

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY

**Mike Whiting, Cabinet Member for Planning, Highways,
Transport and Waste**

DECISION NO:

19/00050

For publication

Key decision*

Yes –

Subject: A20 Coldharbour Roundabout.

Decision:

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

- i) give approval to the outline design scheme for the A20 Coldharbour roundabout in Tonbridge & Malling for development control and land charge disclosures, drawing number CLDHBR-CAP-HGN-00-DR-C-0035 S3-P01;
- ii) give approval to progress all statutory approvals or consents required for the scheme, drawing number CLDHBR-CAP-HGN-00-DR-C-0035 S3-P01;
- iii) give approval to enter into land agreements with third parties as necessary;
- iv) give approval to enter into construction contracts as necessary for the delivery of the scheme subject to the approval of the Infrastructure Construction Board to the recommended procurement strategy; and
- v) give approval to undertake engagement with all relevant stakeholders as identified in the communication plan.

Reason(s) for decision:

The scheme forms part of the Maidstone Integrated Transport Package which aims to reduce congestion and ease traffic movements through the town. The scheme is needed at this stage due to the considerable growth in the local area. It is therefore imperative that infrastructure is implemented to ensure that congestion is reduced, and journey time reliability is improved to allow extensive growth in the surrounding areas. The improvement works are also required now to allow delivery which will complement the Managed Motorway works between junctions 3 and 6 of the M20 and before minor alteration works are carried out around M20 Junction 5.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

Meetings have been held with Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council, Maidstone Borough Council and Highways England.

Specific engagements sessions will be arranged to outline the schemes advantages and address concerns of the local community.

There will be a dedicated email address and 'Twitter' account.

Newsletters will be delivered prior to, and during construction and will offer details of specific operations, progress and key dates.

The proposal will also be discussed by Members of the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee at their meeting on 10 October.

Any alternatives considered:

There is significant growth in this area with further planning applications being assessed by the planning authority. If the scheme does not go ahead, this will further worsen congestion in the area. The proposed scheme provides additional capacity and improves journey time reliability.

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: