

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL –PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Neil Baker, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport

DECISION NO:

25/00019

For publication

Key decision: YES

Subject Matter / Title of Decision:

A228/B2017 and B2017/B2160/Mascalls Court Road, Paddock Wood Junction Improvements

Decision:

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

- i) Approval to defer the improvement of A228/B2017 junction improvement;
- ii) Approval to use any surplus S106 funding to progress the feasibility and opportunities for voluntary land acquisition of an alternative A228/B2017 junction improvement for a larger roundabout
- iii) Approval to progress the amended B2017/B2160 junction improvement as shown indicatively on Drg. No. 60660469-ACM-01-SW-DR-HR-0105 through surveys, design and construction;
- iv) Approval for the proposed B2017/B2160 junction improvement shown on Drg. No. 60660469-ACM-01-SW-DR-HR-0105 to be used for Land Charge disclosures and development control;
- v) Approval to take a transfer of land for the B2017/B2160 junction improvement from an adjacent housing development under a section 106 planning obligation and to acquire any other land and rights as necessary;
- vi) Approval to progress any statutory approvals and consents including Traffic Regulation Orders required for the B2017/B2160 junction improvement scheme including detailed planning consent, drainage and environmental consents and securing temporary use of land for a construction site compound;
- vii) Approval to enter into construction contracts as necessary for the delivery of the B2017/B2160 junction improvement scheme subject to any internal approval process required to the proposed procurement strategy; and
- viii) Delegate authority to the Corporate Director of Growth, Environment and Transport Approval to take relevant actions, including but not limited to awarding, finalising and entering into the relevant contracts or other legal agreements, as necessary, to implement the decision.

Reason(s) for decision:

There are three major housing developments in Paddock Wood that are being implemented and together are delivering nearly 1,000 new homes. The improvement of both the A228/B2017 and B2017/B2160 junctions are important schemes to provide increased capacity and improve accessibility to help mitigate the three large housing s developments in Paddock Woods.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

The proposed decision is being considered by Members of the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee at their meeting on 25 February 2025.

Regular updates have been shared with the local Member, Paddock Wood Town Council, Tunbridge Wells Joint Transportation Board and the two homeowners adjacent to the junction who are most affected by the improvement.

Any alternatives considered and rejected:

Not carrying out an improvement / abandoning the scheme has been rejected because this would result in no mitigation or improved accessibility to support the major housing developments in Paddock Wood delivering nearly 1,000 homes. Modelling work has not identified any other scheme

that can offer a better solution to that being proposed that can also mitigate the flood risk, within the land available.

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

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signed

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date