

**SEVENOAKS JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD – 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2008**

**HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT SCHEME PROGRESS REPORT**

Report of the: Acting Director Kent Highway Services

Status: For Consideration

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**Executive Summary:** This report describes the progress to date and anticipated progress over the next three months of all programmed highway improvements.

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**This report supports the Key Aim of** Reducing speed, encouraging safer driving and tackling known speeding crash hotspots. Also improving pedestrian safety, including measures to improve access for people with disabilities as indicated in the Sevenoaks Community Plan.

**Portfolio Holder** Mr David Brazier

**Head of Service** KHS – Head of Countywide Improvements – Behdad Haratbar

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Recommendation: **It be RESOLVED that:**

- 1) That Members note the progress of programmed highway improvements.
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**Background**

1. The progress of all the proposed **highway improvement schemes** for 2008/9 in the Sevenoaks district are detailed in Appendix A. Details of the progress on the carryover schemes from 2007/8 are also listed.

**Discussion**

- 2 With the following exceptions, schemes have generally progressed as per programme.
- 3 The planned modifications to the eastbound (Bradbourne Vale Road) approach to the **Bat & Ball crossroads** have had to be postponed until summer 2009 due to conflict with the imminent replacement of a gas main. Because this utility company's works will affect the A25 until July 2009, the modifications to the junction will not now take place until after that date.

- 4 The completion of the footway in **Hildenborough Road, Leigh** has been suspended due to KCC's inability to agree terms with the owner of the land on which the path was to have been built. Whilst the file has not been closed and negotiations with the land owner will continue, the terms that the land-owner has sought as part of the sale/dedication are far from being acceptable to KCC. There are insufficient grounds for seeking a compulsory purchase order.

### **Key Implications**

Financial; Resource (non-financial); Legal etc.; Value For Money

None for Sevenoaks District Council or Kent County Council as a result of this report.

**Sources of Information:** None

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### **RISK ASSESSMENT STATEMENT**

None.

### 5. Appendices

A: Progress on Highway Improvement schemes:

**APPENDIX A. Sevenoaks Integrated Transport Plan 2008/09**

KHS Ref	Location	Description of Works	Current Progress	Anticipated Actions for next 3 months (Prior to next JTB)	Original Allocation 2008 - 09	Forecast Out-turn 2008 - 09	Kent Highway Services Contact 08458 247800
08-ITS-SE-01	Bat n Ball – <b>Otford</b> - junction improvements	Junction realignment - Lining Improvements	Topographical survey completed, detailed design progressing.	Roadspace unavailable until July 2009 due to Southern Gas Networks relaying their main along the A25. Await outcome of possible junction modifications arising from nearby planning application	£20k	£0k	Simon Allsopp
07-ITS-SE-08	Hartfield Road <b>Cowden</b> – road safety improvements	Phase 2 of Visibility improvements at the junction of Blowers Hill and Hartfield Road	Detailed design completed and works programmed with contractor, subject to both parcels of land having been transferred	When land has been successfully transferred to KCC's ownership, work will start.	£19k	£19k	Geoff Dance
07-ITS-SE-07	Childsbridge Lane, <b>Seal</b> – Speed management	Speed management measures including new zebra crossing to assist pedestrians accessing the school in Zambra Way.	Design complete and public consultation on final proposals commenced December 2008.	Subject to successful public consultation, works will start February 2009	£35k	£35k	Helen Cobby
08-ITS-SE-02	High Street – Mill Hill – <b>Edenbridge</b>	Footway improvements.	Works ordered	Works programmed for early 2009.	£20k	£10k	Julian Cook
08-ITS-SE-03	<b>Darent Valley</b> – Accessibility improvements	Cycle stands and improved signing for pedestrians & cyclists, Shoreham / Otford.	Investigations ongoing regarding precise locations.	Locations of works to be confirmed and works programmed.	£25k	£25k	Julie Emmett

**APPENDIX A. Sevenoaks Integrated Transport Schemes in Local Transport Plan**

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08-ITS-SE-06	High Street j/w Station Road – <b>Swanley</b> .	Bus stop improvements – including kerb re-alignment.	Detailed design complete; awaiting approval from Network Rail (works are on their bridge)	Subject to agreement being reached with Network Rail, works will start March 09	£15k	£15k	Simon Allsopp
08-ITS-KENT-07	<b>Districtwide</b> – pram ramps	Programme of installing 30 new pram ramps and adapting existing to better suit people with limited mobility	Programme identified and design being progressed	Works will be carried out in March 2009	£8k	£10k	Helen Cobby
07-ITS-SE-01	Hildenborough Road, <b>Leigh</b> – New footway	Phase 2 of New footway between Home Park Farm and Gibbs Field.	Detailed design completed, discussions regarding land ownership have reached an impasse.	<b>Works deferred (see body of report)</b>	£55k	£0k	Andy Padgham
07-ITS-SE-03	Main Road, <b>Sundridge</b> - Junction Safety	New high friction surfacing on approach to Dryhill Lane / Dunbrik crossroads; speed surveys undertaken for consideration to further speed management works.	High friction surfacing on westbound carriageway completed. Eastbound carriageway programmed to be undertaken during surfacing works scheduled 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Subject to weather, these works should be complete by the 16 December. If weather is too cold, the works will be carried out in March	£20k	£12k	Julian Cook