
SANDWICH TOWN CENTRE IMPROVEMENTS

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Summary: For information only

1. Introduction

On the 30th November 2015 Sandwich Town Council voted to allocate up to £80,000 to bring about a number of improvements to Sandwich. These include:

1. Install a 7.5 Tonne Weight Restriction across the Town.
2. Install 3 new village gateway features and multilingual signage on the outskirts of the town.
3. Employ an external consultant to holistically look at Sandwich in its entirety and propose changes to improve traffic flows and the pedestrian experience.
4. Employ KCC to carry out detailed analysis of Breezy Corner with a view to create a design that will protect the pedestrians and historic buildings from damage caused by vehicles.
5. Employ KCC to carry out detailed analysis with a view to create a design to install parking chicanes along New Street and High Street (in place of originally proposed traffic tables).

| The £80,000 has been allocated from the Section 106 fund.

2. The Background

- 2.1 Earlier this year Sandwich Town Team produced a Green Paper that outlined a number of proposed changes to the town. On the 8th October 2015 they held an open day for residents and tradespeople to come and give their views on the proposals. The event was well attended and the large majority agreed that improvements to traffic and public realm should be made.
- 2.2 With the backing of KCC and the local MP, Craig Mackinlay, it was agreed that a working group would be created between the Town Team, KCC, Dover DC and Stagecoach Bus Company. This group discussed the proposals and the Town Team created a White Paper which was presented to the Sandwich Town Council on the 30th November 2015. Alongside this, KCC produced a paper outlining all the options available and indicative costs. The Town Council agreed to allocate their entire Section 106 funds, if necessary, to the proposals and have requested that KCC begin work on them.

3.0 The Improvements

3.1 Install a 7.5 Tonne Weight Restriction across the Town

KCC will advertise for a 7.5 Tonne weight restriction across Sandwich. Vehicles accessing a property in Sandwich will be exempt. Therefore all business or home deliveries, buses, emergency vehicles and refuse vehicles are legally allowed to access Sandwich at all hours of the day. This will supersede the two existing weight restrictions in place currently.

- 3.2 Providing there are few objections from the local community during the advertising period; installing the weight restriction can take place in the next few months. It is deemed sensible to time this with the installation of any gateways.

