

**SEVENOAKS JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD - 18<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2007**

**REQUEST FOR A PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT CHILDSBRIDGE LANE AT ITS JUNCTION WITH DYNES ROAD AND WEST END, KEMSING**

Report of the: West Kent Divisional Manager

Status: For Consideration

Chairman Cllr James London

Head of Service Head of Transportation & Planning – Mr Ray Dines

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**Recommendation:** It be RESOLVED that

- (a) Members note the progress made on the investigation; and
- (b) the proposed strategy for taking the project forward.

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**Background**

- 1 A petition has been received from the local community in Kemsing concerned about pedestrians crossing Childsbridge Lane at its junction, with Dynes Road and West End. Investigation work is recommended so that advice can be offered to a future meeting of the Board.

**Introduction**

- 2 In accordance with protocols on the receipt of petitions, the Board is informed that a petition has been received from the residents of Kemsing village. The petition, which has 115 signatures, was copied to Kemsing Parish Council.
- 3 The petition will be available to the Board for inspection and concerns the safety of local villagers who cross Childsbridge Lane. The road is also crossed by school children who attend the local primary school in West End and by the secondary school children who get picked by the school bus at the eastern end on the junction. Recently, a school walking bus was formed by the local school and this crosses Childsbridge Lane en route to the local school.

**Discussion**

- 5 Some investigation work is required to analyse the points raised in the petition and to identify how best to respond. It is recommended that the following is carried out:-
  - Establish Police records of injury crashes in Childsbridge Lane in the vicinity of the junction of West End and Dynes Road. Whilst these records do not take account of damage only crashes and/or near misses, they do provide a

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relative guide to road safety when compared against other junctions and roads.

- Undertake pedestrian count survey in order to investigate a possibility for a formal crossing.

6 When these data are established the results and a further report can be made to the Board.

**Financial and Value for Money Considerations**

7 Any action or works arising from the proposed investigations would need to be evaluated and prioritised in the context of other schemes and funded from the Local Transport Plan.

**Legal Implications**

8 The matters raised in the petition are matters to be dealt with by the local highway authority.

**Recommendation:**

- (a) It be RESOLVED that Members note the proposed strategy for investigating the issues behind this petition; and
- (b) agree that Kemsing Parish Council is advised of the conclusion reached so that it, in turn, those residents petitioned are advised regarding the feasibility of the formal crossing.

**Sources of Information:** Petition from the residents of Kemsing

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