

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY

Mike Whiting

Cabinet Member for Planning, Highways, Transport and Waste

DECISION NO:

18/00027

For publication

Key decision*

Yes –

Subject: A28/a291 Sturry Link Road, Canterbury

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Planning, Highways, Transport and Waste I agree to

- i) give approval to the revised preferred outline design scheme for the Sturry Link Road Drawing No. 430392/000/71 Rev 0 – Fig 2, updated to incorporate amendments arising from the public consultation, for development control and land charge disclosures.
- ii) give approval to all acts required to acquire the land and rights for the carrying out and completion of the A28/A291 Sturry Link Road scheme, including by means of a compulsory purchase order, and any other necessary statutory orders.
- iii) accept, if necessary, any blight notice that may be served, on terms to be agreed with the Director of Infrastructure, Strategic and Corporate Services.
- iv) the delegation to the Corporate Director of Growth, Environment & Transport, under the Officer Scheme of Delegations, to take further or other decisions as may be appropriate to deliver the A28/A291 Sturry Link Road scheme in accordance with these recommendations and the earlier overarching decisions given under Record of Decisions 15/00070A and 17/00061, that remain extant.

Reason(s) for decision:

The A28 through Sturry and the issues with the level crossing have long been a concern. The potential of development at Broad Oak and Sturry and at other sites to contribute to the City Council's housing needs, and the confirmed allocation of LGF funding gives the opportunity to deliver the Link Road. This will achieve both direct benefits and the opportunity to facilitate wider benefits.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

A report to this Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee in September 2015 gave an overview and a concept design of the Sturry Link Road that led to a number of approvals to allow the scheme to progress. The Record of Decision is 15/00070.

A further update report was presented to in July 2017 which approved outline designs with a request that a further update be provided after completion of the consultation exercise undertaken between 26 July 2017 and 6 September 2017. The Record of Decision is 17/00061.

The latest public consultation exercise was undertaken for 6 weeks from 26 July 2017 to 6 September 2017. The consultation involved 3 local exhibitions, was available online through the County Councils Consultation website through the online web based virtual exhibition 'Sticky World'. Presentations were also given in advance of the public consultation to the Canterbury Joint

Transport Board on 15 June 2017 and to the Sturry Parish Council on the 27 June 2017.

Any alternatives considered:
N/A

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

Name: