

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.

Traffic Issues raised on White Hill Road

Cllr Rana confirmed that he had received no response from the Service Team working on the issue; the Dartford & Gravesham District Manager (KCC) agreed to chase the team for an update.

UPDATE:

Emma Tilbury has emailed Tony Rana asking to meet on site to discuss the issues at Whitehill as previously officers are no longer with the Council. Emma is awaiting a response.

Issues Crossing Valley Drive

The Dartford & Gravesham District Manager (KCC) advised that a team of officers was still looking into the issue with crossing Valley Drive.

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Improvements to Northfleet Roundabout

The Dartford & Gravesham District Manager (KCC) confirmed that a street works team were looking into the improvements for the roundabout and discussions were ongoing about the placement of a refurbished anchor to be placed there. The Chair requested that an update be fed back to County Cllr Sullivan regarding the anchor.

UPDATE:

No further updates available.

Perry Street – White lines

Cllr Ridgers advised that money had been allocated in the past to redraw white lines through Perry Street but they had not been completed yet.

The Gravesend & Dartford District Manager (KCC) confirmed that the order was in the system but there was backlog due to frost damage and a large amount of potholes; the money to address the issue was secured against last years budget and the Gravesend & Dartford District Manager (KCC) agreed to follow it up.

UPDATE:

Works Scheduled for the 15th September.

Constitution Hill – Residents Wall Broken

Cllr Ridgers advised that a resident at the top of Constitution Hill had a house wall damaged several times from vehicles using the road as a cut through and asked what measures could be taken to deter vehicles from attempting the cut through.

The Gravesend & Dartford District Manager (KCC) advised that there was a weight limit in place, and it was a 'except for access' road; the Gravesend & Dartford District Manager (KCC) added that it wasn't possible to reverse down the road and the damage reported had been mainly from refuse lorries. A bollard has been looked at in the past but it would have toppled lorries and caused more damage to buildings. The Gravesend & Dartford District Manager (KCC) agreed to look into the matter further.

UPDATE:

Site meeting to be held with Alan Ridgers and the resident.

No reported accidents although resident is still concerned about the potential issue.

Whitehill School – Zebra Crossing

Cllr Rana had previously asked for a zebra crossing to be installed outside of Whitehill School and it was looked into by Claire Venner before she left KCC. Cllr Rana requested an update.

The Gravesend & Dartford District Manager (KCC) advised that the matter was with the West Kent Improvement Team; the Gravesend & Dartford District Manager (KCC) agreed to contact the team and request an update on when it would be completed

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Pothole Program

The annual pothole and patching programme (Pothole Blitz) was out to tender; the Gravesend & Dartford District Manager (KCC) was waiting on the final paperwork to be signed. Once the blitz was in effect, the roads that had the most potholes would be identified, and a programme of work put together which could then be shared with Members

The Chair requested an update on the 'Pothole Blitz' at the next Board meeting.

UPDATE:

Supplementary submitted for Pothole Blitz

Valley Drive turn into Marling Way

Cllr Rana asked if the road leading into Marling Way from Valley Drive could be widened to allow traffic to pass the cars waiting to turn into Marling Way.

Cllr Ridgers explained that he had requested something similar a few years ago and had been informed that there were a number of services running under the grass verge which would triple the cost of widening the road. Cllr Ridgers had previously suggested that the cost could be offset by charging it to the LTC as that road would become a cut through once the LTC works began.

The Gravesend & Dartford District Manager (KCC) was hopeful to receive £20 million from the LTC mitigation for the disruption the building of the LTC would cause; the Gravesend & Dartford District Manager (KCC) agreed to check to see if the road widening cost was factored into that package.

Following a request from the Chair, the Gravesend & Dartford District Manager (KCC) agreed to find out if he was able to share the £20 million bid with Members.

UPDATE:

Although Schemes have been promoted, we are unable to give a list of schemes at present due to the situation of the Lower Thames Crossing.

A further update will be given following the Planning inspectors view of the LTC project.

Bus Gate – Barrack Row

The Parking Services & Environmental Enforcement Manager advised that KCC would be in charge of the ANPR camera, and the estimated date of the camera being installed was September/October time. However, KCC still hadn't tendered for the cameras and software but that was due to the tender encompassing a multitude of cameras at a variety of sites across Kent.

UPDATE:

Further information hopefully available to report on the Night at JTB

Bath Street – Fastrack Service

The Gravesend & Dartford District Manager (KCC) recommended inviting Phil Lightowler, KCC Head of Public Transport to a future meeting; he had recently attended a Dartford meeting of Joint Transportation Board.



One Way Road – Hammerton Road

County Cllr Sullivan advised that her member grant was due to be used to fund a one way system in Hammerton Road and should be included in Appendix H in the report; a request was made to add it to the appendix moving forward and provide an update on the project at the next meeting.

UPDATE:

Original discussions were based on making Hamerton Road one-way however the Design & Delivery Team raised concerns that not only related to funding (quoted ap £28k due to high voltage cables in the area) but more so to safety concerns over compliance, increased speeds and lack of turning space. New scheme involving installation of buildouts is now being considered.

The Design & Delivery Team are in the process of designing this scheme and ET will send the drawing to LS as soon as it is complete so that she can inform residents of the proposed works. LS has also asked that we draft a letter for her to share with residents which will explain the scheme that we are proposing and why, and what the barriers are to installing a one-way scheme.

Drainage – Whinfell Way

Cllr Elliott raised concerns over a historic issue of large puddles forming on Whinfell way due to drainage issues; the puddles caused a hazard for drivers.

The Gravesend & Dartford District Manager (KCC) noted the report.

UPDATE:

Drainage works completed. No further reports of flooding.

Potholes – Saddington Street & Thong Lane

Cllr Croxton reported large potholes on the speed bumps on Saddington Street and Thong Lane which meant some drivers were not slowing down anymore.

The Gravesend & Dartford District Manager (KCC) advised that some potholes had already been repaired on Thong Lane but he noted the information.

UPDATE:

Saddington Street potholes have been repaired. If further pothole blitz funding becomes available, then Saddington Street will be included as a potential scheme.

Thong lane is scheduled under Pothole Blitz to be completed on 30th August 2023