


| <u>Outstanding Actions</u> | <u>Update</u> |
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| <p>Issues Crossing Valley Drive</p> <p>The Dartford & Gravesham District Manager (KCC) advised that they were waiting on the Planning Inspector to finish their recommendations on the LTC; update on works proposed in the area would be available for the Board soon.</p> | <p>This still sits with the planning inspector- No update available. Possibly November. This can be removed and reinvestigated once plans for lower Thames crossing are in place.</p> |
| <p>Improvements to Northfleet Roundabout – Placement of Anchor</p> <p>The Dartford & Gravesham District Manager (KCC) advised that Cllr Meade was still progressing the matter, but he had not yet met with County Cllrs Sullivan, Broadley, and Meade.</p> <p>The Chair asked that the Dartford & Gravesham District Manager (KCC) contact Cllr Meade to see how the matter was progressing and ensure he liaised with County Cllrs Sullivan, and Broadley outside of the meeting. County Cllr Broadley stated that he was happy to wait for an update directly from County Cllr Meade.</p> | <p>Cllr Meade to provide an update.</p> |
| <p>Perry Street – White Lines</p> <p>The Dartford & Gravesham District Manager (KCC) advised that the works were due to be completed sometime in April 2024.</p> | <p>I have identified a works order for October 24 from a safety inspector to refresh white road markings near the surgery and Ladbrokes (10439654, 10469656)</p> |
| <p>Whitehill School – Zebra Crossing</p> <p>The Dartford & Gravesham District Manager (KCC) confirmed that scheduled works were planned for filling in the potholes on Sun Lane however it would not be a full resurfacing.</p> <p>The Dartford & Gravesham District Manager (KCC) advised that works to improve that area around Whitehill School could be</p> | <p>Been advised this cannot go ahead – this item can be removed from the agenda</p> |

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| <p>incorporated into the next project; the Dartford & Gravesham District Manager (KCC) agreed keep Cllr Rana updated on progress.</p> | |
| <p>Valley Drive turn into Marling Way</p> <p>As mentioned above, the Dartford & Gravesham District Manager (KCC) advised that they were waiting on the Planning Inspector to finish their recommendations for the LTC; an update on works proposed in the area would be available for the Board soon.</p> | <p>This still sits with the planning inspector - No update available. Possibly November.</p> <p>This can be removed and reinvestigated once plans for lower Thames crossing are in place.</p> |
| <p>Bus Gate – Barrack Row</p> <p>The KCC consultation portal was used to submit a request, from The Chair/JTB, which objected to KCC’s decision to not exempt Taxi’s from the bus gate restriction. No response has been received from KCC.</p> <p>The consultation link was also sent to the Gravesham Taxi Association for their information.</p> <p>Meeting required with Neil Edwards Team</p> | <p>MAKE NEIL EDWARDS AWARE BEFORE INCLUDING IN CIRCULATION. KCC officers in the Highway Improvements Team raised this matter with GBC officers via Vicki Hubert and advised that taxi’s should be exempt from the bus gate restriction. If taxis are not exempt this may encourage more turning movements (by taxis) in the area around the bus gate on Clive Road. Other bus gates in Kent allow exemptions for taxis, so for consistency this would have been preferred by HIT. From discussions with Vicki this was a GBC decision to not exempt taxi’s and the KCC Traffic Management Team chose to support GBC’s decision.</p> |
| <p>ATC Speed Checks</p> <p>County Cllr Broadley had received no update since the last meeting. The speed checks had been carried out and there was discussion around reducing the speed limit from 40mph to 30mph along the top stretch of Springhead Road.</p> | <p>Update to be provided at or following meeting.</p> |
| <p>Gravesend Active Travel Scheme</p> | |

