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Swale Joint Transportation Board – report for item 11 – A2/A251, Faversham – Junction Update

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A2 / A251 Junction Improvement update March 2016

At the June 2014 meeting of the Swale Joint transportation Board a recommendation was made for Kent County Council to pursue a roundabout option for the junctions of the A2 with the A251 and The Mall.

Detailed design work has been undertaken whilst land acquisition negotiations are carried out with the Fire Station and Abbey School. The roundabout construction was anticipated to take place in Summer 2016.

Part of the detailed design process involves establishing to what extent the diversion of utility company assets is required, and what costs will have to be paid by KCC.

With a scheme of this nature the 'standard' contingency, for these diversion works, is 10 percent, so we budgeted £50,000 for diversion costs.

Having received diversion estimates, from most of the relevant utility companies, these are currently totalling £404,000.

Kent County Council is going through the process of scrutinising these estimates with a view to negotiating cost reductions. Historically, we have found scope for significant reductions with these types of estimates.

Due to the amount of work involved in this negotiation process, and the potential change to the scheme's cost / benefit ratio, KCC have concluded that it would not be appropriate to carry out the advanced works planned for February to April 2016. This will also affect our ability to deliver the main construction phase during the summer period of 2016.

This scheme has now been put on hold pending the outcome of negotiations with utility companies.

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