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To: Communities Cabinet Committee

Date: 17 December 2013

Decision No: 13/00090

Subject: **To make permanent the experimental scheme of Traffic Regulation (Traffic Prohibition) on Byways Open To All Traffic (BOATs) at Holly Hill, near Snodland**

Classification: Unrestricted

Electoral Division: Malling Rural East, Gravesham Rural.

**Summary :** In 2012 the Cabinet Member for Customer & Communities took a decision to introduce an experimental scheme of traffic regulation at Holly Hill, near Meopham (12/1884). The scheme has been in operation for over 12 months and a further decision is needed to either make permanent or abandon the scheme.

**Recommendation :** Members of the Cabinet Committee are asked to consider and either endorse or make recommendations to the Cabinet Member for Community Services to agree that an Order should be made the effect of which is to make permanent the experimental scheme of traffic regulation at Holly Hill.

## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 On 10 July 2012 the Cabinet Member for Customer and Communities and Medway Council took a decision that an experimental scheme of traffic regulation should be introduced at Holly Hill, near Meopham (decision 12/1884). The scheme has now been in operation for over 12 months and a further decision is now required to make permanent or abandon the scheme of traffic regulation or to hold a non-statutory public inquiry to make a recommendation to the County Council.
- 1.2 The aim of the scheme was to prevent further damage to a Site of Special Scientific Interest, allow the recovery of areas of land, including SSSI adjacent to the BOATs and prevent continued nuisance and criminal activity associated with motor vehicle access.
- 1.3 The experimental scheme has now been in operation for over 12 months and its impact has been assessed and it has been found to be successful:
  - In reducing reported instances of antisocial behaviour/ criminal damage
  - In enabling the repair and recovery of the BOATs and their margins
  - Allowing the recovery of ground flora within the SSSI.
  - In halting degradation of the BOAT surface resulting from vehicle use
  - In enabling more effective policing of the area

- In enabling access by permit to a number of motor vehicle users.

1.4 BOAT's affected by the Traffic Regulation (Prohibition):

- Kent County Council BOATs; MR45A Snodland and NS245 & NS221Luddesdown Experimental Order 2012
- The Medway Council BOATs; RS221& Chapel Lane (part) Halling (Prohibition of Driving) Experimental Order 2012

## 2. Recommendation

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## 3. Background Documents

Appendix A Decision 12/01884

Appendix B Scheme assessment

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