

Folkestone and Hythe Joint Transportation Board

Held at:	Remote Meeting via Zoom
Date	Monday, 22 February 2021
Present	Councillors Mrs Ann Berry, Miss Susan Carey, Peter Gane, David Godfrey (Chairman), Tony Hills (Vice-Chair), Frank Hobbs, Rory Love, David Monk, Terence Mullard, Dick Pascoe, Martin Whybrow and John Wing
Apologies for Absence	None
Officers Present:	Kate Clark (Case Officer - Committee Services), Alastair Clifford (Operations Lead Specialist), Fred Miller (Transportation Lead Specialist) and Paul Thompson (Transportation Specialist) and Geoff Mills (Committee Services)
Others Present:	James Bowen (KCC Highways)

12. Declarations of interest

Although none of the parking proposals would impact on him, Cllr Rory Love made a voluntary announcement of other interests in respect of the proposal to introduce parking restrictions on Harbour Way, outside Kingsbridge Court.

13. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 November 2020 were submitted and approved. The Chairman's signature would be added to these minutes as approved.

14. Proposed Parking Restrictions 2021

Mr Paul Thompson introduced this report which he said, outlined the areas where restrictions would help to improve traffic flow, safety margins and resolve parking problems.

Members asked a number of specific questions on the proposed schemes detailed in the report as follows:

Harbour Way, Folkestone – In answer to a question from Cllr Love, Mr Thompson said none of the residents of Kingsbridge Court had indicated they would be unhappy to see part of the grass verge removed. Mr Thompson also said there had been no requests to pave this area, and he doubted if there would be any funding available to extend the highway in order to allow parking.

HGV Overnight and Weekend Ban – Slip Road adjacent to A20 Newingreen – In answer to a question from Cllr Whybrow as to who was responsible for enforcing bans on overnight parking, Mr Bowen and Mr Thompson said any concerns residents had on this should be referred to KCC direct. Cllr Mrs Carey said, whilst KCC was unable to provide an on- demand service, she knew it was very aware of problems of this kind, and in areas where there were hotspots dealt with as many cases as possible.

The Joint Transportation Board asked officers to provide an update on this matter to its next meeting.

RESOLVED

(i) That Traffic Regulation Orders be made or amended in the summer of 2021 for all the proposals set out in Report JTB/20/06. And it be noted that before a TRO is made, the regulations require statutory consultations with all affected persons.

(ii) Officers would provide an update to the next meeting of the Joint Transportation Board on the enforcement within Folkestone and Hythe of the KCC HGV ban TRO.

15. Highway Works Programme 2020/21

This report updated Members of the Joint Transportation Board on the schemes approved for construction and programmed for delivery in 2020/21. Members noted that as Kent County Council had agreed a substantial increase in the budget for planned highway works over the next three years, work was still in progress to identify and design schemes for inclusion in the full Year One to Two (2020/21 and 2020/21) and Year Three to Five (2021/22 to 2023/24) programmes. Because of this, it had been decided to publish an interim programme, and to publish the full programmes later this year. For some assets, the interim programme covered approximately the first six months of 2020/21, whilst for others it included most of the works planned for the whole year. The programme was subject to regular review and may change for a number of reasons including budget allocation, contract rate changes, and to reflect KCC's changing priorities. The programme and extent of individual sites within the programme may also be revised following engineering assessment during the design phase.

Members asked a number of specific questions on the schemes detailed in the report as follows:

Appendix B – Robin Hood Lane, Lydd – Gully and kerbing work.

In answer to a question from Cllr Hills, Mr Bowen said he had noted what Cllr Hills had said about problems still occurring during periods of bad weather and would liaise with him as appropriate to discuss possible remedial action.

Appendix D – Risborough Lane Junction with Church Road – Installation of a Zebra Crossing Point.

In answer to request from Cllr Love for more information on this scheme, Mr Bowen would contact him direct.

Appendix D – Dover Hill and New Dover Road.

Cllr Pascoe said, whilst welcoming the road safety improvements being undertaken as described in the report, he still had concerns about traffic speeding on Dover Hill and asked whether any further measures could be taken to address those concerns. Mr Bowen said the situation would be monitored.

Appendix E – Cheriton High Street – Installation of Traffic Lights.

In answer to a point raised by Cllr Gane, Mr Bowen said that there would be a Safety Audit undertaken in respect of the new traffic lights at the Tesco/Horn Street/Cheriton Approach junctions. Any changes arising from that Audit would be reported to Members.

In answer to a question from Cllr Love on the same scheme, Mr Bowen said he would look at the suggestion of having a light controlled pedestrian priority as part of the Safety Audit.

Appendix E – Ashely Avenue – Access to Recycling Facility

In answer to questions from Cllr Gane, Cllr Pascoe, Cllr Love and Cllr Monk, Mr Bowen said the latest planning application had been approved by KCC in February 2021. Mr Bowen said he would investigate the concerns that had been raised by Members, particularly with regard to vehicles over 7.5 tons accessing the recycling facility via Ashley Avenue. He would report his findings back to Members of the Board as soon as possible.

Appendix E – A259 Martello Lakes (Nicholls Quarry)

Mr Bowen said he understood a proposal would be coming forward for a roundabout to be put in at this location.

Appendix H – Cheriton High Street – Upgrade to Puffin Crossings

In answer to a question from Cllr Love, Mr Bowen said he would look into his concerns regarding pedestrian safety and the need for a far side indicator and contact him direct.

Appendix H – School Road, Saltwood – 20 MPH Speed Limit.

In answer to a question from Cllr Love, Mr Bowen said he would investigate the need for 20 MPH repeater roundels and contact him direct.

Appendix G – Bridge Refurbishment – Old Romney

In answer to a request from Cllr Hills for more information, Mr Bowen said he would contact Cllr Hills on this direct.

Appendix H – Combined Member Grant – Dunes Road, Greatstone

Mr Bowen would contact Cllr Hills to give him an update on this scheme.

Appendix I – Street Works – BT Works – Longage Hill

Mr Bowen would arrange to contact Cllr Hobbs with an update.

RESOLVED:

(i) That Report JTB/20/25 be noted.

(ii) A further report of the use of Ashley Avenue, Cheriton by vehicles over 7.5 tons accessing the aggregate and recycling plant at Caesars Way would be submitted to the next meeting of the JTB.

(iii) Officers would respond direct as appropriate to the questions raised by the Members of the Joint Transportation Board during the course of the meeting.