Introduction

Kent County Council (KCC) is proposing to install a Toucan Crossing on Burnham Road, Dartford to help pedestrians and cyclists to cross the road outside of 83-85 Burnham Road and the Invicta Bowls Club opposite.

In February 2017, we consulted on an outline design for a Toucan Crossing to be located outside 177-183 Burnham Road, Dartford. Your feedback helped to inform the proposed Toucan Crossing location on which we are now seeking your views.

The previous consultation can be viewed on the Consultation Directory.

Why do we need to make changes?

This scheme follows on from a Bob Dunn Way, Dartford Cycle Route Feasibility Study in 2015 that identified a need to improve the pedestrian and cyclist experience and reduce traffic speeds in Dartford. The Feasibility Study is available under Consultation Documents at www.kent.gov.uk/burnhamroad.

The initial proposal was to address the need to provide a link for cyclists to National Cycle Route 1 to the north-west of the site on Thames Road.

The responses received during the previous consultation, whilst in support of a crossing being constructed along Burnham Way, did raise concerns in regard to the proposed location.

As a result of this feedback, the proposed location has now been moved further south along Burnham Road to the south of the Lawson Road and Chatsworth Road junctions.

Whilst the change of location for the crossing is no longer in line with the direct cycle route, it is hoped that the crossing will still be of use to both pedestrians and cyclists who can currently struggle at times to cross the road safely due to the volume and speed of traffic.

What are we proposing?

KCC has secured funding from the Local Growth Fund, allocated by the South East Local Enterprise Partnership, for Integrated Door-to-Door Services in Kent Thameside. We are proposing to use £150,000 of this funding for the proposed scheme.

- To install a new Toucan Crossing linking the south-west and north-east sides of Burnham Road. The crossing would be located outside 83-85 Burnham Road and by the Invicta Bowls Club to the south of Lawson Road.
• To install new traffic signals to highlight the new crossing and control traffic at the crossing point.

• To remove of the existing informal uncontrolled crossing facility, this includes a pedestrian island.

• To remove the right turn lanes into Lawson Road and Chatsworth Road.

• Removal of the redundant speed camera as the new crossing and road layout will lead to reduce speeds.

• To extend/widen the footpath by constructing new buildouts on the approach the junction of Lawson Road and Chatsworth Road.

• To complete the necessary resurfacing works.

What is a Toucan crossing?
Toucan crossings are designed for pedestrians and cyclists to use at the same time. Where a cyclist is expected to dismount and wheel their bike across a zebra or pelican crossing, for example, with a Toucan crossing the area is wider, leaving plenty of room for cyclists to ride across.

Have Your Say
We want to hear your views.

This consultation will run from Monday 30th October 2017 to Sunday 26th November 2017.

If you wish to respond to this consultation, you can contact us by email dartfordconsultations@kent.gov.uk or by post to Dartford Highways Consultations, Transport Innovations, 1st Floor Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone ME14 1XX.

This leaflet, the design plan and the Equality Impact Assessment for this scheme are also available to view on our website www.kent.gov.uk/burnhamroad.

Next Steps
If following this consultation the decision is taken to proceed with the proposed scheme our intention is to start onsite during late February 2018. Depending on weather conditions the build should take approximatley three to four weeks to complete. Closures will be required however we will ensure to minimise the impact with potential night working and works partially coinciding with a school holiday period.
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Location of new proposed crossing: 

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New Proposed Location: 

The full design drawing for the proposed scheme is available under Consultation Documents at www.kent.gov.uk/burnhamroad.