
SANDWICH TOWN CENTRE IMPROVEMENTS – PROGRESS UPDATE

To: Dover Joint Transportation Board - 18 February 2016

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1. Introduction

This report follows on from the JTB report submitted on the 10th December 2015 outlining proposed improvements to Sandwich Town Centre.

It was agreed that KCC would keep the Dover JTB informed of progress with developments in the work.

2.0 The Improvements

KCC has assigned an engineer to work on the short term proposals. This Engineer can commit 2 days per week to this work.

1. Install a 7.5 Tonne Weight Restriction across the Town.

The KCC engineer is creating a timeline and providing a quote for the works. This work will be prioritised and it is hoped to install the signs alongside the village gateway features. Liaison with the Town Council will take place to confirm the design of the signs and costings before they are finalised.

The 7.5T Restriction will be implemented as an Experimental TRO. Before and After data will be collected to measure the impact of the restriction with the results of the consultation being brought before the JTB at a later date for recommendation as to whether to implement permanently.

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

The KCC engineer is creating a timeline and providing a quote for the works. This work will be prioritised and hoped to install alongside the 7.5T weight restriction signage. Liaison with the Town Council will take place to confirm the design of the gateways and costings before they are finalised. Additionally STC are looking to replace the damaged gateway on the Ramsgate Road.

3. Employ an external consultant to holistically look at Sandwich in its entirety and propose changes to improve traffic flows and the pedestrian experience.

KCC and STC drafted a brief outlining the required outcomes for this work. Particular focus has been given to the project scope to ensure the outcomes are achievable on time and within the allocated budget.

This Brief is now out with the consultants and we are awaiting the quotes. Interviews will take place following which it is hoped a consultant will be appointed.

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.

The Engineer has scheduled to carry out site visits and further updates will be given as appropriate.

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 Engineer has scheduled to carry out appropriate site visits and further updates will be given as appropriate.

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Future Meeting if applicable:	A further 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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