nos 1.1, 2, 6.1, 4</p> | <p>Maintain existing traffic movements.</p> <p>Add red surfacing to each gateway feature, add more traffic enforcement signs to warn of the restriction.</p> <p>Add 2 “SLOW” text markings approaching the granite raised table on Monson Road.</p> <p>Add an additional enforcement camera sign with a left turn arrow on Calverley Road.</p> <p>TROs not required for this proposal.</p> <p>Cost impact low. (coloured surfacing, road markings, signs)</p> |
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4. Implications

Financial

- 4.1 Should option b (Retain the Public Realm 2 scheme with amendments to improve

awareness of the restrictions) be supported and a recommendation to investigate further, detailed designs will be required to acquire estimated costs. All costs incurred in progressing options will need to be funded by Tunbridge Wells Borough Council. It is likely that the estimated costs would be around £15,000.

- 4.2 It should be noted that construction costs have been rising rapidly with most construction costs increasing by 30% and in some cases by 60%, there are also very long order times.
- 4.3 These amendments will be funded from Public Realm 2 enforcement income.

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 KCC Officer recommendation is to progress with **option b**, to help further awareness of the restrictions.
- 5.3 To implement the removal of signage associated with the scheme and allow all traffic to flow freely along Mount Pleasant (Public Realm 2) as per the petition, is not considered to be an option as the signage removal alone would have the potential for road safety to be compromised. The original designs have relied heavily on reduced traffic numbers to allow features to be installed, such as the removal of central islands on the pedestrian crossing points providing wide unhindered crossings. All Road Safety Audits undertaken to date have been aware of the original aims and objectives of the scheme. A significant redesign would be required with all costs incurred in returning Mount Pleasant Road to its pre 2019 state would need to be funded by Tunbridge Wells Borough Council.
- 5.4 To waive fines imposed to date, is also not considered to be an option. The restriction is legally enforceable and Penalty Charges have been lawfully issued, which is supported by the Traffic Penalty Tribunal in their decisions reached in rejecting appeals that they have considered. No grounds have been established to justify refunding the Penalty Charges that have been paid by drivers who have contravened the Public Realm (PR2) bus gate/lane restriction. Significant operational costs have been incurred in operating PR2, which are met from the revenue generated and further costs would be incurred in making refunds. These costs would need to be funded from TWBC budgets, impacting adversely on other council services.
- 5.5 Members of the Board to consider the petition and make a recommendation on how to proceed:
 - Option a) Do nothing (no alterations to the layout in response to the petition).
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 - Option b) Retain the Public Realm 2 scheme with amendments to improve awareness of the restrictions. See Table 2 and Appendix A (drawings)Should option b) be recommended, Members must confirm that the funding source identified in paragraph 4.3 is confirmed as suitable for this purpose.

Contact Officer:**Jamie Watson**

KCC Senior Programme Manager (Active Travel).

