Maidstone Joint Transportation Board





6 April 2022

Update on the Review of the proposed new bus route into the Orchard Fields and Pea Field Development

Decision Making Authority	MBC
Lead Director	William Cornall, Director of Regeneration & Place, Maidstone Borough Council
Lead Head of Service	Rob Jarman, Head of Planning & Development
Lead Officer and Report Author	Rob Jarman, Head of Planning & Development, Carole Williams, CIL & S106 Team Leader
Wards and County Divisions affected	Barming, Maidstone
Which Member (s) requested this report?	Cllr Holmes

This report makes the following recommendations:

For Information. This report is for update purposes only and the board are asked to note its contents.

Timetable		
Meeting	Date	
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1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

- 2.1 Councillor Holmes requested that a report be provided to update the review of the proposed new bus route into the Orchard Fields & Pea Field Development.
- 2.2 This report provides an update on the bus service progress in the context of the Section 106 agreement relating to approved application 20/501773/FULL (181 dwellings) at Land off Oakapple Lane which secures a financial contribution to divert buses into the application site.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 The legal agreement secures £246,159 to subsidise the diversion of buses into the site for 3 years in the AM and PM peaks (any bus operator), which was established as being feasible at the planning application stage. MBC does not hold any of this money as the development has not started yet.

4. PROGRESS

4.1 MBC has recently held meetings with the KCC Transport and Development regarding Section 106 public transport contributions, in particular relating to improved bus services. MBC will be liaising with KCC's Public Transport team on such contributions who can either award commercially or tender to provide new services/frequency of services.