

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Please note that updates from appropriate officers are set out below the relevant action and any outstanding actions are highlighted in red.

Minute 11. Reports from Officers 173.1 Bath Street - Fastrack Infrastructure Scheme

The Dartford & Gravesham District Manager (KCC) confirmed to the Board that Graham Killick was due to attend the next meeting of Gravesham JTB; the Dartford & Gravesham District Manager (KCC) agreed to confirm it with Graham Killick outside of the meeting and inform the Chair.

District Manager Apologises as the request for Graham to attend was submitted too late for attendance due to change of JTB date.

Minute 12.1. Clive Road Bus Gate – Information Only Letter

The Board raised a number of concerns regarding the decision and County Cllr Sullivan asked that a letter be sent to KCC from the Board requesting a pilot scheme to be created whereby taxis could use the Clive Road exit during the pilot scheme. At the end of the pilot scheme the results would be reviewed to see if there was a noticeable impact on bus travel times and if there wasn't there should be a review to allow taxi vehicles to use the exit.

The Dartford & Gravesham District Manager (KCC) had not seen any proposed traffic order or road plan changes for Ashboy Road and assumed it would return to normal use once it reopened. The Dartford & Gravesham District Manager (KCC) agreed to speak to Graham Killick, who was the Project Manager for the Scheme, and report back to the Board.

No Paper from the JTB has been received regarding the Pilot Scheme.

Athboy Road - Our contractor FM Conway is due to complete by Friday 18 May 2022 and this should include the full re-opening of Athboy Road. Planning permission was extended until 1 July 2022 which includes parking for limited site staff vehicles as well as stores, offices and welfare.

Minute 13.2 Springhead Road - Overgrown Hedges - Raised by Cllr Scollard

The Parking Services & Enforcement Manager advised that all three had their positives and negatives; the consultation ended in November 2020 but due to the long process, the results of the consultation still had not been released by the DOT. Once the results were made known, an update would be brought back to the Board.

Majority of hedges have been cut back as instructed. Further enforcement notices have been sent out to the remaining properties.

Minute 14 - Old Road East Speeding Vehicles - Request from Cllr Tony Rana

The Dartford & Gravesham District Manager (KCC) advised that he had received an email update from the Schemes & Planning Project Manager who was unsure why the item had been requested at JTB as officers hadn't had a chance to look into the issues at Old Road East yet. The Schemes & Planning Project Manager agreed to look into all the spread data for the area and arrange for an ATC to be placed in the area if there was no data currently held. An update would be brought back to the next JTB meeting.

No update available.

Minute 14 - Whitehill/Sun Lane Requested Changes from a Previous JTB Meeting - Request from Cllr Tony Rana

The Dartford & Gravesham District Manager (KCC) explained that Whitehill Road was a classified road and all driveways needed planning permission from the Council; a joint task could be undertaken with KCC and the Council to try and remove some of the parked vehicles off Whitehill Road which would alleviate some of the issues.

The Parking Services & Enforcement Manager agreed to work with the Dartford & Gravesham District Manager (KCC) and the Planning Team on the matter.

In response to the request of making Whitehill Road one way, the Dartford & Gravesham District Manager (KCC) explained that although KCC Members often use some of their funding to pay for ATCs that were placed in the area, making roads one way was length process. An unintended consequence of making a road one way could be increasing traffic in nearby areas and making other areas unsafe so a thorough investigation would need to be completed before any one way change were considered. Following the investigation, an update would be given to Cllr Rana

NM – I asked GBC's planning team for advice on this matter and Kevin Gore and I had a meeting with the Service Manager (Planning) who advised they cannot relax planning policy as and when suits on classified roads as the policy does not allow for this. That being said, Planning are working on a dropped kerb guidance document and when the first draft is available this might be an opportunity to discuss with members what the policy constraints are and what options are available to them to change the Council's approach for the Borough as a whole, including the potential pros and cons of the options.

Minute 14 - London Road Cycle Scheme – Request from Cllr Singh

In response to further questions, the Dartford & Gravesham District Manager (KCC) confirmed that the cycle scheme was being submitted to the ETCC soon and he was hopeful an update could be provided at the next meeting of Gravesham JTB.

No update available.