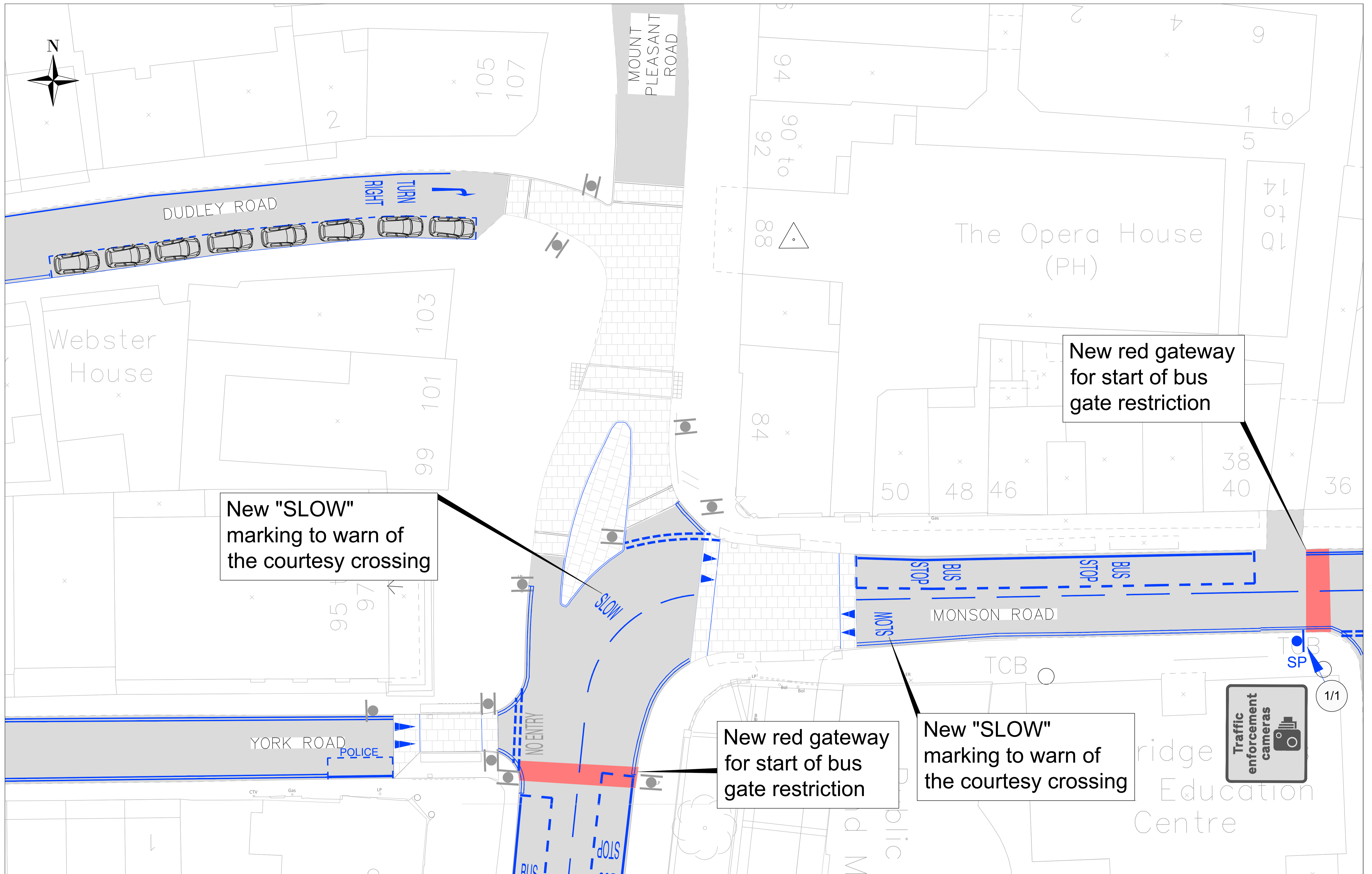
John Strachan

TWBC Parking Manager

Background documents and appendices

Appendix A: Scheme Drawings

1. Drawing 1.1 & 6.1 – Monson Road j/w Mount Pleasant Road
2. Drawing 2 – Mount Pleasant Road j/w Church Road and Crescent Road
3. Drawing 4 – Calverley Road

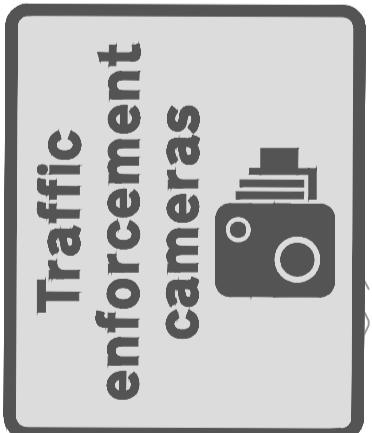


New "SLOW" marking to warn of the courtesy crossing

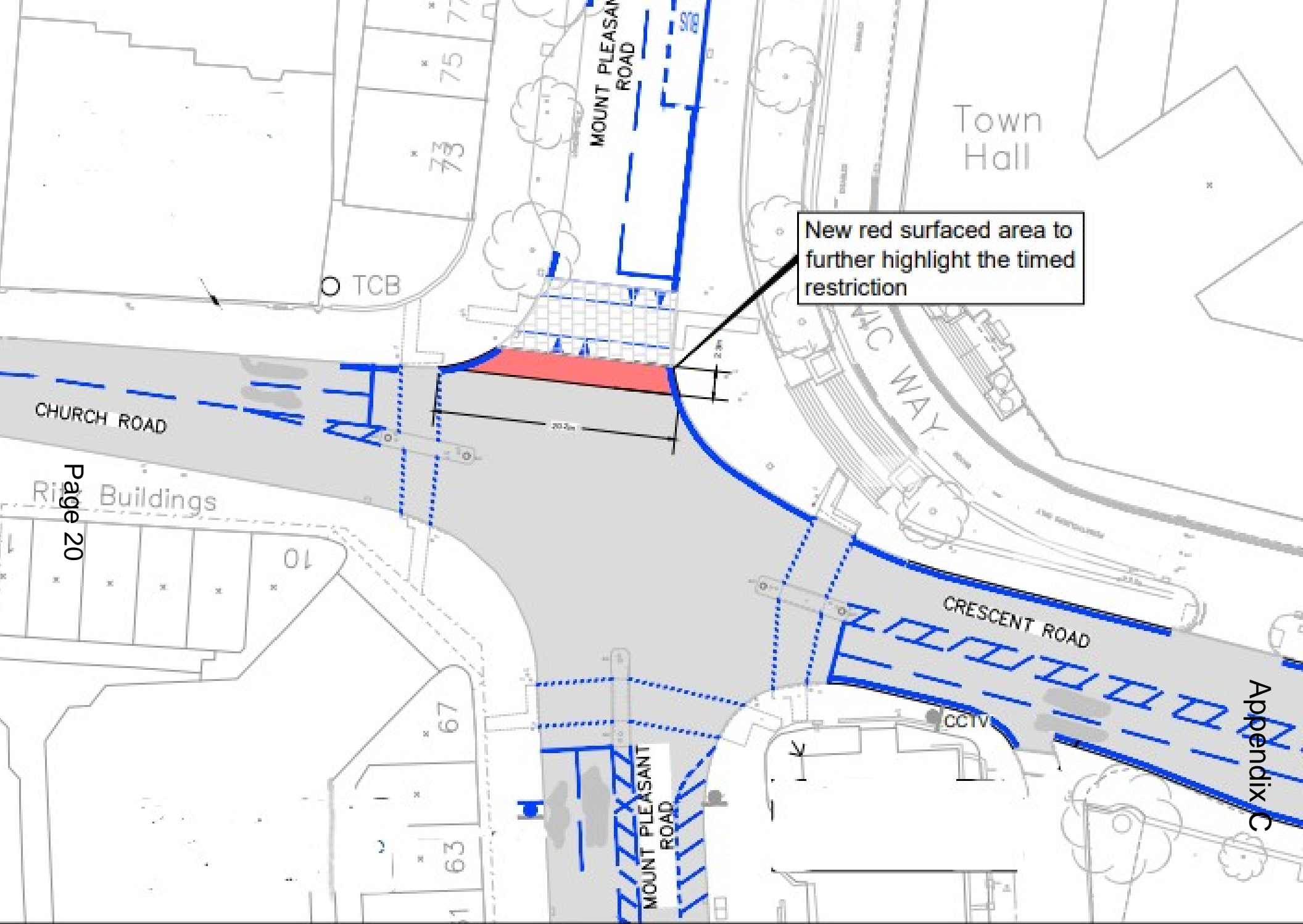
New red gateway for start of bus gate restriction

