

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY

Michael Payne
Cabinet Member for Highways & Transport

DECISION NO:

21/00004

For publication

Key decision*

Yes

Subject: Maidstone Integrated Transport - A229 Loose Road Corridor Junction Improvements.

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Highways & Transport I give:

- i) Approval to undertake the design and surveys for the schemes, including development control and land charge disclosures,
- ii) Approval to progress all statutory approvals or consents required for the schemes,
- iii) Approval to enter into land agreements with third parties as necessary,
- iv) Approval to enter into construction contracts as necessary for the delivery of the scheme subject to the approval of the recommended procurement strategy, and
- v) Approval to undertake engagement with all relevant stakeholders as identified in the communication plan.
- vi) Approval for any further decisions required to allow the schemes to proceed through to delivery to be taken by the Corporate Director of Growth, Environment & Transport under the Officer Scheme of Delegations following prior consultation with the Cabinet Member.

Reason(s) for decision:

The Maidstone Integrated Transport Package (MITP) relates to a number of road network corridors or junction locations in and around Maidstone which were identified for improvement within the adopted Maidstone Local Plan. The package is made up of a number of key corridor/junction locations which are forecast to suffer from congestion and delay and have been identified for improvement. This decision relates to the delivery of Phase 3 of the overall MITP and is comprised of the following component schemes:

- A229 Loose Road junction with A274 Sutton Road (Wheatsheaf junction)
- A229 Loose Road junction with Plains Avenue
- A229 Loose Road junction with Armstrong Road
- A229 Loose Road junction with Sheals Crescent
- A229 Loose Road junction with Cripple Street/Boughton Lane

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

initial meetings have been undertaken with Maidstone Borough Council and a steering group formed including Local Members, which continually updates and feeds back progress and concerns.

A Consultation was completed in March 2020, and the results were reported at the October meeting

of the Maidstone Joint Transportation Board, where the recommendations were endorsed to proceed to the next stage of construction.

A dedicated email address and 'Twitter' account will be created for this purpose to disseminate information as the scheme progresses. Newsletters will be delivered prior to, and during construction and will offer details of specific operations, progress, and key dates.

The proposal was considered and endorsed by members of the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee at their meeting on 19 January 2021.

Any alternatives considered:

Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer:

None



8/2/2021

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signed

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date

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