

Project Updates

North South Walking Route

The Chair, Vice Chair, our consultant Adrian Berendt and our KCC member met with staff from the KCC Active Travel Team and Jennie Watson, the East Kent Highways Engagement Team leader on 12 February. Key points were that they plan to move forward with design and development work on the North South route during the coming financial year and would like to involve the Town Council members in a similar working group which supported the development of the East West route. There was discussion on priority interventions for implementation where varying views were expressed. It would probably be helpful if the AT committee could try and reach a consensus on its priorities in the near future. Other issues touched on are referenced later.

Highway Improvement Plan (HIP)

We agreed to start the revision of our HIP at our February committee meeting. The requirements in relation to LCWIP items was raised with KCC during the North South Route meeting on 12 February and KCC asked that we include all items. We have gone back with a full list of items from the LCWIP this week to ask for more guidance on how best to present them as there are 113 items on the LCWIP of which only 7 appear on the HIP

20mph Compliance

The set of new 20mph roundels which it was agreed to put forward to KCC for costing in February have now gone back to KCC. Costs would be met through the 20mph compliance fund. A list of dropped kerbs which should be funded direct by KCC is under development

A report on the consultation in the Athelstan Rd and Cambridge Rd areas over traffic, has now been prepared by Adrian Berendt and is due to go out to residents who took part in the consultation, once ward councillors have raised any concerns. As agreed in February the next stage will be to hold workshops with residents to discuss any improvements that could be put forward to KCC for funding.

East-West Walking Route

Snagging issues in three areas were raised at the February meeting with KCC On 12 February and Julian Saunders agreed to write to the Project Manager for the project afterwards.

Apparently the sub contractor has challenged that these issues are a direct effect of their works as opposed to pre-existing issues which the new works were not able to resolve. But the manager has requested the contractor price up doing localised reprofiling (hence the markings) and come up with a price to address. Owing to the

recent changes in procurement at KCC it will not be able to raise the job as previously., but once KCC have a revised plan, they will see if their highway stewards can action these as small works.