

# Proposed Signal Controlled Pedestrian Crossing A28 Ashford Road, St Michaels, Tenterden

Public Consultation 16 February to 15 March 2021



## What are we proposing to do?

Kent County Council (KCC) are consulting on a proposal to install a new signalised pedestrian crossing on the A28 Ashford Road outside Spires assisted living residential premises.

## Why are we proposing to do this work?

There is currently a non-signalised pedestrian crossing outside Spires. This crossing does not provide adequate crossing facilities, that meet the Disability Discrimination Act mobility standards, for vulnerable and mobility impaired users due to the steep incline to access the crossing point on one side. There is no footway provision on the west side of the Ashford Road to link Spires with local shops and Tenterden town centre. Pedestrians and other non-motorised users are therefore required to cross the Ashford Road outside of Spires.

A new signal-controlled crossing will give pedestrians sufficient time to cross the road safely whilst traffic is held. It will be designed to meet current national standards in line with Department of Transport guidance for the provision of pedestrian crossing facilities.

This scheme supports the delivery of KCC's [Active Travel Strategy](#), which aims to make active travel (walking or cycling as a means of transport) an attractive and realistic choice for short journeys in Kent. This scheme provides a safer, more accessible and well-planned way for people to complete their journey by walking.

## What will the scheme involve?

The scheme would involve removing the current traffic island crossing and replacing it with a 'Puffin' crossing. This is similar to a 'Pelican' crossing in that pedestrians push a button on a control box when they wish to cross the road, which changes the lights. Puffin crossings have sensors attached to the signal pole, instead of a timer. These sensors can detect whether any pedestrians are on the crossing and ensure that the lights for traffic do not change until all pedestrians have finished crossing the road.

To locate the crossing in the safest place, it would be necessary to construct the new crossing to the north of the current uncontrolled crossing point by approximately 30 metres. The existing hedge which currently screens the footway and Spires from the road will need to be removed as part of the scheme to establish adequate sight lines for both pedestrians and motorists. We will replace the area where the hedge is currently located with a new paved footway area to improve space for pedestrians when accessing the new crossing.

A copy of the proposed scheme plan can be viewed at the end of this document.

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To help ensure that we are meeting our obligations under the Equality Act 2010, we have undertaken an Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) on this scheme. This is to assess the impact our proposals could have on people due to their protected characteristics (age, sex, gender identity, disability, race, religion or belief, sexual orientation, pregnancy or maternity, marriage and civil partnership and carer's responsibilities). The EqIA is available to view at [kent.gov.uk/a28tenterdencrossing](http://kent.gov.uk/a28tenterdencrossing) or on request.

The scheme would deliver positive impacts by providing a safe place to cross, which will benefit pedestrians of all ages. Dropped kerbs at the crossing with red tactile paving will particularly benefit disabled pedestrians, those using wheelchairs and those with buggies or prams.

During the works, alternative routes will be provided for pedestrians with barriers and ramps for those with visual and mobility impairments as required and in accordance with industry standards.

No adverse effects have been identified however the EqIA will be updated after the consultation to consider any relevant information received.

## **How will this scheme be funded?**

This scheme will cost approximately £75,000 and will be funded from KCC's Local Transport Plan fund, which provides grants for schemes that help fulfil key transport priorities within the county.

## **Have your say**

We would like to give you an opportunity to let us know what you think of this proposal and we invite you to complete the consultation questionnaire, which is available on our website [kent.gov.uk/a28tenterdencrossing](http://kent.gov.uk/a28tenterdencrossing).

If you have any questions regarding these proposals or require hard copies of any of the consultation material, please email [traffic.schemes@kent.gov.uk](mailto:traffic.schemes@kent.gov.uk) or call 03000 41 81 81. Please use the reference 'A28 Tenterden Crossing' to identify the scheme.

**The closing date for this consultation is midnight on Monday 15 March 2021.**

## **Next steps**

Following the consultation, a report will be compiled summarising the analysis of the responses. This report will be made available to consultees via the consultation webpage. The consultation responses and EqIA will be used to inform the decision on whether to proceed with this scheme.

