

SEVENOAKS JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD – 14 DECEMBER 2010

HIGH STREET, EYNSFORD – ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

Report of the: Director of Kent Highway Services

Status: For Consideration

Executive Summary: This report describes the outcome of consultation on road safety improvements in the vicinity of Anthony Roper School, Eynsford. Members are asked to consider whether to support the recommendations.

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.

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Recommendations:

- i. That Members endorse the scheme illustrated in Appendix B.

Background and Discussion

- 1 In April 2010 road safety improvements in the vicinity of The Anthony Roper Primary School were awarded funding as part of the Local Transport Plan.
- 2 The focus of the proposal was to install a zebra crossing, outside 17 Alton Cottages, to the Farningham side of the school main entrance as illustrated in Appendix A. Due to the location of the Zebra crossing the southbound bus stop would be moved southwards. Other safety improvements included were as follows:
 - Single yellow lines prohibiting day time parking Monday to Friday on the east side of the road, opposite the school.
 - A combination of double yellow lines prohibiting car parking at all times and single yellow lines prohibiting day time parking Monday to Friday along the entire length of Tower Croft.
 - Legalising of the “no stopping” on the School Zigzags.
 - New street lights by the zebra crossing (legal requirement).

- 3 Officers carried out an informal consultation in October 2010. Whilst residents were not opposed to the principle of the proposal, the general consensus was that the zebra crossing would be better located between the school entrances. It was felt that this alternative location would have a minimal detrimental effect on residential properties. Other concerns received were in regards to the displacement of parking.
- 4 Following consultation with the Parish Council, the School, and the Local County Member the proposed scheme was redesigned as illustrated in Appendix B. The proposal now focuses on a zebra crossing between the school entrances, instead of outside Alton Cottages. Other safety improvements included are as follows:
- Single yellow lines preventing school peak hour car parking Monday to Friday on the east side of the road, between Tower Croft and Priory Lane.
 - A combination of double yellow lines prohibiting car parking at all times and single yellow lines prohibiting daytime parking Monday to Friday along the entire length of Tower Croft.
 - Double yellow lines prohibiting car parking at all times at the junction of Priory Lane with the A225.
 - Legalising of the “no stopping” on the School Zigzags.
 - New street lights at the zebra crossing (legal requirement).
 - The bus stop would not now be moved.
- 5 Officers informally consulted on the new proposal in November 2010. The closing date for comments was December 8 and the outcome will be reported verbally to the board.

Key Implications

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

- 6 None for Sevenoaks District Council or Kent County Council as a result of this report.
- 7 Funding will be met through the Local Transport Plan capital fund 2006-2011.

Risk Assessment Statement

- 8 None.

Appendices

- A Initial consultation drawing.
- B Latest consultation drawing.

Sources of Information: The background papers pertaining to the report are held on KHS file WK/T/SEV/Eyns/01.

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