

KCC HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORTATION & WASTE

DETAILED DESIGN BRIEF FOR LTP/LGF SCHEMES



PROJECT TITLE:	Schools Cluster to Folkestone harbour				
LOCATION:	Folkestone				
DISTRICT:	Shepway				
BRIEF ISSUED BY:	Tay Arnold	TEL:	03000 411618		
To be completed by		BUDGET: (To cover detailed design and delivery costs)	£150000	DATE:	
Funding Source					
SCHEME OBJECTIVE:					
To provide safer cycle routes in Folkestone, focusing on increased permeability from the schools cluster to both train stations and the harbour.					
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:					

There is an identified need for cycle routes to link the schools cluster (Morehall) of Folkestone with the town.

There appears to be few options within the current road structure to design a dedicated route through the residential streets from Cheriton High Street to the schools. On road provision would be made safer by 20mph speed limit in the area. A second phase of the scheme could look at the potential to convert the existing footpath from Harcourt Road to Chart Road. The path would need to be widened to a minimum of 2.5m. The land either side belong to Morehall Primary School. This is shown on the attached map.

There is a cluster site for pedal cycle crashes at the junction with Cheriton High Street so this junction would need to be addressed as a priority as part of the overall scheme. Reviewing the types of pedal crashes it could be inferred that most have occurred by cyclists not feeling confident crossing the junction (either using the footway or jumping the lights) see attached D Print. There is also a cluster of motorcycle crashes at that junction. Further analysis is needed but a possible option would be advanced cycle lanes.

There are several developments in the area coming forward. Discussions have not yet taken place regarding whether developer funding could be used to supplement LTP funding but Shorncliffe Garrison (for up to 1,200 residential units) would certainly benefit from the new proposed route. There is also a new development coming forward near the harbour. There is some developer funding assigned for improvement works at the Cheriton High St/Beachborough/Cherry Garden Ave junction from the seafront and Shorncliffe applications to increase capacity. At this stage I am unsure if the proposed improvements will improve safety for cyclists due to the focus on increased capacity. There is also a right turn proposed for vehicles out of Cheriton High St. before Junction 12 using developer funding.

The train line through Folkestone currently poses a barrier to cycle routes so we have identified possible routes through as well as the best options to cycle to both stations. Improved links to Folkestone Central should be a priority as this is the main station for visitors due to the High Speed line.

All sections of phase 1 (with the exception of a small stretch by the Civic Centre) are within the highway boundary according to Kent View. The proposed route has been selected to best follow desire lines as well as giving the most options to improve the route for cyclists within the current boundaries.

SPECIAL DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS:

The scheme is to meet recommended guidance from the Department for Transport (e.g. LTN 02/08), Manual for Streets and Kent Design Guide. Departure from these standards is to be explained, although we would advocate reference to the recent Sustrans Design Manual (April 2014) and the Cycling England archive.

LAND OWNERSHIP

Are there any land ownership issues related to the scheme? (delete as required)

No

If Yes, have these issues been resolved? (delete as required)		
Please give details of issues that have been resolved, or date by which T&D will resolve them. Please attach copies of highway searches or land purchase/access agreements.		
All proposed elements for delivery this year are within the Highway boundary with the exception of a short stretch by the Civic Centre, this land is believed to belong to Shepway Council. If this requires more detailed discussion then this final link to the harbour could form part of a later phase. As discussed above widening the footpath would involve land negotiations but this is intended to be a later addition.		
PLANNING PERMISSION		
Is Planning Permission needed? (delete as required)		
If Yes, has this been received? (delete as required)		
Please supply a copy of the planning permission, or advise of the plan for obtaining permission:		

POLITICAL APPROVAL STATUS:

Proposed routes follow desire lines identified within the Shepway Cycle plan. This plan was endorsed at JTB 2011.

The scheme has been discussed in principal with officers at Shepway Council. The scheme has been discussed at the recent CaRE cycle subgroup and strongly supported.

CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME TIME CONSTRAINTS/REQUIREMENTS (i.e. School holidays)

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TRO REQUIREMENT AND CURRENT STATUS:

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OTHER STATUTORY NOTICES OR ADVERTISEMENTS AND STATUS (i.e. Cycle Tracks Act, Humps Notice)

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CONSENTS REQUIRED:

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CONSULTATION (tick ✓ appropriate box)

(Note: The DP Team are required to carry out consultation at the concept design stage)

KCC:	Done	Not Req'd	OTHERS:	Done	Not Req'd
Operations – District Manager			Police		
Street Lighting			Fire Service		
Roadworks Coordination			Ambulance Service		
Drainage			Bus Companies (Fastrack – Colin Evans)		
DISTRICT COUNCIL:			Environment Agency		
Parking Services			Public Utilities		
Transportation			Parish/Town Council		
Planning			Archaeological Society		

Conservation			English Nature		
Housing			English Heritage		
Environment/Street Scene					

OTHER ORGANISATIONS/GROUPS CONSULTED: Parish Council/Resident Associations

Shepway district council have been made aware of the proposed route

PUBLIC CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:

Public consultation of Cycling Strategy

CHANGES TO PROPOSALS FOLLOWING CONSULTATION:

Suggested route does not follow the entire proposed route from within the strategy but the routes contained within the document are intended to illustrate a desire line not the final alignment.

ATTACHED INFORMATION (Tick ✓ as appropriate)

(Note: If documents are to be sent electronically, please indicate which ones and how they will be sent)

Background Information	X	Concept Design Drawings/Sketches	X
Traffic/Pedestrian Counts		Cost Estimates	
Crash Data	X	Safety Audit	
TRO/Notices/Other Orders		Land Purchase/Transfer Details	
Planning Permission		Statutory Undertakers Equipment	

Other: (Please Specify)

OTHER COMMENTS (Include names and contact details of persons involved in the scheme which may be of use)

SIGNED:

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