**November 2019**

**Purpose of this newsletter**

To inform you of the design changes to the proposed Thanet Parkway railway station and notify you that a revised planning application for the scheme will be submitted in November 2019. Following this planning submission there will be a consultation period in which we encourage you to submit your comments.

**Project Timeline:**

- **2015** Public Consultation on the concept and potential design of a station
- **2017** Public Consultation on the outline design of the station
- **2018** Original planning application submitted
- **2019** Submission of a revised planning application
- **2020/21** Proposed construction start date (subject to planning approval)
- **2022** Proposed completion

**What are we proposing?**

- A new parkway station located on the Ashford to Ramsgate line.
- The station will be situated between Minster and Ramsgate stations, and served by both mainline and High Speed services.
- The station is located off the A299 Hengist Way and provides local connections for pedestrians and cyclists via existing Public Rights of Way.

**Why the scheme is needed?**

- Encourages investment in Thanet.
- Widens employment opportunities for Thanet residents by providing improved rail access to London and the rest of the county.
- Supports new homes and jobs identified in the draft Thanet Local Plan.

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What has changed?

Kent County Council will be withdrawing the current planning application and re-submitting a revised planning application in November 2019. Following two public consultations in 2015 and 2017 and the consultation on the original planning application in August 2019, three major design changes have been made to the station. These are:

- The proposed footbridge over the railway line is to be removed from the plans and instead the use of the existing Petley’s Arch subway (an existing Public Right of Way) will be improved and used as a means of crossing between platforms. This change has come about because of concerns around the visual impact of the scheme.

- The access into the station from the A299 Hengist Way will now be a left-in, left-out arrangement. This will allow the free flow of eastbound traffic between the Sevenscore roundabout and the Lord of the Manor roundabout without the need to stop at traffic lights.

- The car park layout will be reconfigured with the drop off area and disabled parking bays located closer to the existing Petley’s Arch subway for ease of access to both platforms.

How you can get involved?

A revised planning application is to be re-submitted in November 2019 accounting for the design changes. Following validation of the application, a consultation period of 28 days will begin. This is your opportunity to provide comments or feedback on the scheme. The consultation is expected to open at the end of November 2019.

To view the planning application, please visit https://www.kentplanningapplications.co.uk and search for ‘Thanet Parkway’.

If you have any queries please contact Kent County Council via thanetparkway@kent.gov.uk