New red gateway for start of bus gate restriction

New "SLOW" marking to warn of the courtesy crossing



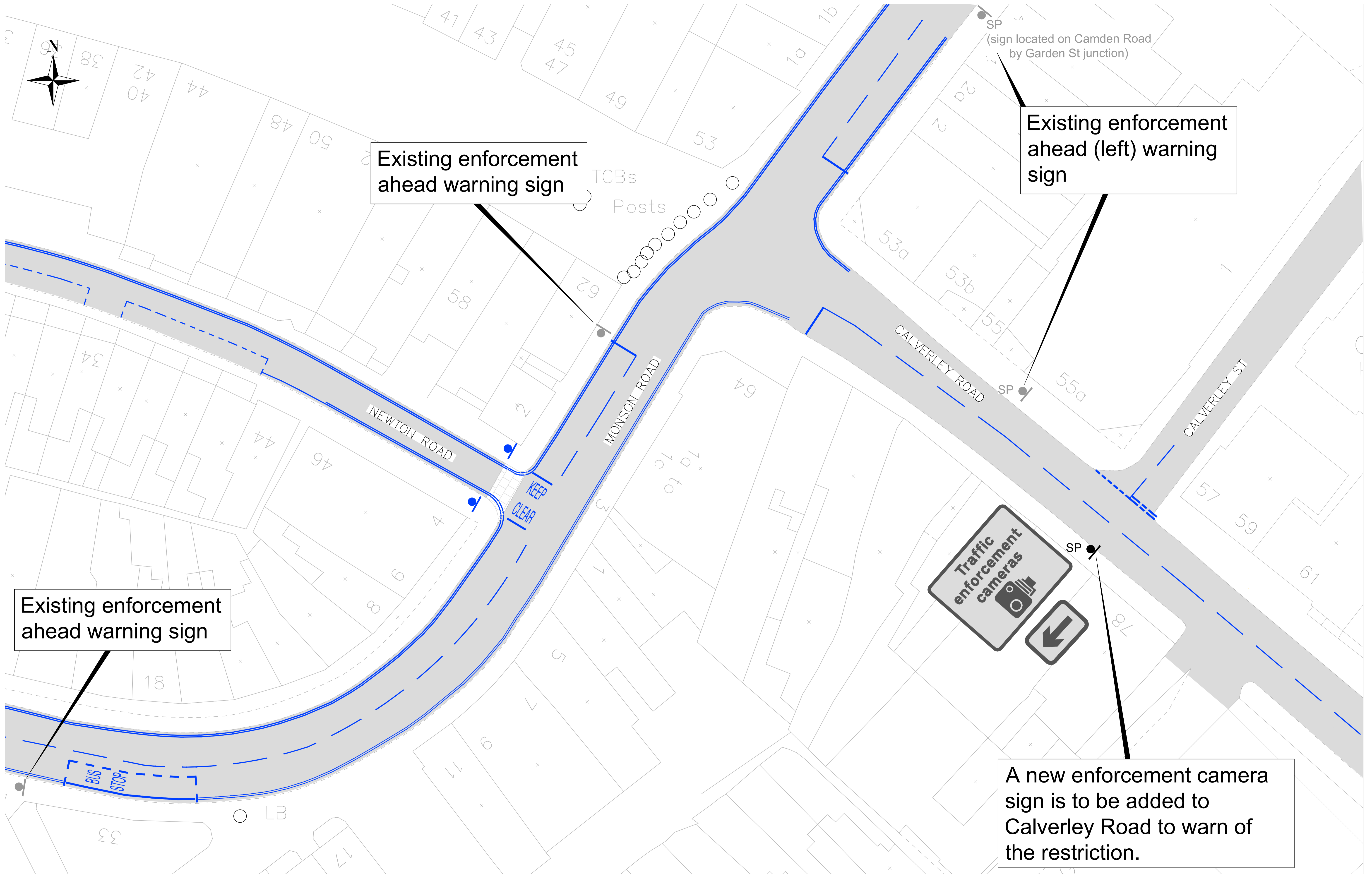
ACTIVE TRAVEL - TUNBRIDGE WELLS
PROPOSED SCHEME DRAWING 1.1



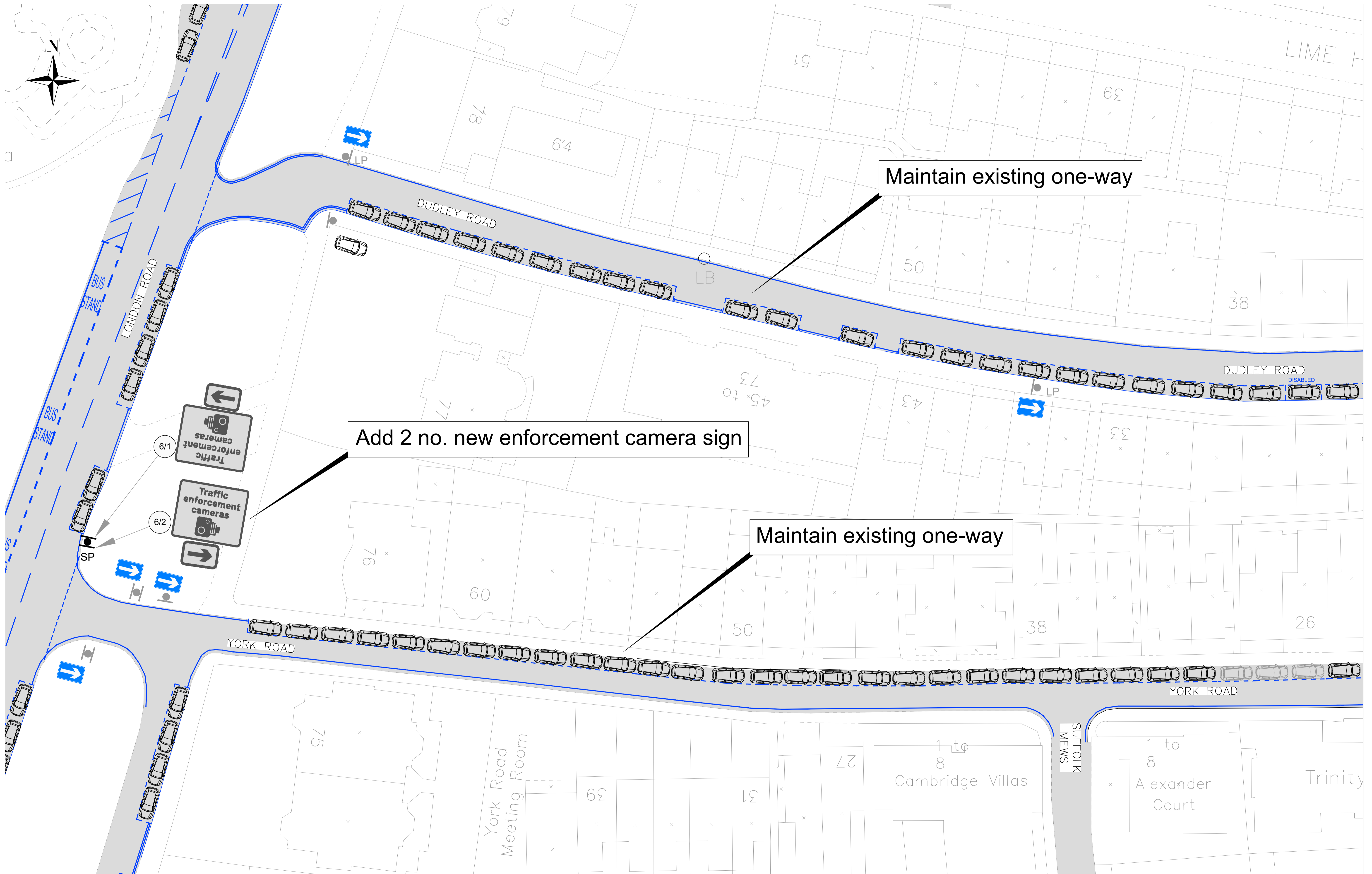
New red surfaced area to further highlight the timed restriction

