

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY

Michael Payne

Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport

DECISION NO:

20/00065

For publication

Key decision*

Yes

Subject: Manston Green Junction Improvement – Infrastructure delivery partner with Thanet District Council

Decision:

The Cabinet Member for Highways & Transport is asked to give:

- i) Approval to enter into legal agreements with Thanet District Council to undertake the delivery of the Infrastructure Works at no cost or risk to the County Council.
- ii) Approval for KCC officers to project manage, input into the delivery and supervision of the project, with the cost of all staff and consultant time being recoverable against the project funding.
- iii) Approval to undertake the detailed design and surveys for the project. This work will be undertaken by appointing a consultant through the KCC professional Services Framework Contract.
- iv) Approval to acquire the land and rights for carrying out the construction and maintenance of the Manston Green project. All land is being provided at NIL cost to the project by the development company with an option on the land.
- v) Approval to progress all statutory approvals and consents required for the scheme including, drainage and environmental consents and stopping up orders.
- vi) Approval to enter into construction contracts as necessary for the delivery of the scheme.
- vii) The Corporate Director for Growth, Environment & Transport, under the Officer Scheme of Delegations and in consultation with the Corporate Director for Finance and Procurement, to enter into relevant legal agreements and take other actions necessary to implement this decision.

Reason(s) for decision:

Thanet District Council (TDC) have been successful in a funding bid to Homes England for £6.3m through the Marginal Viability Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) for the delivery of a new roundabout at the junction of A256 Haine Road and Manston Road and alterations to the roundabout approaches. TDC do not have the in-house resources to deliver a highway project of this scale and have asked KCC to deliver the project on their behalf.

The proposed Manston Green Junction Improvement Scheme provides new highway infrastructure that forms part of the wider Manston Green housing development. The new highway infrastructure, will support and enable the Manston Green development to come forward, helping to deliver 785 new homes and a primary school.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

Formal consultation for the project was carried out as part of the planning process but prior to commencement on site, public engagement will take place to provide information to key stakeholders and the local community about the construction programme and traffic management impacts.

Any alternatives considered:

Alternative options for the proposed infrastructure are restricted due to the land constraints, and alignment and layout of the existing highway. Planning for the infrastructure layout was agreed as part of the planning consent for the wider Manston Green development.

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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