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**To:** Environment, Highways & Waste Cabinet Committee

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**Subject:** Ramsgate Road, Sandwich between Discovery Park and Willowbank -

**Classification:** Unrestricted

**Summary:**

This report gives a brief summary regarding the Local Sustainable Transport Fund spend on creating a more attractive link between Discovery Park and Sandwich Town.

## **1.0 Introduction**

1.1 Kent County Council (KCC) has been awarded £200k from the Local Sustainable Transport Fund to improve sustainable travel links to and from “transport hubs”. With Discovery Park having been awarded Enterprise Zone Status and planned substantial mixed use development coming forward it is important to try to connect Discovery Park to Sandwich by promoting a welcoming and attractive link which would benefit all users but particularly encourage walking and cycling.

Sandwich Road as existing between Monks Way and Willowbank is a single track carriageway with a footpath and verge to one side and a verge with significant vegetation including both trees and shrubs to the other.

The Sandwich Town Council have highlighted their concerns with vehicles constantly parking on the grassed verge despite a single yellow line having been introduced. As a result the verge suffers from tyre channels and the grass does not grow leaving a muddy edge to the carriageway which is unsightly and the parked cars themselves are haphazardly parked and can cause conflict with passing vehicles. Vehicles also tend to speed through this long and straight section of road.

The vegetation to the back edge of the pathway is mostly on private land and is untidy in some areas, particularly in the vicinity of the Sandwich Salvage Yard which restricts the available footway width with overhanging vegetation from conifers planted to the site frontage.

It is intended to liaise with the landowners to reconstruct their access with replaced vegetation and improved sight lines onto both the new footway/cycleway and the carriageway.

## **2.0 The Proposal**

The proposed scheme will provide a shared footway/cycleway link and formalise parking arrangements by providing a new layby in the existing grassed verge as indicated on drawing KCC/LSTF/RRS/001 Rev 0. The introduction of a gateway feature and traffic calming through carriageway narrowing and pinch points demarcated with granite setts will substantially increase the attractiveness of accessing Sandwich through sustainable means. The improvements will provide a safer environment for pedestrians and cyclists and force drivers to recognise the change in their surroundings and to adapt their speeds appropriately. Sandwich station now benefits from peak High Speed rail services and will be served by High Speed 1 throughout the day from January 2015. It is therefore considered that the proposed scheme would be an extremely timely and effective use of the funding, increasing the attractiveness of Discovery Park as a place to do business.

### **3.0 Finance**

All costs are covered by Local Sustainable Transport Fund.

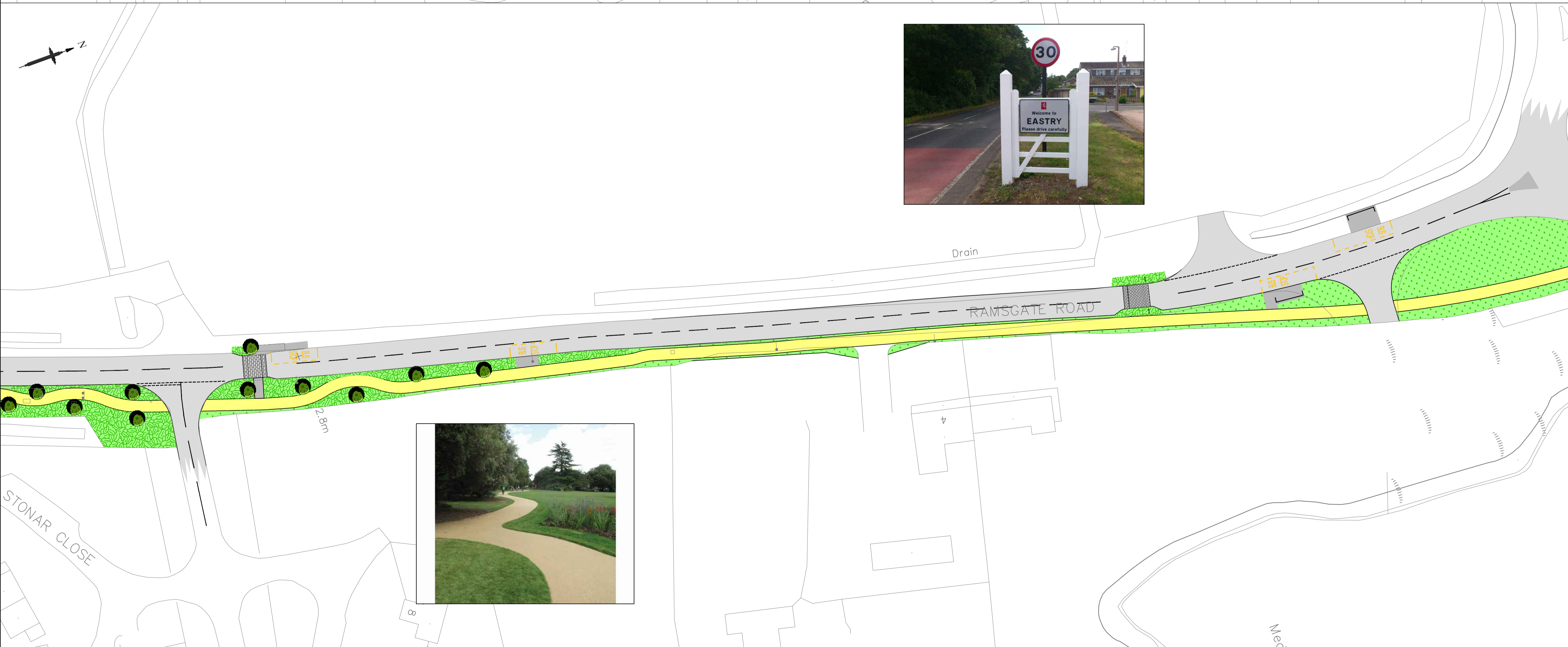
### **4.0 Consultation**

It is intended to complete a localised consultation in the coming weeks.

### **5.0 Recommendation**

That Members recommend the scheme is proceeded with subject to no objections being received from the public consultation.

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