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| <p>The Chair asked that the Dartford & Gravesham District Manager (KCC) liaise with the Assistant Director (Inclusive Growth) and County Cllrs Sullivan and Broadley outside of the meeting to discuss how best to move forward with 'Option C'. The Chair also asked that a report be brought back to a future meeting of Gravesham Joint Transportation Board once a path forward had been agreed.</p> | <p>Update to be provided at or following meeting.</p> |
| <p>Old Road East pavement between Pine Avenue and St John's School entrance</p> <p>Cllr Rana stated that there was a kerb that was a blind spot to drivers; there had been few near misses and one car accident so far on that piece of land. There were concerns that children crossing the road to go to St Johns School could be hit; Cllr Rana requested a review of the area.</p> | <p>A detailed review of this site was carried out by officers. The current crash data does not demonstrate any pattern of crashes, or crashes involving pedestrians.</p> <p><i>The Highway Improvements Team successfully bid for funding to investigate installation of a controlled crossing on Old Road East near St John's Catholic Comprehensive School. Currently there is a dropped kerb informal crossing point approximately 50 metres west of the school access located near the electricity substation.</i></p> <p><i>As part of the investigative works traffic counts were commissioned, by way of a weeklong during school term survey, and a pedestrian crossing count were carried out. Based on existing crossing numbers recorded in the pedestrian crossing survey at, and near to, the proposed crossing location at Old Road East this location does not currently demonstrate sufficient demand for a controlled crossing. However, as the site is located near to a school officers carried out additional investigations to ascertain what is physically possible in terms of crossing facilities in this area.</i></p> <p><i>As mentioned above, the existing informal crossing is located alongside the electricity substation. Whenever any construction works or digging takes place on the public highway a full utilities search has to be carried out beforehand to ascertain if there are any pipes or cables which are present and may need relocating. Following a detailed utilities survey, it was ascertained, as expected there a number of power cables running in all directions along the footway and carriageway, some of which are high voltage cables. Other</i></p> |

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| | <p><i>utilities are also present, but it is the large volume of electricity cables which make installation of a crossing prohibitively expensive at this location.</i></p> <p><i>The team have investigated, if possible, to site any form of crossing (whether controlled or uncontrolled) elsewhere along the road, but due to the number of existing driveways there is nowhere closer to the school accesses to site a crossing.</i></p> <p><i>We did investigate other options such as flashing school wig-wag signs on approach to the school access, however it was noted there are already interactive signs in situ which provide a similar / identical message, see below.</i></p> |
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| |  <p><i>We understand that this is likely not the response you were hoping for. As you know is KCC is currently constructing the new signalised crossing on Rochester Road, to the north of the neighbouring school, we always endeavour to install such improvements where possible. Unfortunately, on Old Road East a controlled crossing is not physically possible in the vicinity of the school access.</i></p> |
| <p>Echo Square Roundabout</p> <p>Cllr Rana stated that there was discussion several years ago regarding revising the layout of the roundabout; motorists found the</p> | <p>Update to be provided at meeting.</p> |

layout confusing and often ending up cutting across Sun Lane. The Dartford & Gravesham District Manager (KCC) explained that Claire Venner was looking into that before she left KCC; he agreed to follow up the matter and provide a response to Cllr Rana.

Old Road West – Singlewell Road – Old Road East – Prince of Orange Junction

Cllr Rana described a resident's concern over the lack of pedestrian crossing lights when crossing the road from the Prince of Orange to Wrotham Road/Windmill Street. The Dartford & Gravesham District Manager (KCC) was aware of the resident's concern and agreed to look into the matter.

Officers request more information about this request from Cllr Rana. All four arms of this junction contain a push button signalised crossing facility which can be called when required by pedestrians.



Hillingdon Avenue and Singlewell Road

Cllr Rana advised that there had been a number of near misses when residents crossed the road to go towards the shop Hillingdon Avenue; Cllr Rana requested a pedestrian or zebra crossing be installed. The Dartford & Gravesham District Manager (KCC) agreed to look into the matter.

Request more information from Cllr Rana – Is this a request for a crossing on Hillingdon Avenue or Singlewell Road? Officers have assumed this is for Singlewell Road and provided the update below.

It is not possible to install crossings at all locations where they are requested. With regard to the request for the installation of a pedestrian crossing on Singlewell Road, near to Hillingdon Road, highway engineers would only introduce such a facility where it has been determined as a suitable location to encourage pedestrians to

cross the road. As such, when looking to install a zebra or signal-controlled crossing, there are a number of site criteria which would first need to be met:

- For a zebra crossing, there would need to be an existing 20/30mph speed limit. The measured 85th percentile speed (the speed at or below which 85% of traffic is traveling) must be below 35mph for a zebra crossing to be considered safe
- There must be sufficient streetlighting in place
- There must be footways on both sides of the road usually at least 1.8m wide
- There would need to be good visibility for pedestrians and drivers (i.e. not on a bend, obscured by trees, parked cars etc.)
- The proposed location must be away from junctions (absolute 5m minimum from side roads for zebra crossings and absolute minimum of 10 metres for signalised crossings, and well away from signal junctions) and clear of private driveways