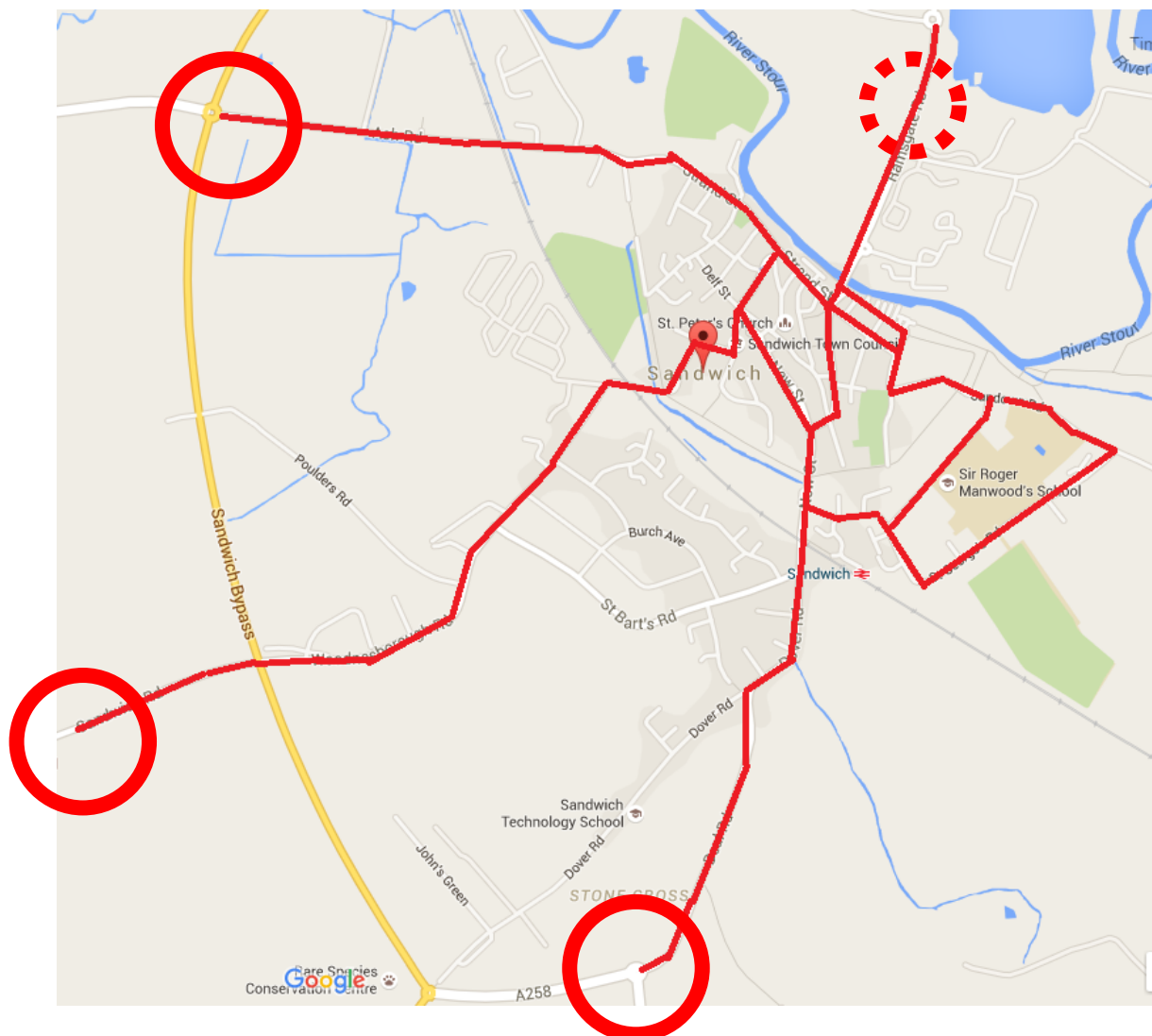


Proposed extent of a 7.5 Tonne weight restriction.

4.0 Install 3 new village gateway features and multilingual signage on the outskirts of the town.

Install 3 new white village gateways & appropriate multi-lingual signage (where possible) on the outskirts of Sandwich Town. Install multi-lingual signage near the existing gateway on Ramsgate Road. These are to be located at 3 clear decision points: Ash Road Roundabout, Sandwich Road / Woodnesborough Road, Deal Road Roundabout (see map below).

4.1 Designing and installing the gateways can take place over the next few months. It is deemed sensible to time this with the installation of the 7.5 Tonne Weight Restriction.



Highlighted by solid red circles are the proposed locations for new gateway and signage features. The dotted circle refers to an existing gateway on the Ramsgate Road. It is not intended to replace this sign but it will be considered for enhancement with multi lingual signage.

- 5.0 Employ an external consultant to holistically look at Sandwich and propose changes to improve traffic flows and the pedestrian experience.

To employ an external consultant to holistically analyse Sandwich town and the wider area with the view to showcase and protect the historic buildings, improve the street scene, create pedestrian friendly streets and encourage economic prosperity for the town.

- 5.1 The consultant would be expected to analyse traffic movements, pedestrian movements, the historic fabric, on street parking, the material palette used and business needs. The consultant would be expected to take the design through a formal public consultation and the results of which will be presented to the Joint Transportation Board (JTB).

- 5.2 The aim is to use the report to apply for further funding in order to carry out the works. Possible funding sources include Heritage Lottery Funding, Coastal Communities Fund.

- 6.0 Employ KCC to carry out detailed analysis of Breezy Corner with a view to create a design that will protect the pedestrians and historic buildings from damage caused by vehicles.

The Town Council have decided to allocate funds to employ KCC Engineers to formally analyse Breezy Corner with the view to implement an engineering solution that will protect pedestrians and the historic buildings from damage by vehicles.

- 6.1 In principle it may be possible to extend the footway and install a bollard which would provide a barrier between vehicles and the pedestrians and buildings. There may be another engineering solution available; at this stage it is not clear until full design work has taken place.

- 6.2 However, it is likely that any engineering solution that could prevent buses from turning left or right at Breezy Corner will face objection from Stagecoach. As such at this stage a design has been commissioned but no decision taken as to what should be implemented.

- 6.3 When the design work has taken place, a consultation will occur. The results will be presented to a later JTB for recommendation as to how to proceed.

- 7.0 Employ KCC to carry out detailed analysis with a view to create a design to install parking chicanes along New Street and High Street (in place of originally proposed traffic tables).

The Town Council have decided to allocate funds to employ KCC Engineers to design a traffic calming solution along High Street and New Street. Additionally engineers will investigate any other options available on Moat Sole Road.

- 7.1 This work follows on from the JTB decision on the 10th September for KCC to present alternative methods of traffic calming available. KCC produced two drawings showing potential traffic calming solutions including parking chicanes, built out

chicanes cushions and tables. When the options were presented, Sandwich Town Council decided to commission a design of chicanes.

- 7.2 KCC will now conduct this work and present the results to the Town Council. Following which a consultation will take place. These results will be presented to a later JTB for a decision as to whether to proceed.

Future Meeting if applicable:	A progress report will be presented at a later JTB
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Annex List

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Background Papers

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