

# Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Agenda  
Item No.

Report of Corporate of Place  
To  
**Traffic & Parking Working Party & Cabinet  
Committee**  
On  
**31<sup>st</sup> October 2013**

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**Petition Regarding Pedestrian Crossing Facilities – Kent Elms Junction**  
**Executive Councillor: Councillor Cox**  
***A Part 1 Public Agenda Item***

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**1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To advise Members of a petition received from Mendip and Treecot residents Association with 600s signatories requesting pedestrian facilities be provided at Kent Elms Junction.

**2. Recommendation**

**That the Traffic & Parking Working Party and Cabinet Committee:**

- (i) **Note the petition and thank the association for taking the time to compile the petition ; and,**  
(ii) **Request officers to consider improved pedestrian facilities as part of the Kent Elms Junction improvement proposals currently under consideration.**

**3. Background**

- 3.1 Kent Elms Junction is one the most important junctions along the A127 corridor. Options to re-phase signals at present are extremely limited as the junction plays a vital role in the network and there is virtually no capacity. As such the need for significant improvements to vehicular movements and pedestrians movements has already been recognised.

The Council is committed to securing significant funding via the Local Transport Body and South East Local Enterprise Partnership to improve three vital junctions along the A127 corridor. These being Kent Elms, The Bell and Tesco roundabout. This matter was the subject of a Cabinet report on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2013 where approval was given to progress the necessary preparatory works in order to secure the funding required.

**4. Other Options**

- 4.1 Options to provide pedestrian facilities without major alterations and adaptations to the junction are not possible within the current road layout. There

is insufficient area to provide safe and appropriate crossing facilities without a major redesign of the junction and traffic signals .

## **5. Reasons for Recommendations**

- 5.1 To formally accept the petition and ensure the views contained are considered as part of future junction improvement plans.

## **6. Corporate Implications**

### *6.1 Contribution to Council's Vision & Corporate Priorities*

- 6.1.1 Local Transport and Implementation Plan, Safe and Prosperous.

### *6.2 Financial Implications*

- 6.2.1 Funding is required to carry out works which will be met through grants.

### *6.3 Legal Implications*

- 6.3.1 None at this stage.

### *6.4 People Implications*

- 6.4.1 None at this stage.

### *6.5 Property Implications*

- 6.5.1 None at this stage.

### *6.6 Consultation*

- 6.6.1 None at this stage.

### *6.7 Equalities and Diversity Implications*

- 6.7.1 None at this stage.

### *6.8 Risk Assessment*

- 6.8.1 None at this stage.

### *6.9 Value for Money*

- 6.9.1 Bids for external funding will demonstrate value for money

### *6.10 Community Safety Implications*

- 6.10.1 None

### *6.11 Environmental Impact*

- 6.11.1 None

## **7. Background Papers**

- 7.1 Cabinet Report of 8<sup>th</sup> January 2013,  
"A127 Kent Elms, A127 The Bell Corner and A127 Tesco Junction Improvements and progress of South East LEP Local Transport Body Economic & Environment Scrutiny Committee"

## **8. Appendices**

- 8.1 None