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Appendix C



ACTIVE TRAVEL - TUNBRIDGE WELLS
PROPOSED SCHEME DRAWING 4



**ACTIVE TRAVEL - TUNBRIDGE WELLS
PROPOSED SCHEME DRAWING 6.1**

Active Travel Projects Update Report

For Joint Transportation Board on 15 January 2024

Summary

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| Lead Member: | Councillor Peter Lidstone, Walking & Cycling Champion and Councillor Jayne Sharratt, Cabinet Member for Sustainability |
| Lead Director: | Lee Colyer, Director of Finance, Policy and Development (s151) |
| Head of Service: | David Candlin, Head of Economic Development and Property |
| Report Author: | Hilary Smith, Economic Development Manager |
| Classification: | Public document (non-exempt) |
| Wards Affected: | Speldhurst & Bidborough, Rusthall, Culverden, Park, Pantiles & St Marks, St John's, St James', Sherwood, Southborough & High Brooms |

For Information

1. This paper provides an update on two current active travel projects that TWBC and KCC are working on together, funded by Active Travel England.
2. This paper is for information only.

1. Introduction and background

1.1 In 2022 Tunbridge Wells Borough Council submitted a number of projects to Kent County Council (KCC) to be considered for Active Travel England (ATE) funding. Two Tunbridge Wells projects were selected for submission by KCC and awarded funding by ATE in 2023 as follows:

- Langton-Rusthall-Royal Tunbridge Wells Town Centre Cycle Route Design; and
- Better Streets Pilot Project for St John's and St James' Areas Community Engagement and Design.

1.2 The progress on each of these projects to date is outlined below.

2. Langton-Rusthall-Town Centre Cycle Route Design

2.1 This project is funded through Active Travel England's *Capability Fund* (via KCC) which is aimed at providing support for planning cycling and walking networks and/or route design.

2.2 The route linking Langton Green – Rusthall – Royal Tunbridge Wells town centre was included in the Tunbridge Wells Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) Phase 1 which was published as part of the evidence base for the Submitted Local Plan.

2.3 Consultant Phil Jones Associates (PJA) was appointed last year to undertake feasibility work and prepare a high-level design for the route.

2.4 Early engagement was undertaken with both Speldhurst and Rusthall Parish Councils and meetings have also been held with the Commons Conservators.

2.5 Following this engagement and site visits, PJA has undertaken a route options appraisal and is now preparing an initial plan with measures identified to support both walking and cycling between Langton, Rusthall and the town centre.

2.6 Further engagement will take place on these plans with the Commons Conservators and the Parishes between January – March 2024.

3. Better Streets for St John's and St James' Areas

- 3.1 This project is funded through Active Travel England's *Tranche 4* which supports both the development of designs for, and the delivery of, cycling and walking infrastructure.
- 3.2 The Council regularly receives feedback from residents about traffic-related issues affecting the streets in which they live, and a decision was made to undertake further work to fully understand these concerns and develop options to create better streets for residents and other users.
- 3.3 A pilot study area was identified as part of the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan Phase 2, which was published as part of the evidence base for the Submission Local Plan. The study area covers mainly the wards of St John's and St James' but also smaller parts of Culverden, Park, Sherwood and Southborough & High Brooms.
- 3.4 Phil Jones Associates (PJA) was appointed to take the Better Streets project forward and a Working Group comprising TWBC Councillors and local residents has been supporting this work.
- 3.5 Significant engagement with local residents has been undertaken including:
 - An online engagement via Talking Point platform (581 respondents)
 - A Community Street Audit (4 November 2023) with the consultants and local residents
 - A Drop-in Workshop event in the Hub at Grosvenor & Hilbert Park (18 December 2023) – with approximately 50 attendees
- 3.6 Some of the key issues identified at specific locations through this engagement have included: uneven or damaged footways, speeding traffic, dangerous and/or inconsiderate parking and poor lighting.
- 3.7 PJA has prepared a Draft Vision Report which will be shared with the Working Group in this month. Following this, specific design interventions will be identified that would make the streets in the study area safer and more pleasant for residents and other users.
- 3.8 Engagement work with local residents will continue throughout the course of the project.

