

# KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

**DECISION TAKEN BY:**

David Brazier, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport

**DECISION NO:**

23/00066

**For publication**

**Key decision**

A28 Sturry Link Road – Compulsory Purchase Order

**Decision:**

As Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport I give approval to:

- i) all acts required to acquire the land and rights for the carrying out and completion of the A28 Sturry Link Road scheme, including by means of a compulsory purchase order;
- ii) all acts required to provide new, or improved highways including the closure of private means of access for the carrying out and completion of the A28 Sturry Link Road scheme, including by means of a side roads order;
- iii) give delegation to the Corporate Director of Growth, Environment and Transport in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport to take relevant actions including but not limited to entering into contracts and other legal agreements, as necessary to implement the decision; and
- iv) confirm that other decisions in Record of Decision 18/00027 remain extant.

**Reason(s) for decision:**

The A28 Sturry Link Road scheme received planning consent in September 2021. The scheme is at the design and land assembly phase to allow the scheme to be completed. The purpose of this decision is to seek explicit authority to the use compulsory purchase, where necessary to secure the land and rights required for the scheme.

The land assembly is critical to the scheme. Whilst it is hoped all land can be achieved through negotiation and voluntary agreement, a compulsory purchase order needs to be progressed in parallel to ensure all land can be secured to enable a target construction date of 2025.

Once the design phase is completed, a further report will be brought to this Committee with confirmed costs and funding arrangements, prior to seeking a new key decision by the Cabinet Member to proceed with the scheme.

**Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:**

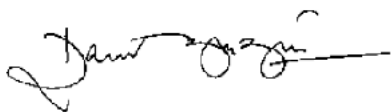
The proposed decision was considered by the members of the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee at their meeting on 5 July 2023. The decision was endorsed with one abstention from Cllr Dawkins.

**Any alternatives considered:**

N/A

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

None

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26/07/2023

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