

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY:

Matthew Balfour, Cabinet Member for Environment & Transport

DECISION NO:

15/00070

For publication

Key decision - Yes

Subject: A28/A291 Sturry Link Road, Canterbury

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Environment & Transport, I agree, subject to being invited to give further specific authorities as necessary and with prior reversion to the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee on matters of significance, to:

- i) give approval to the concept design scheme for A28/A291 Sturry Link Road for development control and land charge disclosures shown in principle on Drg. No. 4300299/000/17;
- ii) give approval to progress the A28/A291 Sturry Link Road shown as a concept design on Drg. No. 4300299/000/17 including any ancillary work such as drainage and environmental mitigation;
- iii) give approval to submit a planning application for the scheme when a preferred scheme has been identified, following completion of the outline design process and public consultation, and approved by the Cabinet Member for Environment & Transport;
- iv) give approval for all steps necessary to be taken to obtain and implement statutory Orders to realise the scheme, including any ancillary works such as drainage and environmental mitigation;
- v) give approval for Legal Services to enter into firm land and funding Agreements associated with the Broad Oak and Sturry developments and any other developments contributing towards the Link Road;
- vi) give approval to enter into Agreements with Network Rail to allow the County Council to design and deliver a scheme on Network Rail infrastructure;
- vii) give approval to enter into Local Growth funding, developer funding and other such funding Agreements subject to the approval of the Corporate Director of Finance & Procurement;
- viii) give approval to enter into construction contracts as necessary for the delivery of the scheme, subject to the approval of the Procurement Board to the recommended procurement strategy.

Reason(s) for decision:

To provide a range of authorities necessary to allow the Sturry Link Road to be progressed and to demonstrate delivery capability within funding Business Case submissions.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

The Cabinet Committee met on 16 September 2015. Some Members of the Committee were concerned about the extent of authorities recommended at this early stage of the scheme. The Report acknowledged this and stated that *'with a project of this nature and time frame, further specific authorities will be necessary and the Cabinet Member will be invited to take those decisions with reversion to this Committee on matters of significance.* Following the discussion at Committee an appropriate *'subject to'* proviso has been included to the decision recommendations above.

Bullet (v) has also been amended to read "***firm*** land and funding agreements."

Members subsequently resolved to endorse the report.

Any alternatives considered:

N/A

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