4. Recommended Course of Action

- 4.1 That Members of the JTB note the information in this paper.
- 4.2 That a more detailed report on these projects is brought to the April 2024 meeting of the JTB when further work has been completed.

To: Tunbridge Wells Joint Transportation Board
By: KCC Highways and Transportation
Date: 15th January 2024
Subject: Highways Forward Works Programme: 2022/23 and 2023/24
Classification: Information Only

Summary: This report updates Members on the identified schemes approved for construction

1. Introduction

This report provides an update and summarises schemes that have been programmed for delivery in 2022/23 and 2023/24.

In summer 2021 Kent County Council published a Highways Asset Management Plan (HAMP), which included, as Appendix C, a five-year Forward Works Programme for the years 2021/22 to 2025/26. This reflected the need to move away from annual programmes and to consider asset management activity a multi-year one.

The first part of the programme concerned the two years 2021/22 - 2022/23. Around half of the schemes included in that programme have now been delivered, and as a result we have now produced a new programme covering the years 2022/23 - 2023/24. As before, most of the sites included in this programme have already been verified by our engineers.

The second part of our programme related to years three to five of our five-year programme (2023/24 - 2025/26). This too is in need of revision to cover the years 2024/25 – 2026/27, and the work required to do this is currently in progress. As before, our new years three to five programme will be largely based on data from our asset management systems, so may be subject to more changes as the schemes are verified..

This programme is subject to regular review and may change for a number of reasons including budget allocation, contract rate changes, inflationary pressures such as material price increases, conflicting works, and to reflect our changing priorities. The programme and extent of individual sites within the programme may also be revised following engineering assessment during the design phase, and additional sites may be added or others advanced if their condition deteriorates rapidly so that we need to react in order to keep the highway in a safe and serviceable condition.

Further information about how we manage our highway infrastructure, including our county-wide five-year forward works programme, may be found on our website:

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/about-the-council/strategies-and-policies/transport-and-highways-policies/managing-highway-infrastructure>

In addition to planned maintenance of our highway assets, this report includes transportation and safety schemes, developer funded works, Combined Members Grant schemes, and planned maintenance of public rights of way.

Road, Footway & Cycleway Renewal and Preservation Schemes – see Appendix A

Drainage Repairs & Improvements – see Appendix B

Street Lighting – see Appendix C

Transportation and Safety Schemes – see Appendix D

- **Casualty Reduction Measures**
- **Externally Funded Schemes**

Developer Funded Works – see Appendix E

Bridge Works – see Appendix F

Traffic Systems – see Appendix G

Combined Members Grant – Member Highway Fund – see Appendix H

Conclusion

1. This report is for Members' information.

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| Julian Cook | Tunbridge Wells Highway Manager |
| Alan Casson | Strategic Asset Manager |
| Earl Bourner | Drainage Asset Manager |
| Helen Rowe | Structures Asset Manager |
| Sue Kinsella | Street Light Asset Manager |
| Toby Butler | Traffic Operations and Technology Manager |
| Jamie Hare | Development Agreements Manager |
| Nikola Floodgate | Road Safety and Active Travel Group Manager |

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Appendix A – Road, Footway and Cycleway Renewal and Preservation Scheme

The delivery of these schemes is weather dependent; should it prove not possible to carry out these works on the planned dates, new dates will be arranged and the residents will be informed by a letter drop to their homes.

| Machine Resurfacing – Contact Officer Mr Byron Lovell | | | |
|--|-----------------|--|-----------------------|
| Road Name | Parish | Extent of Works | Current Status |
| A264 Langton Road | Tunbridge Wells | From Major Yorks Road to Rusthall Road | Completed |
| A26 St Johns Road | Tunbridge Wells | From north of Culverden Park to Grosvenor Road Roundabout | Completed |
| B2162 Lamberhurst Road | Horsmonden | Between Goudhurst Road and the B2162 Lamberhurst Road | Completed |
| Calverley Park Gardens | Tunbridge Wells | From the junction with Calverley Road to Pembury Road | Completed |
| Garden Road (Including Part Of Lansdown And Sandrock Road) | Tunbridge Wells | From the junction of Camden Road to Ferndale | Completed |
| A264 Langton Road | Tunbridge Wells | <u>Retexturing</u> East of junction with Farnham Lane | Completed |
| B2085 Glassenbury Road | Cranbrook | <u>Retexturing</u> 50m above junction with Trunden Road | Completed |
| A262 Goudhurst Road | Cranbrook | <u>Retexturing</u> 100m east of Chalk Lane | Completed |
| A268 High Street | Hawkhurst | <u>Retexturing</u> 50m west of crossroads | Completed |
| Surface Treatments – Contact Officer Mr Jonathan Dean | | | |
| Micro Surfacing | | | |
| Road Name | Parish | Extent of Works | Current Status |
| Brenchley Road | Brenchley | B2160 Matfield to Petteridge Lane | POSTPONED UNTIL 2024 |
| Maidstone Road | Horsmonden | Brenchley Road (crossroads) to Kirkins Drive (The Foundry) | Completed |
| Chestnut Avenue | Southborough | Yewtree Road to Powdermill Lane | Completed |
| Ballards Hill | Horsmonden | Brick Kiln Lane to North Road | Completed |
| Sandrock Road | Tunbridge Wells | Landsdown Road to Pembury Road | Completed |

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| Whetsted Road | CAPEL | B2017 Five Oak Green Road to A228 Whetsted Road (all legs) | Completed |
| Balcombes Hill | Goudhurst | Peasley Lane to WC | Completed |
| Surface Dressing | | | |
| Gedges Hill | Paddock Wood | Coopers Lane (Miss out HFS) to Mascalls Court Road | Completed |
| Upper Hayesden Lane | Penshurst | T&M Boundary to A21 | Completed |
| Spelmonden Road | Horsmonden | A262 Spelmonden Road to B2162 Lamberhurst Road | Completed |
| Neills Road | Lamberhurst | Free Heath to county boundary (Newbury Lane) | Completed |
| Free Heath Road | Lamberhurst | Neills Road to B2169 Furnace Lane | Completed |
| Bedgebury Road | Goudhurst | Peasley Lane to Rogers Rough Road | Completed |
| Fordecombe Road | Speldhurst | Old House Road to A264 | Completed |
| Goddards Green Road (S1) | Benenden | New Pond Road to East End Village Sign | Completed |
| North Road | Goudhurst | Blind Lane to A262 | Completed |
| Retread (Cold In Situ Road Recycling) | | | |
| Rectory Park Road | Horsmonden | Whole Road | Completed |
| Grandshore Lane | Cranbrook | A229 to Cranbrook Road | Completed |
| Marden Road | Colliers Green | From School back towards A262 | Completed |
| Round Green Lane | Colliers Green | Right Side of Triangle | Completed |
| Footway Improvement - Contact Officer Mr Neil Tree | | | |
| St. Johns Road | Tunbridge Wells | <u>Footway Reconstruction</u> Sections to be identified between St. Johns School and Leighton Close (West side) | To be designed and programmed. |
| Yew Tree Road | Tunbridge Wells | <u>Footway Preservation</u> From the junction with Powder Mill Lane to the entrance to Yew Tree Road Car Park | Designed and programmed to commence in October 23 |
| Sandhurst Road (Phase 2) | Sherwood | <u>Footway Preservation</u> From Sandhurst Park to Ferndale and Brook Road to Sherwood Road (lower) inc section of Birken Road to Friars Way | Designed and programmed to commence in October 23 |
| Highgate Hill | Cranbrook | <u>Footway Preservation</u> From junction with Cophall Avenue to pedestrian entrance of property "Leonards" (Eastern side) | Designed and to be programmed |

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| A268 - Rye Road | Cranbrook | <u>Footway Preservation</u> From junction with Conghurst Lane to property "Silver Birches" | Designed and to be programmed |
| Upper Grosvenor Road (Phase 2) | Tunbridge Wells | <u>Footway Preservation</u> From Grosvenor Bridge to the junction with Silverdale Road | Designed and programmed to commence in September 23 |
| Langton Road | Tunbridge Wells | <u>Footway Preservation</u> From Burnt House Lane to Ferbies | Completed |
| Speldhurst Road | Tunbridge Wells | <u>Footway Preservation</u> From the junction of Winstone Scott Avenue to Burnt House Lane | Completed |
| Warrington Road | Paddock Wood | <u>Footway Preservation</u> Entire extents | Designed and programmed to commence in October 23 |
| Bogey Lane | Tunbridge Wells | <u>Footway Preservation</u> From Bishops Down Park Road to Moleyneux Park Road (Remote Footway) | Completed |
| Beulah Road | Tunbridge Wells | <u>Footway Preservation</u> Entire Length | Designed and programmed to commence in October 23 |
| New Road | Paddock Wood | <u>Footway Preservation</u> Entire Length | Designed and programmed to commence in October 23 |
| Walnut Close | Paddock Wood | <u>Footway Preservation</u> Entire Length | Designed and programmed to commence in October 23 |
| The Granary | Paddock Wood | <u>Footway Preservation</u> Entire Length | Designed and programmed to commence in October 23 |
| Pinewood | Paddock Wood | <u>Footway Preservation</u> Entire Length | Designed and programmed to commence in October 23 |

Appendix B - Drainage

| Drainage Repairs & Improvements - Contact Officer Earl Bourner | | | |
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| Road Name | Parish | Description of Works | Current Status |
| Frittenden Road | Sissinghurst | Drainage Improvements | Under further investigation |
| Major York's Road | Tunbridge Wells | Drainage scheme for repair / replacement of existing highway drainage | 1 st Phase works for new drainage at Fir Tree Road to commence end of January 2024. |
| Castle Road | Tunbridge Wells | Investigate and repair highway drains in Castle Road (through the Commons) to remedy defects and ensure drainage is left in good order, helping to reduce flooding towards the Pantiles | Works Completed. |
| Lower Haysden Lane | Tunbridge Wells | Investigations into where the water is coming from that is running across the CW from Upper Haysden Lane | Ongoing |
| Penshurst Road | Bidborough | Investigations into water on the carriageway | Works now completed |
| The Green | Langton Green | Investigations into water pooling on the carriageway at crossing point for the school | With engineer - Ongoing |
| Knoxbridge | Knoxbridge | Improvement works to stop internal flooding. | Further Works required |
| Goudhurst Road / Folly Hill | Staplehurst | Improvement Works to stop internal flooding | Works completed |
| Mile Oak Road | Brenchley | Improvement works to prevent flooding to properties | Works Completed |
| Brick Kiln Lane | Horsmonden | Ongoing investigation into flooding of properties | Works with engineer |
| Brenchley Road | Matfield | Ongoing works to prevent flooding to properties | Discussed with Land owners and further works programmed. |
| Bedgebury Road and Maypole Lane | Goudhurst | Investigation works to find source of water leak | Works programmed |

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| Maidstone road | Pembury | Outside the Hospice, works to stop surface water running into Hospice properties | Works with contractor |
| Holden Road | Southborough | Investigation works into drainage system | Works with Engineer |
| Victoria Road | Southborough | Investigation works into void | Works with Engineer |
| Albion Road | Tunbridge Well | Investigation works into why basement is flooding | Works with engineer |
| Cherryfields | Benenden | Flooding to car park, need to investigate pipes to catchpit | Works with engineer |

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Appendix C – Street Lighting

The latest round of structural testing of KCC owned streetlights is underway and results of those assets identified as requiring replacement will be published in future JTB reports.

