

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

David Brazier, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport

DECISION NO:

22/00112

For publication

Key decision: YES

Subject Matter / Title of Decision

M20 Junction 7 Capacity Improvements

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, I agree to:

- I. Subject to a successful bid, delegate to the Corporate Director of Finance the authority to accept up to £5.4m of Community Infrastructure Levy funding from Maidstone Borough Council to deliver the M20 Junction 7 Capacity Improvements scheme aimed at reducing congestion, queuing, and air pollution.
- II. Adopt the M20 Junction 7 Capacity Improvements scheme shown on Drg. Nos. 70040984-GA-0101 T01 and 70040984-GA-0102 T01 for implementation.
- III. Delegate to the Corporate Director of Growth, Environment & Transport the authority to enter into the appropriate land, development and funding agreements and the award of the construction contract, and all other acts and consents and any subsidiary contracts required to allow the scheme to be implemented.
- IV. Delegate to the Corporate Director of Growth, Environment & Transport, under the Officer Scheme of Delegations following prior consultation with the Cabinet Member, any further or other decisions as may be appropriate to deliver the M20 Junction 7 scheme.

Reason(s) for decision:

Authority to accept external funding to deliver the M20 Junction 7 Capacity Improvements scheme aimed at reducing congestion and air pollution and providing improved active travel options. This will enable the scheme design and construction to be progressed and will generate economic growth including delivery of the final 25% of the Kent Medical Campus development.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

The proposed decision was discussed at the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee meeting on 19 January 2023.

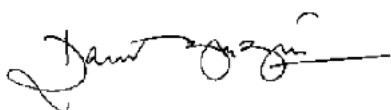
As the bid to the Levelling-up Funding from Department for Levelling up, Housing and Communities was not successful, this element of the original proposed decision was removed from the final recommendation which was subsequently endorsed.

Any alternatives considered and rejected:

The option to not pursue delivery of the scheme was discarded as this would not address the congestion at the M20 Junction 7 and the final 25% of the Kent Medical Campus will only be unlocked with the delivery of the scheme.

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

None



20 January 2023

signed

date