

# KENT COUNTY COUNCIL –PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

**DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:**

Neil Baker, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport

**DECISION NO:**

23/00117

**For publication**

**Key decision: YES**

**Subject Matter / Title of Decision:** North Thanet Link

**Decision:**

As Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, I give approval for the county council to:

- I. proceed with the currently developed route and design for North Thanet Link and for this to be further developed as a preferred option which best meets the objectives of the scheme.
- II. enable 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. progress the preferred option through the next stages of scheme development including detailed design, associated site surveys/investigations, and ancillary works relating to drainage, environmental and highway mitigation.
- IV. develop and submit a planning application for the scheme, following completion of the outline design process.
- V. take all steps necessary to obtain and implement all Statutory Orders and approvals or consents required for the scheme, including but not limited to Compulsory Purchase Order, Side Roads Order and any Traffic Regulation Orders required for the delivery and successful operation of the scheme.
- VI. negotiate and complete all required land acquisition including by means of Compulsory Purchase Order as necessary to secure the delivery and future maintenance of the scheme.
- VII. enter into Major Road Network funding agreement with the Department for Transport, subject to the approval of the Corporate Director for Finance and for any secured funding to be spent on the design, development and delivery of the scheme.
- VIII. progress and complete a procurement process and enter into construction contracts as necessary for the delivery of the scheme, subject to the approval of Strategic Commissioning.
- IX. allow the Corporate Director of Growth, Environment and Transport, under the Officer Scheme of Delegations, to take further or other decisions as may be appropriate to deliver the North Thanet Link scheme in accordance with these recommendations.

**Reason(s) for decision:**

To provide the required authority to enable the North Thanet Link scheme to be progressed through the next stages of development and its subsequent delivery.

**Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:**

The proposed decision will be considered by Members of the Environment and Transport Cabinet

Committee at their meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

**Any alternatives considered and rejected:**

Other potential scheme options were considered as part of an option appraisal process to inform the Major Road Network bid, however none of these were considered to be suitable alternatives to the proposals that form part of North Thanet Link. The option of not promoting upgrades to the local road network was also considered not to be feasible due to the proposed development growth within the district and the impact that this would generate on existing ageing road infrastructure.

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

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