A21 NON-MOTORISED USER ROUTE TO TONBRIDGE STATION PEDESTRIAN/CYCLE ROUTE

Provision of new Pedestrian/Cycle Route.

What are we planning to do?

We are planning to provide a new ‘shared use’ pedestrian/cycle route facility to link the non-motorised user (NMU) route being constructed next to the A21 dualling scheme to Tonbridge Station. The route will run along Vauxhall Lane, Pembury Road, St Stephen’s Street and Priory Road to Quarry Hill Road. The facility is planned to provide a safe, off street route by upgrading existing footways to allow cycling. This is achieved by widening the footpath from, generally, 2.5 metres to 3.0 metres. On St Stephen’s Street there is insufficient space to widen the footpath. Here, cyclists will be directed to use the street along with all other users, i.e. without a dedicated on-street cycle lane and directed back to the shared use facility at each end.

Please see the drawing on the reverse of this sheet for an overview of the route.

Why do we want to do this work?

This work will complete an interurban NMU route joining Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells town centres by way of the new A21 facility. Another incomplete link in Tonbridge Road Pembury between North Farm roundabout and Pembury Hospital is expected to be completed later this year, after which it will be possible to walk or cycle the whole way via a dedicated route.

Why are we writing to you now?

We would like to give you an opportunity to let us know what you think of this proposal. A full set of proposal drawings can be viewed on our website www.kent.gov.uk/pemburyroadcycleroute, where there is also an online questionnaire for you to provide your comments.

Alternatively, paper copies can be viewed at Tonbridge Central Library (1 Avebury Avenue, Tonbridge TN9 1TG) and the Gateway (Castle Street, Tonbridge Kent TN9 1BG), along with paper copies of the questionnaire.

When will I have to make my comments by?

The closing date for receipt of comments is Midnight on Friday 26 May 2017.

Any questions?

If you have any questions regarding these proposals, please email traffic.schemes@kent.gov.uk or call 03000 41 81 81. In each case please use ‘A21 NMU to Tonbridge Station Pedestrian/Cycle Route’ to identify the scheme.