

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

David Brazier

Cabinet Member – Transport & Environment

DECISION NO:

13/00031/B

Unrestricted

Subject: North Farm Link Road (Longfield Road) Improvement, Tunbridge Wells

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Transport & Environment, I agree to

- i. the revised scheme for the improvement of Longfield Road, shown as an outline design on Drg No. 4300034/000/01 for land charge disclosures and development control in substitution for Drg No. B2500600/04 Rev0.
- ii. continue to progress the scheme subject to all land required for the scheme being formally secured or committed by 31 July 2013.
- iii. Legal Services taking a dedication, transfer or by some other appropriate legal mechanism to secure the land required to deliver the Longfield Road scheme, shown in outline on Drg No. 4300034/000/01 including but not limited to any ancillary works such as drainage and environmental mitigation.

Reason(s) for decision:

Following the meeting of the Environment, Highways & Waste Cabinet Committee on 23 April 2013, approval was granted to take the highway improvement scheme through to the next stages of development and authority was given to enter into land and funding agreements (Decision 13/00031 refers). The formal Pinch Point funding offer of £3.5m has also been received from the Department of Transport.

To address concerns relating to the loss of parking spaces, the scheme design has now been refined to avoid any loss of parking. The scheme has also been amended over the rural section between Knights Park and A21 to avoid the requirement for the dedication of land from a particular landowner.

The requirement for the scheme design to be refined has meant that achieving the full commitment to the release of land by all landowners by mid June will not be realised. Officers have recommended an extension of the deadline to the end of July in order to secure the land would be appropriate.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

This scheme was originally discussed by the Environment, Highways & Waste Cabinet Committee on 23 April 2013.

On 19th June 2013 the Environment, Highways & Waste Cabinet Committee resolved that the Cabinet Member for Transport & Environment be recommended to:

- (a) approve the revised scheme for the improvement of Longfield Road, shown as an outline design on Drg 4300034/000/01 for land charge disclosures and development control in substitution for Drg No. B2500600/04 Rev0;
- (b) give approval to continue to progress the scheme subject to all land required for the scheme being formally secured or committed by 31 July 2013; and
- (c) give approval for Legal Services to take a dedication, transfer or by some other appropriate legal mechanism to secure the land required to deliver the Longfield Road scheme, shown in Drg 4300034/000/01 including but not limited to any ancilliary works such as drainage and environmental mitigation.

Other consultation

Discussions with landowners and leaseholders representatives; and store managers have taken place and continue.

Links to Cabinet Committee report & appendices

<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/documents/s40756/B1%20North%20Farm%20report.pdf>
<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/documents/s40757/B1%20PRESS%20PLAN.pdf>
<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/documents/s40758/B1%20Appendix%20A.pdf>

Any alternatives considered:

Not applicable

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

None

signed

date

27.6.13