

**SEVENOAKS JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD – 16 MARCH 2010**

**B2026 ARCHED RAILWAY BRIDGE (STATION ROAD/MAIN ROAD), EDENBRIDGE**

Report of the: Local Transport & Development Manager, Alan Ash

Status: For Member information

Chairman: Cllr P J Coates

Head of Service: Head of KHS Transportation & Development – David Hall

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Recommendation: It be resolved that Members note the progress of the Marlpit Hill railway bridge review.

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- 1 This historic brick arched railway bridge has been the subject of a number of vehicle strikes by high vehicles over the years. Network Rail, as the bridge owners have made structural repairs and alterations following these impacts in an attempt to reduce vehicle impacts, part of these works have included a reduced running clearance under the bridge. Currently the bridge is equipped with high visibility warning signs as required by the Department for Transport (DfT) Traffic Signs Regulations and Directions 2002 and advance warning signage is also in place ahead of the bridge.
- 2 The bridge has a maximum clearance of 13' 3" through the centre arch reducing to 11' 0" at the abutments. Edenbridge Town Council requested that the indicated clearances are confirmed as there has been some comment locally that current height restrictions are incorrect. KHS' Structures Team have confirmed that the clearances are correctly indicated and comply with current standards and DfT guidance.
- 3 A KHS office met with Edenbridge Town Council (ETC) representatives to discuss the issues on site in December 2009. It was noted at this time that the white hatching and white build out road markings under the bridge had recently been refreshed to good effect and this has noticeably assisted drivers of large vehicles negotiating the difficult bridge. The centre-line marking under the bridge was still visible but this had not been refreshed.
- 4 In addition to the above KHS will be surveying the primary approach routes from Westerham, Sevenoaks, East Sussex and Surrey to ensure that advanced information signage is adequate.

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