Below is a list of existing structural replacement orders. Programme dates are identified for those still requiring replacement. A status of complete identifies that the column replacement has been carried out.

| Street Lighting Column Replacement – Contact Officer: Sue Kinsella | | | |
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| Road Name | Location | Description of Works | Current Status |
| Forest Road | Tunbridge Wells | Replacement of 2 Columns | Complete |
| Pembury Northern Bypass | Pembury | Replacement of 2 Columns | Complete |
| Garden Road | Tunbridge Wells | Replacement of 1 Column | Complete |
| Goods Station Rd | Tunbridge Wells | Replacement of 1 Column | Complete |
| Langton Road | Tunbridge Wells | Replacement of 2 Columns | Completion March 2024 |
| Sandrock Road | Tunbridge Wells | Replacement of 1 Column | Completion March 2024 |
| Grosvenor Road | Tunbridge Wells | Replacement of 1 Column | Completion March 2024 |
| High Street | Pembury | Replacement of 1 Column | Completion March 2024 |
| Upper Grosvenor Rd | Tunbridge Wells | Replacement of 1 Column | Completion March 2024 |
| Neville St | Tunbridge Wells | Replacement of 1 Column | Completion March 2024 |
| Waterloo Road | Cranbrook | Replacement of 2 Columns | Completion March 2024 |
| Stone Street | Cranbrook | Replacement of 1 Column | Completion March 2024 |
| Pembury Road | Tunbridge Wells | Replacement of 1 Column | Completion March 2024 |
| London Road | Tunbridge Wells | Replacement of 1 Column | Completion March 2024 |
| Rusthall Road | Tunbridge Wells | Replacement of 3 columns | Completion March/April 2024 |

Appendix D – Transportation and Safety Schemes

Casualty Reduction Measures

The Highway Improvements Team is implementing schemes in order to meet Kent County Council's (KCC) strategic targets (for example, addressing traffic congestion or improving road safety). Casualty reduction measures have been identified to address a known history of personal injury crashes.

The list is up to date as of 29/11/2023, and only includes schemes being progressed in the 23/24 financial year.

THERE ARE NO PROJECTS OF THIS TYPE TO REPORT

Externally Funded Schemes

The Highway Improvements Team is implementing schemes funded by external corporations whilst still meeting KCC's strategic targets with the road network.

The list is up to date as of 29/11/2023, and only includes schemes being progressed in the 23/24 financial year.

THERE ARE NO PROJECTS OF THIS TYPE TO REPORT

Appendix E – Developer Funded Works

| Developer Funded Works (Section 278), Contact Officer: JAMES PRONGER | | | | |
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| Parish | Parish | Parish | Parish | Parish |
| TW002038 | Gibbet Lane | Horsmonden | New footway and junction to Gibbet Lane | With 3 rd party who are in discussion with housing society on taking remaining works forward. |
| TW003019 | Benhall Mill Road | Tunbridge Wells | Two new bell-mouth access points into new development off north east side of Benhall Mill Road. | Works completed maintenance period underway. |
| TW003447 | Hornbeam Avenue | Southborough | New bellmouth access for small residential development | Works completed awaiting sign off. |
| TW003049 | Hawkhurst Castle, Cranbrook Road | Hawkhurst | Realignment of Heartenoak Road junction with Cranbrook Road | Solicitors instructed. Design agreed , final legal to be finished, works should be Autumn 2023 |
| TW003054 | Knights Wood | Tunbridge Wells | Creation of links from the existing Knights Way into the proposed Knights Wood development which is significantly under way. | Final snagging works being undertaken |
| TW003449 | Highgate Hill / Cophall avenue | Hawkhurst | New bell-mouth access into development | Works underway 4 way traffic light design submitted for Highstreet / Rye Rd / Cranbrook Rd and new pedestrian crossing for Rye Rd |
| TW003445 | Brick Kiln farm Hartley Rd | Cranbrook | New access junction for significant residential development | Works underway |
| TW003069 | Mascalls Court Farm, Green Lane | Paddock Wood | New bell-mouth access for new development | Works significantly completed |
| TW003101 | Knights Wood, Phase 1A | Tunbridge Wells | Junction changes and bus stop improvements | Final works due by end of 23 |
| TW003060 | Knights Wood Phase 1B | Tunbridge Wells | Residential development | Awaiting completion certificate and put onto maintenance |
| TW003089 | Knights Wood Phase 1C | Tunbridge Wells | Residential development | Awaiting completion certificate and put onto maintenance |

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| TW003111 | Knights Wood Phase 2 | Tunbridge Wells | Residential development | Awaiting completion certificate and put onto maintenance remedials to be carried out |
| TW003286 | Knights Wood Phase 3 | Tunbridge Wells | Residential development | Significantly built |
| TW003287 | Knights Wood Phase 4 | Tunbridge Wells | Residential development | Under construction |
| TW003102 | Former Dairy Crest depot, St Johns Road | Tunbridge Wells | New access to housing development, footway works and bus stop | Agreement signed, works partially complete |
| TW003123 | Union House, Eridge Road & Linden Park Road | Tunbridge Wells | Highway works associated with development | Works completed awaiting final sign off |
| TW003126 | Hawkenbury | Tunbridge Wells | Various junction improvements to Maryland Road, Hawkenbury Road & Forest Road | Most works complete , small amount remaining. |
| TW003439 | Henwood Green Road | Pembury | New bell-mouth access into development | Maintenace period underway. |
| TW003187 | Heartenoak Road | Hawkhurst | 62 house development involving footway works, provision of bellmouth and passing places | Maintenance period complete , some surfacing needed then signed off. |
| TW003245 | Turnden | Cranbrook | 36 house development requiring provision of new bellmouth and footway | Works completed. |
| TW003246 | Badsell Road | Paddock Wood | Large housing development requiring new bellmouth, road widening, pedestrian crossing and footway works | Small amount of work remaining |
| TW003443 | Coppers Lane / Maidstone Rd | Matfield | New spine road and associated highway works for new residential development | Awaiting first certificate sign off. |
| TW003352 | Flagstones Hartley Road Cranbrook | Cranbrook and Sissinghurst | New Bellmouth for small housing development | Works nearly completed remedials to be carried out |

