

## SEVENOAKS JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD – 14 DECEMBER 2010

### REPORT TITLE – SEVENOAKS RAILWAY STATION – PEDESTRIAN BARRIERS

Report of the: Director of Kent Highway Services

Status: For Consideration

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**Executive Summary:** This report describes the proposals for the removal of barriers at the Hitchen Hatch Lane/London Road junction outside Sevenoaks Railway Station

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**This report supports the Key Aim of** Reducing unnecessary street clutter.

**Portfolio Holder** Mr David Brazier

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

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#### **Recommendations:**

- 1) That Members note the proposals to remove pedestrian barriers
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#### **Background and Discussion**

- 1 The issue of “ugly” pedestrian railing at this junction has been raised by the Sevenoaks Chronicle in September. Coincidentally Kent Highway Services have also been undertaking a review of street furniture in towns around Kent in line with the latest government advice regarding unnecessary signs and railings.
- 2 The safety review of this junction has been completed and it is proposed that the majority of the railing as shown on the attached plan be removed. It should also be noted that many commuters walk around the railings rather than use the controlled crossing point a short distance to the south east of the railway station.
- 3 The pedestrian railings are in fact use by many as a facility for the parking of pedal cycles and there have been discussions with South Eastern Trains about the provision of alternative parking facilities. As far as possible the timing of the works will be phased to minimise the inconvenience to cyclists.
- 4 We will also be working with South Eastern Trains regarding the station redevelopment and a review of the station forecourt arrangement. I further report on this will be submitted when further details are know.

#### **Key Implications**

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

- 5 The cost of the removal of the barriers will be met from the County Councils revenue budget

**Risk Assessment Statement**

- 6 The removal of the barriers has been the subject of a safety assessment by our consultants Jacobs.

**Appendices**

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**Sources of Information:** None

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