

EQIA Submission – ID Number

Section A

EQIA Title

North Thanet Link

Responsible Officer

James Wraight - GT TRA

Type of Activity

Service Change

No

Service Redesign

No

Project/Programme

Project/Programme

Commissioning/Procurement

No

Strategy/Policy

No

Details of other Service Activity

No

Accountability and Responsibility

Directorate

Growth Environment and Transport

Responsible Service

H&T - Major Capital Programme Team

Responsible Head of Service

Tim Read - GT TRA

Responsible Director

Haroona Chughtai - GT TRA

Aims and Objectives

North Thanet Link is a strategic transport scheme, which focusses on improving connectivity within Thanet. It will provide both new and improved highway links in the existing highway network, improving resilience and better connecting Thanet's existing primary road network and significantly enhancing public transport and active travel options.

The scheme under development includes the widening of the existing Shottendane Road which runs south of, and parallel to the A28. The new road will link to the A28 south of Birchington and re-join the existing highway network at Manston Road and Hartsdown Road, within Margate (east of Westgate-on-Sea). The project also seeks to provide a southern highway link through an extension to the existing Columbus Avenue (Acol), which will also provide an alternative route to relieve the village.

The proposed highway infrastructure will also incorporate footpaths and cycle infrastructure, thus encouraging the use of sustainable modes of transport.

The initial impact assessment identifies that the scheme will have limited adverse impact. Any impact can be mitigated through good design practice and assessment through Non-Motorised User Audits (including Road Safety Audit to be undertaken at the detailed design stage). Several positive impacts have also been identified.

Section B – Evidence

Do you have data related to the protected groups of the people impacted by this activity?

Yes

It is possible to get the data in a timely and cost effective way?

Yes

Is there national evidence/data that you can use?

Yes

Have you consulted with stakeholders?

No

Who have you involved, consulted and engaged with?

An engagement exercise will be completed with relevant Residents, Local Members, Parish Councils, District Council, Cycling Forums and Access Groups (where present) and will inform scheme development.

A statutory consultation will be completed at planning application stage. All feedback will help inform the final scheme proposals.

Has there been a previous Equality Analysis (EQIA) in the last 3 years?

Yes

Do you have evidence that can help you understand the potential impact of your activity?

Yes

Section C – Impact

Who may be impacted by the activity?

Service Users/clients

No

Staff

No

Residents/Communities/Citizens

Residents/communities/citizens

Are there any positive impacts for all or any of the protected groups as a result of the activity that you are doing?

Yes

Details of Positive Impacts

The project will provide several enhanced walking and cycling routes which are currently absent within the local highway network. This will enable those with impaired mobility (such as users of motorised scooters) and vulnerable road users such as children to travel within the district more safely between key employment, education, commercial and leisure destinations.

The project will provide increased resilience within the local road network to assist with journey time reliability. This is a key consideration given the presence of local hospitals and healthcare facilities.

The project will provide the scope for better public transport coverage within the district by enabling buses to access parts of local road network currently inaccessible by larger buses, this will benefit non-motorised users including elderly, disabled and children.

Negative impacts and Mitigating Actions

19.Negative Impacts and Mitigating actions for Age

Are there negative impacts for age?

Yes

Details of negative impacts for Age

Short term impact during construction from noise / dust. Restrictions on access to properties during construction.

Mitigating Actions for Age
Work with eventual contractor to minimise timescales required for closures. Seek to maintain access for residents and tailor construction strategy to maintain access where practicably possible. Through Construction, Design and Management (CDM) review, ensure that construction impact of the project is reviewed throughout the design process.
Responsible Officer for Mitigating Actions – Age
James Wraight
20. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Disability
Are there negative impacts for Disability?
Yes
Details of Negative Impacts for Disability
Short term impact during construction from noise / dust. Restrictions on access to properties during construction. Could impact on the ability of road users with disabilities to travel unimpeded.
Mitigating actions for Disability
Work with contractor to minimise timescales required for closures. Seek to maintain access for residents and tailor construction strategy to maintain access where practicably possible. Through CDM review ensure that buildability of the project is reviewed throughout the design process. Ensure engagement with residents prior to construction taking place to manage access needs. Ensure that all necessary environmental mitigation is maintained (through CDM).
Responsible Officer for Disability
James Wraight
21. Negative Impacts and Mitigating actions for Sex
Are there negative impacts for Sex
No
Details of negative impacts for Sex
Not Applicable
Mitigating actions for Sex
Not Applicable
Responsible Officer for Sex
Not Applicable
22. Negative Impacts and Mitigating actions for Gender identity/transgender
Are there negative impacts for Gender identity/transgender
No
Negative impacts for Gender identity/transgender
Not Applicable
Mitigating actions for Gender identity/transgender
Not Applicable
Responsible Officer for mitigating actions for Gender identity/transgender
Not Applicable
23. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Race
Are there negative impacts for Race
No
Negative impacts for Race
Not Applicable
Mitigating actions for Race
Not Applicable
Responsible Officer for mitigating actions for Race
Not Applicable
24. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Religion and belief
Are there negative impacts for Religion and belief
Yes

Negative impacts for Religion and belief
Short term impact during construction from noise / dust etc. Restrictions on access to properties during construction. Construction activity could impact on individuals religious rituals or requirements for access.
Mitigating actions for Religion and belief
Work with contractor to minimise timescales required for closures. Seek to maintain access for residents and tailor construction strategy to maintain access where practicably possible. Engagement with local community prior to scheme build process to identify local constraints prior to construction commencing.
Responsible Officer for mitigating actions for Religion and Belief
James Wraight
25. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Sexual Orientation
Are there negative impacts for Sexual Orientation
No
Negative impacts for Sexual Orientation
Not Applicable
Mitigating actions for Sexual Orientation
Not Applicable
Responsible Officer for mitigating actions for Sexual Orientation
Not Applicable
26. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Pregnancy and Maternity
Are there negative impacts for Pregnancy and Maternity
Yes
Negative impacts for Pregnancy and Maternity
Short term impact during construction from noise / dust etc. Restrictions on access to properties during construction.
Mitigating actions for Pregnancy and Maternity
Work with contractor to minimise timescales required for closures. Seek to maintain access for residents and tailor construction strategy to maintain access where practicably possible. Engagement with local community prior to scheme build process to identify local constraints prior to construction commencing. Ensure that all necessary environmental mitigation is maintained (through CDM)
Responsible Officer for mitigating actions for Pregnancy and Maternity
James Wraight
27. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Marriage and Civil Partnerships
Are there negative impacts for Marriage and Civil Partnerships
No
Negative impacts for Marriage and Civil Partnerships
Not Applicable
Mitigating actions for Marriage and Civil Partnerships
Not Applicable
Responsible Officer for Marriage and Civil Partnerships
Not Applicable
28. Negative impacts and Mitigating actions for Carer's responsibilities
Are there negative impacts for Carer's responsibilities
Yes
Negative impacts for Carer's responsibilities
Short term impact during construction from noise / dust etc. Restrictions on access to properties during construction. Could impact on journey to and from medical appointments or to reach those who require care.
Mitigating actions for Carer's responsibilities
Work with contractor to minimise timescales required for closures. Seek to maintain access for residents and tailor construction strategy to maintain access where practicably possible. Through CDM review ensure that buildability of the project is reviewed throughout the design process. Ensure engagement with

residents prior to construction taking place to manage access needs. Ensure that all necessary environmental mitigation is maintained (through CDM).

Responsible Officer for Carer's responsibilities

James Wright