

## KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

### DECISION TAKEN BY

**Mike Whiting**

**Cabinet Member for Planning, Highways, Transport & Waste**

### DECISION NO:

**18/00026**

For publication

Key decision\*

Yes

### Subject:

**A249 Bearsted Road Maidstone Major Infrastructure Improvement – Kent Medical Campus**

### Decision:

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

- i) give approval to the outline design scheme for the A249 Bearsted Road Maidstone Major Infrastructure Improvement – Kent Medical Campus (including M20 J7 signalisation) in North East Maidstone for development control and land charge disclosures, drawing number **70040984-GA-0101, 70040984-GA-0102, 70040984-GA-0103, 70040984-GA-0104, 70040984-GA-0105;**
- ii) give approval to progress all statutory approvals or consents required for the scheme, drawing number **70040984-GA-0101, 70040984-GA-0102, 70040984-GA-0103, 70040984-GA-0104, 70040984-GA-0105;**
- ii) give approval to enter into land agreements with third parties as necessary;
- iii) give approval to enter into construction contracts as necessary for the delivery of the scheme subject to the approval of the Procurement Board to the recommended procurement strategy, and
- iii) give approval to undertake engagement with all relevant stakeholders as identified in the communication plan.

### Reason(s) for decision:

The A249 forms a strategic link between the M2 and M20 motorways with Maidstone. The corridor is used by commuters to access Maidstone for employment and in the peak hours, this places considerable pressure on the A249, and the M20 J7, restricting access into the town centre. It is recognised that delivering capacity improvements will ease existing congestion and support growth, and the use of technology to provide services into vehicles will help to smooth traffic flow, reducing crashes and enabling drivers to make better informed decisions.

### Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

The proposal was considered and endorsed by Members of the the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee at their meeting on 13 July.

It was also discussed that the scheme design should consider the impact on landscaping, bus stop provision (for the crematorium), low-level street lighting and speed limits.

**Any alternatives considered:**

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

None

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signed

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date

19-07-18