# COVID-19 Emergency Active Travel Fund Promoting walking and cycling facilities





## Station Road, Westgate On Sea

Trial scheme to reallocate road space and introduce a one-way system

#### What are we planning to do?

- Introduce a one-way system in a westbound direction along Station Road between Roxborough Road and St Mildred's Road.
- Removal of 5 parking bays on St Mildred's Road allowing for new amenity space and extra room for
  pedestrians in line with social distancing guidelines, 2 additional parking bays will be provided on Station
  Road at its junction with Roxburgh Road.

The scheme will be implemented using temporary measures, such as planters and bolt down bollards, so that changes can quickly be made if required. The above measures will also help enhance the streetscape through the use of outdoor seating areas and planters. Please see reverse for a plan of the scheme design. The trial can last for a maximum of 18 months, but the trial can be ended sooner or made permanent depending on how well received the scheme is.

#### When will the work start?

Installation started on 07/09/2020 and will take up to 2 weeks to complete. The one way system will become active once it has been advertised in the Thanet Gazzette.

## How will we carry out the works and how will it affect you?

The scheme will be carried out using local traffic management through a combination of temporary traffic signals, signing and guarding. Access will be maintained wherever safe to do so.

Following concerns raised by residents regarding the scheme at Station Road, Westgate the local County Council Members, Emma Dawson and Liz Hurst, instigated a meeting with the Leader of KCC, KCC Highways Cabinet Member, KCC Officers and the local MP Sir Roger Gale. To make sure that the opportunity for highway improvements in Westgate is not lost KCC is going to proceed with the trial one way system. Following initial feedback from residents and businesses notable changes have been made to address many of the concerns raised. To ensure that no more than 5 on street parking spaces will be removed in Station Road the scheme has been redesigned. The parking spaces to be removed will be located at the junction of Station Road and St Mildred's Road. Additional parking is to be provided on Station Road near the junction with Roxburgh Road by removing some of the existing double yellow lines which are not needed whilst the one way system is in place. 3 parking spaces will be removed in total, this is required for the trial to be safely implemented, and ensure drivers do not travel the wrong way on Station Road

### Why do we want to do this work?

The UK Government has made £1.6m of funding available to Kent County Council to provide new or improve existing walking and cycling facilities in order to promote active travel as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. This money needs to be spent by mid-September (within 8 weeks of being awarded), which means we have not been able to carry out the levels of engagement and consultation that we normally would.

Please be assured that these measures are initially planned to be temporary (for up to 18 months) and will continue to be monitored throughout the trial period before any final decisions as to their long-term implementation are made. There is flexibility in the design to allow for further alterations to improve the effectiveness of the scheme if

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# Revised scheme

these are considered necessary. KCC officers will be reviewing the site regualry and shall be commissioning survey equipment later this month to review how the one way system is working.

### How to get in touch

KCC will be recording all responses during the trial and these will be reported back to elected officials before any further amendments are proposed. For further information or to find out more please call us on 03000 41 81 81 and ask to speak to a member of the Schemes Planning & Delivery team. Alternatively you can email the team directly on activetravelfund@kent.gov.uk

Details and updates regarding Station Road and all of the Emergency Active Travel Fund Schemes will be available on the KCC Website <a href="https://www.kent.gov.uk">www.kent.gov.uk</a> and search for active travel fund.

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