Introduction

Kent County Council (KCC) and Gravesham Borough Council (GBC) share a long-term desire to create a bus interchange in Gravesend Town Centre. This concept was included in a consultation undertaken by GBC in 2009. Respondents were asked if 'an integrated public transport interchange bringing together buses, trains, taxis and Fastrack is a good idea?'. 80% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed with this statement.

What are we proposing?

KCC has built on this idea and designs have been produced which consider the vision for Gravesend alongside the future requirements for the bus network, including ambitions for Fastrack and the future use of electric vehicles. The design incorporates:

- 4 New Bus Stops on Barrack Row
- Barrack Row to be restricted to bus only traffic
- Increased pedestrian space and prioritised crossings

- 2 Fastrack Stops to be retained and improved on Garrick Street
- Sapphire Services to stop in Garrick Street
- Provision for an electric bus charging point in Garrick Street

Why do we want to do this work?

The scheme aims to make it easier for people to access Gravesend Town Centre using public transport through providing improved and integrated bus facilities. This will help to reduce congestion within the town centre and improve air quality by reducing emissions. The scheme is supported by several funding streams, including the Government's Local Growth Fund, allocated by the South East Local Enterprise Partnership.

Have your say

If you wish to comment on the proposal and the scheme designs, you can contact us by email gravesendbushub@kent.gov.uk or by post to Transport Innovations 1st Floor Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, ME14 1XX.

Next steps

Following this event any feedback will be collated and be used to inform how to proceed with this scheme. The proposal will be presented to the Gravesham Joint Transportation Board before construction begins. Work is currrently scheduled to start onsite in Spring/Summer 2020.



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Proposed Layout of Bus Hub in Barrack Row



Artist Impression of Proposed Layout in Barrack Row



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