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| TW003434 and TW003435 | Church Road Paddock Wood | Paddock Wood | New Bellmouth and road widening for new housing development and associated traffic calming measures | Minor amount of work left |
| TW003412 | Highgate Hill | Hawkhurst | New bell-mouth access into retirement development | Maintenance period underway |
| TW003453 | Marsh Quarter Lane Sandhurst Jct with A268 | Sandhurst | Junction improvements in relation to new housing development | Maintenance period underway |
| TW003445 | Brick Kiln Farm, Hartley Rd, Cranbrook | Cranbrook | New junction and associated traffic calming measures, speed reduction for new residential development | Works underway |
| TW003459 | Sychem Lane | Five Oak Green | New junction for residential development | Contacted developer for initial discussions no response. |
| TW003448 | Furnace Lane | Horsmonden | New Bellmouth and associated works for new residential development | Works on maintenance period |
| | Badsell Rd / Maidstone Rd realignment of junction | Paddock Wood | S106 works by KCC Major schemes for new aligned junction and traffic signals | KCC major projects to start to design |
| TW003462 | Five Oak Green Road | Five Oak Green | Amended bell mouth | Works underway |
| TW003463 | 26 - 38 Commercial Road | Paddock Wood | New bell mouth for residential development | Maintenance period underway |
| TW003464 | St. Johns Road (old bus depot) | Tun Wells | New access for residential development | Works underway |
| TW003474 | Dowding Way | Tun Wells | New entrance for Concrete plant batch site. | Works imminent |
| TW003475 | Longfield Rd Fountains Retail park | Tun Wells | New exit for retail park | Agreement signed awaiting work start date |
| TW003472 | Cobnut close | Sissinghurst | Footway provision and minor road alteration for residential development | Works underway |

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| TW003471 | The Street | Sissinghurst | New junction into new residential development | Agreement signed awaiting works date. |
| TW003478 | Church Rd and Mount Pleasant Rd | Tunbridge Wells | Former ABC Cinema site New in and out for proposed retirement development | Initial plans submitted and review underway. |
| TW003470 | Eridge Rd , near petrol station | Tunbridge Wells | New junction entrance to proposed retirement development | Agreement signed awaiting works start date. |
| TW003469 | Owlsnest Pembury Rd , outside Pembury Hospital | Pembury | New 4-Way traffic signals and new junction access to care home | Initial designs submitted and discussions ongoing. |
| TW003479 | Swatlands Farm, Lucks, Lane | Paddock Wood | New junction and widening of road for construction of industrial estate | Design under technical review |
| TW003480 | North Farm Road | Tunbridge Wells | New entrance to car park | Design under technical review |
| TW003481 | Unit 11, Cranbrook Road | Hawkhurst | New footway and kerbing | Design under technical review |
| TW003482 | Maidstone Road | Horsmonden | New bell mouth access | Design under technical review |
| TW003483 | Showfields Estate | Tunbridge Wells | Regeneration highway works, various stopping up | Design under technical review |
| TW003485 | Highcroft and White House, London Road | Southborough | Footway works and new access for 7 dwellings | Design under technical review |
| TW003486 | Solar Farm, Maidstone Road | Horsmonden | New bell mouth access | Design under technical review |

Appendix F – Bridge Works

| Bridge Works – Contact Officer Helen Rowe | | | |
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| Road Name | Parish | Description of Works | Current Status |
| Grosvenor Bridge | Tunbridge Wells Royal Borough | GGrosvenor (KCC Structure no. 1995) Expansion joint replacement | Starting 04/12/2023 – 4 nights |

Appendix G – Traffic Systems

There is a programme of scheduled maintenance to refurbish life expired traffic signal equipment across the county based upon age and fault history. The delivery of these schemes is dependent upon school terms and holiday periods; local residents, businesses and schools will be informed verbally and by a letter drop of the exact dates when known.

| Traffic Systems - <i>Contact Officer: Toby Butler</i> | | |
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| Location | Description of Works | Current Status |
| No sites planned | | |

Appendix H - Combined Members Grant programme update

Member Highway Fund programme update for the Tunbridge Wells.

The following schemes are those, which have been approved for funding by both the relevant Member and by Simon Jones, Director of Highways & Transportation. The list only includes schemes, which are:

- in design
- at consultation stage
- ordered for construction
- complete

The list is up to date as of 29/11/2023, and only includes schemes being progressed in the 23/24 financial year.

The details given below are for highway projects only. This report does not detail:

- contributions Members have made to other groups such as parish councils
- highway studies
- traffic/ non-motorised user surveys funded by Members

More information on the schemes listed below can be found by contacting the District Manager

| Member | Title | Details Of Scheme | Status | Expected Completion |
|------------------------|---|--|---------------|---------------------|
| Paul Barrington - King | Birken Road | Crossing Feasibility Study Undertake traffic survey and pedestrian count to inform feasibility study | Investigation | TBC |
| Peter Oakford | Southborough Car Park | Park Additional signage for car park | Complete | N/A |
| Sarah Hamilton | Contribution to Furnace Lane, Lamberhurst | 30mph improvements and chicane enhancements in The Slade | Design | TBC |

Legal Implications

1.1.1 Not applicable.

1.2 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

1.2.1 Not applicable.

1.3 Risk Assessment

1.3.1 Not applicable.

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Topics for Future Meetings

For Joint Transportation Board on Monday 15th January 2024

Procedural Item

To consider any topics for future meetings, of which prior notice must be sent to the Chairman and the Democratic Services Officer no later than 4pm on the last working day before the meeting. There cannot be any substantive debate/discussion or any decision on any topics raised, except to agree whether the topic may come forward in future.

Date of the Next Meeting

For Joint Transportation Board on Monday 15th January 2024

Procedural Item

To note that the next scheduled meeting is Monday 8th April 2024