

# KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

**DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:**

**David Brazier**

**Cabinet Member – Transport & Environment**

**DECISION NO:**

13/00049

**Unrestricted**

**Subject: Westwood Relief Strategy – Poorhole Lane Improvement**

**Decision:**

As Cabinet Member for Transport & Environment, I agree to

- i. approve the scheme for the improvement of Poorhole Lane and associated junctions shown as an outline design together with land acquisition requirements on Drg No. A3/KHS/PL/BID/106 Rev0 for land charge disclosures and development control.
- ii. give approval to progress the scheme for the improvement of Poorhole Lane and associated junctions shown as an outline design on Drg No. A3/KHS/PL/BID/106 Rev0 including any ancillary works such as drainage and environmental mitigation.
- iii. give approval for Legal Services to complete the acquisition of the land required to deliver the scheme for the improvement of Poorhole Lane and associated junctions shown indicatively on Drg No. A3/KHS/PL/BID/106 Rev0 including but not limited to any ancillary works such as drainage and environmental mitigation on terms to be agreed by the Director of Property and Infrastructure Support.
- iv. give authority for the S151 Officer to formally accept the DfT Pinch Point funding offer when received and subject to being satisfied with the terms and conditions.

**Reason(s) for decision:**

Kent County Council (KCC) and Thanet District Council (TDC) have been working together to improve the local economic condition by developing employment opportunities for Thanet's residents. The growth of Westwood Town Centre with the Westwood Cross Retail Development and Canterbury Christ Church University Campus has helped the local economy and created a significant number of jobs for local people.

These developments, however, have led to severe congestion at peak times during weekdays and Saturdays at the Westwood Roundabout as the intersection point of roads between Ramsgate, Broadstairs and Margate and at the heart of Westwood Town Centre.

KCC and TDC have developed a congestion relief strategy for Westwood and Thanet area and the proposed scheme for the improvement of Poorhole Lane is an important element of Phase 1 of that strategy.

Following a successful bid to the Department for Transport (DfT) for Local Pinch Point funding, the Transport Secretary has awarded £1.562m towards the overall cost of this scheme. S106

contributions have been secured for the remainder of the estimated scheme cost of £2.242m. KCC must proceed rapidly to conclude negotiations with landowners to secure the necessary land and progress the scheme design.

**Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:**

On 19<sup>th</sup> June 2013 the Environment, Highways & Waste Cabinet Committee resolved that the Cabinet Member for Transport & Environment be recommended to:-

- (a) approve the scheme for the improvement of Poorhole Lane and associated junctions shown as an outline design together with land acquisition requirements on Drg No. A3/KHS/PL/BID/106 Rev0 for land charge disclosures and development control;
- (b) give approval to progress the scheme for the improvement of Poorhole Lane and associated junctions shown as an outline design on Drg No. A3/KHS/PL/BID/106 Rev0 including any ancillary works such as drainage and environmental mitigation;
- (c) give approval for Legal Services to complete the acquisition of the land required to deliver the scheme for the improvement of Poorhole Lane and associated junctions shown indicatively on Drg No. A3/KHS/PL/BID/106 Rev0 including, but not limited to, any ancillary works such as drainage and environmental mitigation on terms to be agreed by the Director of Property and Infrastructure Support, and
- (d) give authority for the S151 Officer to formally accept the DfT Pinch Point funding other when received and subject to being satisfied with the terms and conditions

Links to Cabinet Committee report & appendices:

<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/documents/s40769/B5%20Westwood%20report%20FINAL.pdf>

<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/documents/s40770/B5%20WestwoodSchemeLandplan7-6-13.pdf>

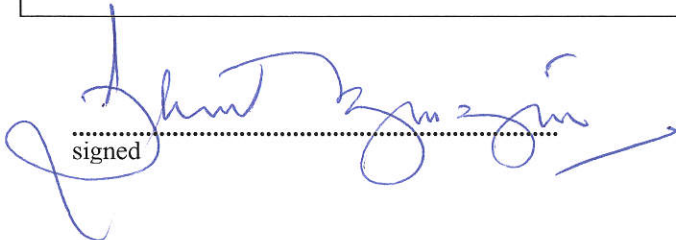
<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/documents/s40771/B5%20WestwoodStrategyPlan7-6-13.pdf>

**Any alternatives considered:**

Not applicable

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

None

  
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signed

26.6.13  
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date