

# KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

**DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:**

Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment

**DECISION NO:**

14/00056

**For publication****Subject:**

**Thanet Parkway Station – Project Progress**

**Decision:**

As Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment, I agree to take forward the delivery of Thanet Parkway Station in the location to the west of Cliffsend by:

- a) Commencing land acquisition work;
- b) Undertaking public consultations in 2015 and 2016, and;
- c) Undertaking project development work to enable the submission of the planning application and design work for the scheme.

**Reason(s) for decision:**

Decision required to enable project delivery to progress to next phase of work including land acquisition, public consultations, feasibility and detailed design, and further development work to produce a planning application for proposed parkway station.

**Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:**

*To be entered after the meeting and considered by the Cabinet Member when taking the decision.*

**Any alternatives considered:**

Alternatives considered include an enhanced Ramsgate Station option and early consideration of a parkway station at the Manston Green development site.

For Ramsgate Station while there are a number of possible options that could be provided in terms of increasing car parking provision to cater for greater station usage, our investigation has concluded that none of these are without significant challenges and disbenefits, and none provide a long term solution. The issues include increasing traffic through residential streets with associated safety, pollution and congestion, as well as loss of recreation grounds or impacting on existing employment sites.

Regarding the Manston Green site, to date no evidence has been provided to demonstrate that this site would be technically feasible for a new station and the ongoing planning situation places a considerable element of uncertainty over the deliverability of the proposal.

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

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signed

date