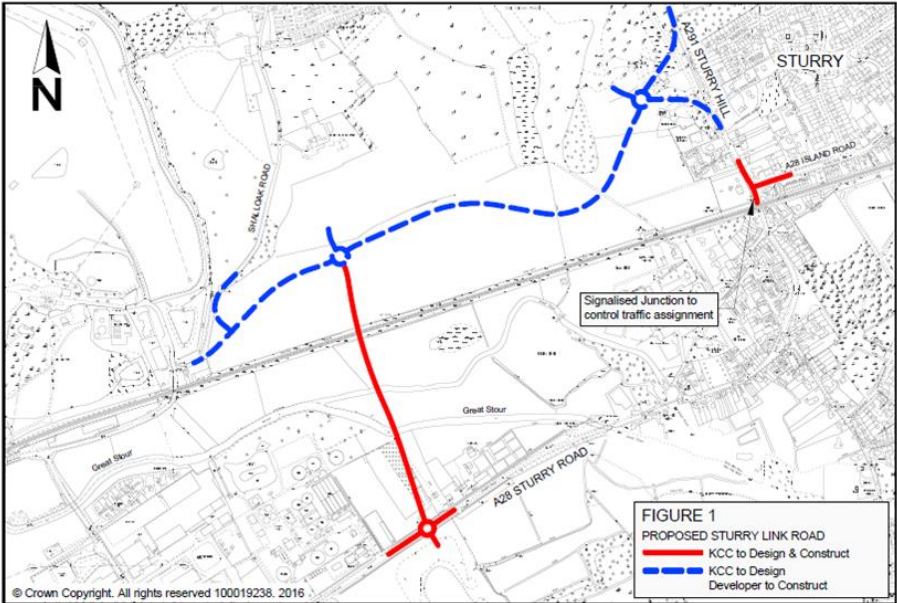


## Appendix B – LGF Project Background Information

<b>Name of Project</b>	<b>A28 Sturry Link Road, Kent</b>  Kent County Council
<b>Local Growth Fund (LGF) allocation</b>	£5.9m – Awarded in June 2016
<b>Description of what Project delivers</b>	<p>The Project is for the delivery of the new link road between the A291 and A28, to the south west of Sturry, Canterbury. The LGF is due to contribute to the cost of constructing a bridge over a railway line and the Great Stour River, to enable traffic to avoid the Sturry level crossing and the congested road network in the area. The sections shown in red in Figure 1 below show the sections of road included as part of the scope of the LGF Project.</p> <p>To connect the Project to the existing highway, the developers will be delivering a spine road through the new development site to connect the bridge with the A291 to the North East of the residential and commercial development. This connection is essential to enable traffic to use the new bridge funded as part of the LGF Project. The spine road to be funded and delivered by the developers is shown in blue in Figure 1.</p> <p><b>Figure 1 A28 Sturry Link Road</b></p>  <p>The overall objective of the Project is to tackle the existing congestion problem which currently exists at the Sturry level crossing and at the A28/A291 junction. Queuing traffic affects adjacent junctions and can extend 1km in peak periods. The A28 road currently carries 20,000 vehicles per day, but with 6 trains passing per hour, the level crossing is closed for up to 20</p>

	minutes/hour during peak times, causing severe congestion to trips along the A28. This level of congestion is a major constraint on development to the north east of Canterbury.																																																																																																																									
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<b>Link to Project webpage</b>	<a href="https://www.southeastle.com/project/a28-sturry-link-road/">https://www.southeastle.com/project/a28-sturry-link-road/</a>