

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY

Matthew Balfour, Cabinet Member for Planning, Highways,
Transport and Waste

DECISION NO:

17/00051

For publication

Key decision*

Yes –

Subject: Maidstone Integrated Transport Package – Phase 1. A274 Sutton Road at its junction with Willington Street,

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Planning, Highways, Transport & Waste, I agree to give approval for public engagement on the revised outline design scheme for the A274 Sutton Road at its junction with Willington Street.

Reason(s) for decision:

The Willington Street Junction Improvement Scheme forms the first part of the Maidstone Integrated Transport Package.

Willington Street connects the A20 and A274 routes which are the two key corridors into Maidstone from the east and south east. At present the signalised junction is heavily congested under peak traffic conditions. This is an important scheme to help reduce congestion on the Sutton Road corridor, of the A274 strategic route.

The overall estimated scheme cost is £3.0m. The allocation from the Local Growth Fund is £2.0m and the remaining £1m is available from Section 106 Local Developer contributions.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

Initial meetings have been undertaken with Maidstone Borough Council and a steering group formed to continually update and feedback progress and concerns.

The proposal was considered by Members of the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee at their meeting on 15 June. Members resolved to note the scheme and for the proposal to be reconsidered at the next meeting of the Cabinet Committee on 21 September when feedback from the public and Maidstone Joint Transportation Body would be available.

Engagement will be arranged to outline the schemes advantages and address concerns of the local community. An information letter drop will be carried out when the scheme programme has been developed in more detail with further communication planned as appropriate.

Any alternatives considered:

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

None

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signed



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date

10 July 2017

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