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Directorate: Growth Environment & Transport

Name of policy, procedure, project or service: A21 NMU to Tonbridge Station Cycle Route Scheme

What is being assessed? Highway Project

Responsible Owner: Tim Read
Date of Initial Screening: 2-5-17

Date of Full EqIA : N/A

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Part 1: INITIAL SCREENING

Proportionality - Based on the answers in the above screening grid what weighting would you ascribe to this function – see Risk Matrix

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State rating & reasons: **LOW** – this is a Highway scheme that improves the continuity of cycling infrastructure between the A21 NMU and Tonbridge Station.

Context:

- **Current Situation:**

Highways England is constructing a NMU (Non Motorised User) route facility as part of the A21 dualing scheme (Tonbridge – Pembury). The Scheme is intended to link the A21 NMU to Tonbridge Railway Station which will provide a continuous link for users.

**Benefits:**

The scheme will promote healthy living and encourage cycling within the area. This will in turn assist with reducing congestion on the roads and also aid reduction of CO2 emissions. The route will encourage more people to cycle to work, school or to access the town centre and undertake longer journeys via the A21 NMU. The route will also support a reduction of local vehicular trips and improvement in local air quality.

**Aims and Objectives:**

To reduce the need and desire to travel by private car and thereby lower congestion. The scheme will deliver enhancements to non motorised users to make this mode more attractive when compared to the private car. The scheme will also promote a healthier living for all users.

**Beneficiaries:** All non motorised users

**Information and Data:**

Robust evidence has highlighted how active travel, specifically journeys made by cycle and on foot, can contribute to a wide range of outcomes. Active travel gives people an opportunity to be physically active as part of their daily routine, which will contribute to improved health as well as preventing or managing a range of chronic diseases. It can also contribute to improve air
quality, reduced congestion and reduced carbon emissions through reducing the number of cars on the road.

**Involvement and Engagement:** KCC is undertaking a Public Engagement Exercise in May 2017 to inform residents and the wider community of scheme proposals. Residents will receive a letter through their door explaining the proposals and referring them to where they can view full details. The proposals will be accessible via the KCC website consultations page, with hard copies available in Tonbridge Library and Tonbridge Gateway. The following organisations will be sent proposals directly:

- Age UK Sevenoaks & Tonbridge
- Arriva
- Carers First
- Centre for Independent Living Kent
- Citizens Rights for Older People (CROP)
- Community Safety Partnership
- Crossroads Care
- Cycle-ops – Tonbridge
- Cycles UK – Tonbridge
- Diversity House
- Guide Dogs for the Blind
- Hadlow College & West Kent College
- Hi Kent
- Imago Community
- Invicta Advocacy Network
- Involve Kent
- KASBAH - Supporting Disabled People Towards Independence
- KCC Public Health
- Kent Association for the Blind
- Kent Autistic Trust
- Kent Climate Change Network
- Kent Police
- Kent Wheelchair Users Group
- Kent Young Carers
- Maidstone - West Kent Hi Centre and Head Office
- Maidstone Mind
- Southeastern Railway
- Spokes
- Stagecoach
- Sustrans
- Take Off
- The Parents’ Consortium
- TM Active
- Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council
- University of Kent
- Visit Kent
- Voluntary Action WK
- West Kent CCG
- Wheelchair Users Group
- Young Kent
- Young People Voluntary Action Kent (VSU in Kent)
- YWCA West Kent
- West Kent College
- Kent County Council
- Tonbridge Grammar
- Weald Grammar
- Hill View
- Hayesbrook
- Judd
- West Kent College
- Tonbridge Youth Forum
- Kent Youth County Council
- Sussex Road Community Primary School
- Stephens Primary School

Adverse Impact: None.

Positive Impact: Medium.

JUDGEMENT

Option 1 – Screening Sufficient: No

Justification: N/A.

Option 2 – Internal Action Required: Yes

Option 3 – Full Impact Assessment: Yes

Monitoring and Review: Kent County Council being the highway authority will manage the delivery and overall maintenance of the scheme. Regular project group meetings will be held to inform/update, monitor and review. This document will be regularly reviewed to reflect any concerns raised through the process. In particular the public consultation will seek comments from protected groups and responses will be used to inform further reviews of this document.

Sign Off

I have noted the content of the equality impact assessment and agree that no actions are required to mitigate any currently known adverse impact(s).

Senior Officer

Signed: Approved by email Name: Tim Read

Job Title: Head of Transportation Date: 5 May 2017

DMT Member

Signed: Approved by email Name: Roger Wilkin

Job Title: Director of Highways, Transportation and Waste Date: 5 May 2017
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<td>Feedback from stakeholders, community groups, residents and users that will be collated and used to inform and develop the design and construction process</td>
<td>Andy Padgham</td>
<td>May/June 2017</td>
<td>There may be additional costs regarding the construction elements and these will be assessed on a case by case basis.</td>
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