

SEVENOAKS JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD – 11TH MARCH 2008

**REQUEST FOR A PEDESTRIAN CROSSING IN CHILDSBRIDGE LANE,
KEMSING**

Report of the: West Kent Divisional Manager

Status: For Consideration

Chairman Cllr. London

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

Recommendation: It be RESOLVED that Members:

(a) note the progress made on the investigation into this matter; and

(b) endorse the officers' proposed strategy for taking the matter forward (which will be confirmed at the meeting, based on the information being reported verbally).

Background

1 A petition was received from the local community in Kemsing who are concerned about the safety of pedestrians crossing Childsbridge Lane at its junction with Dynes Road and West End. Kent Highway Services (KHS) carried out a 12 hour pedestrian crossing survey in November 2007. In addition KHS liaised with the Parish Council suggesting that it, and possibly the school, carryout surveys of parents to ascertain the likely future use of a pedestrian crossing – all as requested by Members at the last board meeting.

Introduction

2 The petition, which has 115 signatures, concerns the safety of local villagers who cross Childsbridge Lane. The road is also crossed by secondary school children who catch a school bus on the eastern side of the cross roads. The road is also crossed by the local school bus.

3 The results of the 12 hour pedestrian crossing survey carried out by KHS was verbally reported at the last JTB meeting as follows:

- Between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. 314 pedestrian crossed the road.
- 38% were under 15 years old (this excluded the walking bus)
- There were three walking buses on the day to the school totalling 14 children and 6 adults.

4 It was agreed that the information would be PIPKIN assessed and if all the criteria was met then it was then it was possible it would be included in the 2009/10 programme.

- 5 Members agreed that officers submit an outline design and cost.

Discussion

- 6 KHS have produced options of two designs based on “Zebra Crossings” on either sides of the junction at Childsbridge Lane i.e. north and south. The crossing is designed to current specification with tactile paving, dropped kerbs, belisha beacons, pedestrian guard rails and the necessary road markings. The cost of each option amounts to £30 - 53K. KHS feels that the design based on the south side of the junction to be a suitable location compared to the north side. Most of the pedestrian crossing activity takes place at the south side including the Walking Bus. Also the crossing at this side is 31m from the centre of the junction compared to the crossing at the north end which is at 23m from the junction. The crossing at the southern end is a safer option as it is not advisable to have crossings close to the junction.

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Sources of Information: Petition from the residents of Kemsing;
Pedestrian crossing surveys;
Results of the Parish Council’s and school’s questionnaires; and
Design produced by Jacobs (KHS Consultant)

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