On initial review of the section of Singlewell Road near to Hillingdon Road, whilst this is a street-lit 30mph road, with footways on both sides of the road between Hillingdon Road and Alfred Road, Officers note that the footways fall some way below the 1.8m width requirement on the eastern side and, given that there are various side roads along this stretch of carriageway including Lingfield Road, this would limit the ability to install a pedestrian crossing at this site. In addition, the on street parking bays located outside the parade of shops would need to be removed to make a crossing physically and safely possible, it would make siting either a zebra or signalised crossing along this section of road difficult and Officers would not recommend installation of a crossing facility at this location.

Where crossings are physically and technically possible, such requests should be raised with the local KCC Member so they can be added to their Highway Improvement Plan (HIP).

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| <p>Chantry School – Ordnance Road</p> <p>Cllr Croxton described a resident’s concern over the 30mph speed limit outside Chantry School on Ordnance Road; neighbouring schools had a 20mph limit and Cllr Croxton requested similar limits or ‘wigwags’ imposed on the area outside Chantry School.</p> <p>Gravesham Joint Transportation Board 6.03.2024 6 Cllr Croxton agreed to share the residents’ details with the Dartford & Gravesham District Manager (KCC) so that he could update them directly; KCC were already looking into that matter and had contacted several residents previously. The Dartford & Gravesham District Manager (KCC) agreed to bring a response back to a future Board meeting.</p> | <p>Update to be provided at or following meeting.</p> |
| <p>Petition - Safety Improvements to Reduce Driver speeds and enhance crossing facilities at the Shorne Crossroads</p> <p>Limited warning signs were already in place, but KCC highway improvements team were in the process of having yellow warning signs installed along with other signing and lining advising drivers to reduce their speed on approach to Shorne crossroads. The works for the new signage had been ordered and should be with KCC by October 2024.</p> <p>The West Kent Highway Improvements Programme Manager was asked to update the board regarding data on dangerous driving within the Borough. He advised that KCC received their injury related crash data from Kent Police, and it takes 4 to 6 months for the data to be issued to KCC. This includes information on any substance abuse resulting in an incident. Members raised particular areas of concern for that data to come back to the next meeting. The West Kent Highway Improvements Programme Manager advised that this would be a substantial project to review crash data for the whole borough so wouldn’t be able to commit to this but will carry out an exercise to review crash trends at Shorne crossroads to ascertain if</p> | <p>Update to be provided at or following meeting.</p> |

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| <p>there has been an increase in crashes in this location involving driver impairment.</p> <p>The West Kent Highway Improvements Programme Manager agreed to organise a site visit with the Parish council within the following two weeks from the date of the meeting.</p> <p>The board agreed for this topic to be brought up again at the following JTB meeting with a report on the site visit.</p> | |
| <p>Issues raised by Councillors with the approval of the Chair</p> <p>a) Double Parking and Parking at Dropped Footways</p> <p>Cllr D Croxton advised this could be brought to the next meeting of JTB but queried whether GBC issued fines for individuals who parked behind dropped kerbs and consequently restricted access for people with disabilities.</p> <p>The Parking & Highway Officer advised that they do enforce this regularly, but that if there were any places in particular where this was a regular occurrence, to let the team know and this could be passed on to the enforcement officers.</p> <p>Cllr Lauren Sullivan asked if any communications could be put out in regards to this. The Parking & Highways Officer agreed to discuss with Nicholas May (Parking & Environmental Enforcement Services Manage) on their return from annual leave.</p> | <p>Gravesham District updated previously – can be removed from agenda.</p> |
| <p>a) Meopham Parade</p> <p>Cllr Sweetland (KCC) asked for a follow-up on the current status of Meopham Parade in terms of timescales. He raised concerns about the narrowing on the roads and the impact this could have on the shops who regularly receive deliveries.</p> | <p>Update to be provided at or following meeting.</p> |

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| <p>The West Kent Highway Improvements Programme Manager advised that they were in the process of a safety audit for the plans, but they were ready to be shared with Cllr Sweetland (KCC) and the parishes. As long as they could get the road space and correct time restrictions, they were hoping this could be implemented in autumn. Michelle Norris had picked up on the loading restrictions and were looking at alternatives but would keep Cllr Sweetland (KCC) and shop owners involved in discussions.</p> | |
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