What are we planning to do?

Kent County Council is proposing to install a new signalised pedestrian crossing (a Puffin) on the A28 Canterbury Road, by King Ethelbert’s secondary school (both sides of the dual carriageway). The proposals also include a new advisory 20mph speed limit fronting King Ethelbert’s & Ursuline schools; revised signing & lining; and some new parking restrictions. An advisory 20mph speed limit is effective at the beginning and end of the school day only, when the amber flashing lights show. Parking restrictions with a loading ban are necessary to provide adequate forward visibility in advance of the new crossing. Please see attached sheet for a plan of the proposals.

Why do we want to do this work?

To assist safer pedestrian movements across a busy A-class dual carriageway. Of particular benefit will be the children accessing the local schools and the elderly community. The new crossing will also provide a safer link between the bus stops on either side of the dual carriageway.

The implementation of a signalised pedestrian crossing and advisory 20mph speed limit will encourage slower vehicle speeds and assist in improving road safety in the vicinity of the two secondary schools which front this section of the A28 Canterbury Road.

Both secondary schools, local residents and the County and District councillors have raised their concerns for road safety here and the difficulties had with crossing this busy section of road.

When will the work take place?

Funding has been approved for the 2017/18 financial year and subject to local feedback and approvals we are hoping to construct over the school summer holidays.

Further details will be circulated closer to the time confirming start date, duration and how the works will be carried out and how it will affect you.

How to contact us?

If you have any concerns about these proposals, would like to offer your support or wish to discuss them further please call us on 03000 41 81 81 and ask for Kelly Garrett or Michelle Matthews or email us at traffic.schemes@kent.gov.uk Alternatively you can write to us at Ashford Highway Depot, Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford, TN24 8AD by and no later than Friday 12th May 2017.

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