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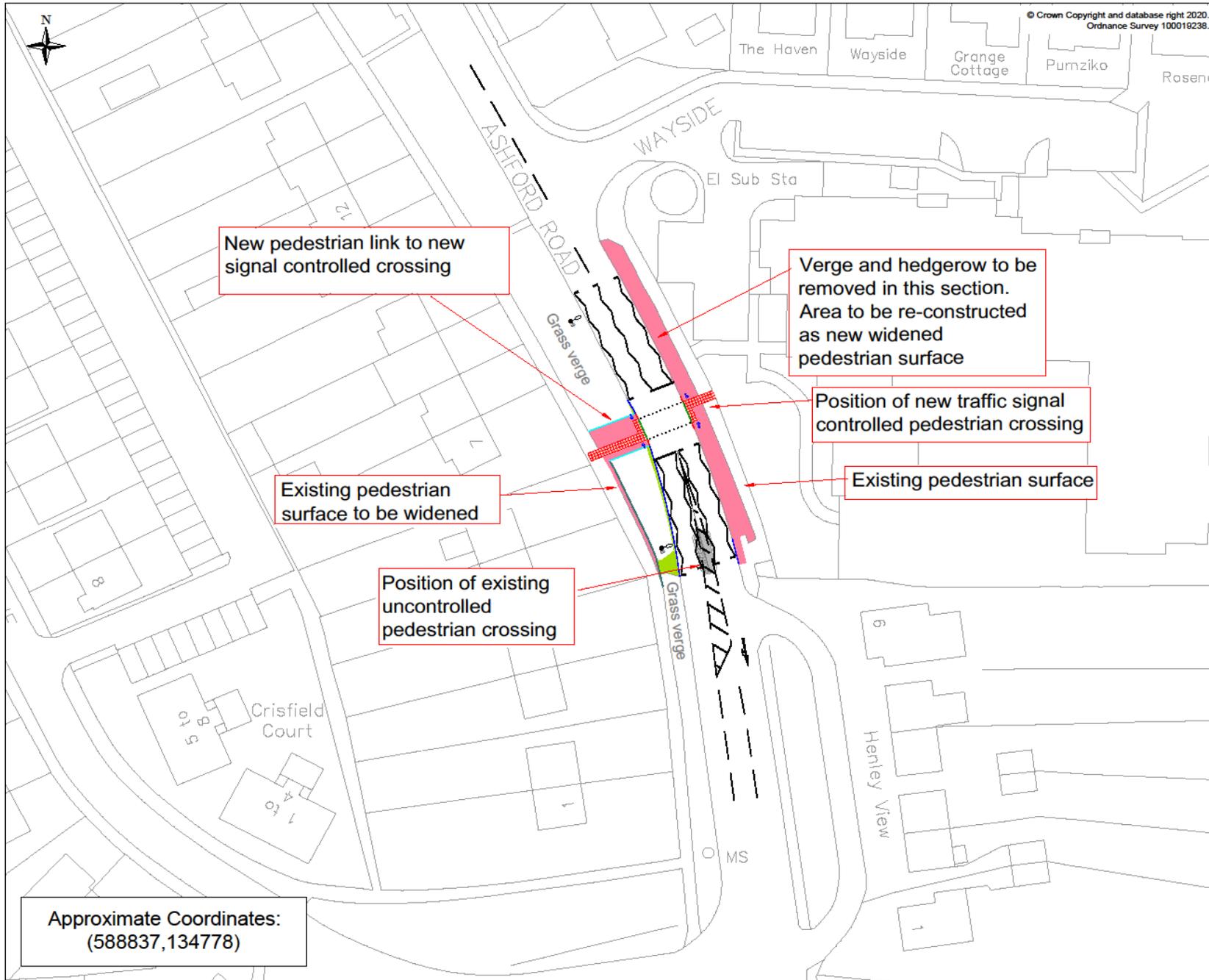
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If the decision is taken to proceed with the scheme, construction will take place in Summer 2021. Before any construction takes place Start of Works notices will be delivered to local residents and placed on site. These will advise you of when the works will start and any changes to the highway that may arise during construction. Large advance notice boards will also be placed on site to advise passing motorists of the works.

## **Alternative formats**

If you require any of the consultation material in an alternative format or language, please email [alternativeformats@kent.gov.uk](mailto:alternativeformats@kent.gov.uk) or call 03000 42 15 53 (text relay service number: 18001 03000 42 15 53). This number goes to an answering machine, which is monitored during office hours.



Approximate Coordinates:  
(588837,134778)

Notes

- All dimensions are proposed and in metres unless otherwise stated.
- All setting out is to be agreed on site with the Engineer prior to commencement of works.
- All precast concrete (PCC) kerbing and edging shall be in accordance with BS7331, Part F.
- Any voids between new kerbs and existing carriageway shall be reinstated with 10mm AC 10 close surf.
- Surfaces between bituminous materials shall be saw cut to provide a clean vertical joint.
- Vertical faces of existing bituminous materials shall be primed with bitumen. Existing horizontal or inclined surfaces shall be tack coated in accordance with Appendix 7/4.
- New footway surfaces shall be laid with 1:40 crossfall towards carriageway unless otherwise stated with no point having a crossfall greater than 1:12.
- Existing surfaces overlaid shall be swept clean prior to overlay and sprayed with tack coat.
- All existing covers in areas to construction to be raised to suit new levels.
- All existing road markings that conflict with the proposed are to be removed.

1	27/11/2020	Change of location following land investigations and RSA1	DW	DH	
0	22/04/2020	Outline design - issued for RSA1	DW	LW	WB
Rev	Revision Date	Purpose of revision	Drawn	Check'd	App'd

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Project: **A28 ASHFORD ROAD, TENTERDEN**

Drawing title: **PUFFIN CROSSING OUTLINE DESIGN**

Drawing status: **For consultation**

Scale: **1:400 at A2**      **Do not scale**

Drawing number: **2021-LTP-AS-0002-2000**      Rev: **1**

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