

NOTE OF TELECONFERENCE KCC HIGHWAYS, 20TH NOVEMBER 2020

PRESENT: Cllr Ron Galton, Cllr Robert Turner, Cllr Nicholas Eastwood, Jennie Watson (KCC) Ryan Shiel (KCC); Chris Hume (Parish Clerk)

1. KCC confirmed Mr Kennaird's conclusion that a junction at Woodcock Road is not viable as it will not slow traffic going north towards Lenham unless a build out is added which is not an option and double yellow lines would be required which will stop parking outside the post office.
2. KCC updated the Parish Council with regard to the process. The Parish approved scheme plans have been sent to the designers but work has been put on hold pending further review by the Parish. KCC will now wait until the Parish makes a final decision in view of recent public comments. Once given the final version then KCC will commission the second audit and conduct consultation with residents immediately adjacent to features. This will be important if the Parish opt for granite setts. Jennie advised the Parish council again that the granite setts will be noisy and red tarmac chicanes are a better and cheaper option. KCC explained that other colours are available for all the tarmac features as there have been objections to this colour. This includes green, red and buff. KCC suggested that Buff is probably the best option. This can be viewed at East Farleigh. Tarmac chicanes will be around half the cost of granite setts. The paint around tarmac features lasts 5-10 years and KCC will make the surface good if needed, at the time of the works on site.
3. KCC confirmed that they will want payment before they place the order with the contractor?
4. KCC will send an invoice when they are ready to instruct the contractor. Once the Parish pays the invoice KCC will instruct the contractor.
5. The work is likely to begin 3-6 months after the order is placed. This includes 12 weeks' notice for Streetworks to arrange diversion. The order will probably be placed with the contractor before the May 2021 elections but the work will probably commence after the elections – provided the Parish Council make a final decision on any changes before Christmas. Given that it will impact on the school bus this might best take place in the school holidays
6. The works will take about a week once on site.
7. Making the whole of the road to Headcorn a 40-mph limit will take more time. It will be looked at as a future project. KCC will look at any speed reduction, including 50mph
8. Speed Indicator Devices remain an option and will cost around £7000. They might be an alternative to the chicane at Glenderry, but have been known to cause objections from residents due to flashing lights at night and their appearance. The Parish Council can look into this by contacting Toby Donlon if it wishes. The devices can be turned to face in either direction. Jennie will send the Parish council further details.
9. KCC would not want temporary signs while the scheme is being planned but residents can put posters and stickers on their own land, wheelie bins or vehicles. Jennie will send the Parish details. Placards are acceptable provided they are not illuminated or distracting.
10. KCC confirmed that as we have no street lighting and cannot have true traffic calming features (raised obstacles in the highway) our scheme is likely to have limited effectiveness. Grafty Green speed survey showed that speeds are not excessive.