Thanet Parkway station consultation

Kent County Council is launching a second public consultation into plans for a new parkway station in Thanet.

The new station will provide access to more employment opportunities for local residents by providing access to high speed rail services to London and other parts of Kent. It will also improve investment opportunities at Discovery Park Enterprise Zone and surrounding business parks in Thanet, bringing jobs and prosperity to East Kent.

The station would be built on the existing rail line between Minster and Ramsgate, and located to the west of the village of Cliffsend.

A parkway station primarily serves as a park and ride interchange and will be serviced by mainline and High Speed services.

In early 2015, KCC carried out an eight week public consultation on the initial high level design, impact and benefits of Thanet Parkway.

Feedback from that consultation has been used to help refine the station design and the full consultation feedback report is also available on KCC’s website.

KCC Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport Matthew Balfour said: “We’re now looking to consult on the outline design of the station before submitting a planning application later in the year.

“This will hugely improve connectivity to London which is essential to unlocking development potential and attracting the investment and job opportunities for local people.

“Manston Business Park, EuroKent Business Park, Discovery Park Enterprise Zone and developments around Westwood Cross will benefit from being around an hour from London.

“This consultation provides the opportunity to update you on the progress made since the last consultation and gives you the chance to ask questions and tell us your views.”

The consultation starts on Wednesday, January 25 and finishes on Sunday, March 19.

Road access is proposed from the A299 Hengist Way with additional pedestrian and cycle access via Cliffsend village and Cottington Road.

The proposed parkway station is designed to be unstaffed with two platforms and have a variety of facilities, including ticket vending machines and passenger help and information points offering remote assistance.
There will be step-free access from ground level to both platforms which can accept carriages up to 12 car trains.

A 300 space car park is adjacent and a forecourt with bus stops, drop-off and pick-up zone, dedicated taxi area, electric charging points and an area for cycle storage.

To take part in the consultation, visit [www.kent.gov.uk/thanetparkway](http://www.kent.gov.uk/thanetparkway) or email thanetparkway@kent.gov.uk for hard copies of the consultation documents.

There will also be a number of consultation events which are open to the public:

- **Cliffsend Village Hall**, Foads Lane, Cliffsend, Ramsgate, CT12 5JH
  - Tuesday 7th February between 3pm and 8pm
  - Thursday 2nd March between 3pm and 8pm
- **Discovery Park Enterprise Zone**, Magellan Suite, Innovation House, Discovery Park, CT13 9FF
  - Wednesday, 8th February between 10am and 5pm.
- **Acol Village Hall**, The Street, Acol, CT7 0JA
  - Monday 20th February between 3pm and 8pm
- **Minster-in-Thanet Library**, 4A Monkton Road, Minster, Ramsgate, CT12 4EA
  - Thursday 23rd February between 2pm and 5.30pm.
- **Ramsgate Railway Station**, Ticket Hall, Ramsgate, CT11 7RE
  - Tuesday, February 28 between 3pm and 7.30pm.

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