



New Romney Town Council – Press Release 01.03.2023



PARISH HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

ISSUE 1

New Romney Town Council is pleased to report that, with assistance from Kent County Council, it has developed a **Parish Highway Improvement Plan for New Romney.**

The aim of the Parish Highway Improvement Plan is to look at all of the **Road Safety** issues we have in New Romney, Littlestone & Greatstone and develop a coordinated plan of improvements to address identified road safety shortfalls.

This allows us to identify and prioritise road safety improvements such as:

- Reduce Speed Limits
- Parking Restrictions
- Speed Monitoring
- Road Layout
- Signage
- And much more

Community Engagement

Six Public Community Engagement Events were held in The Assembly Rooms, New Romney, on:

- 30th November 2021
- 01st December 2021
- 12th March 2022
- 14th June 2022
- 28th June 2022
- 09th July 2022

These events were advertised on the Town Council's website and Facebook page, in the local press and on posters in Town Council noticeboards within the Parish.

During these events, New Romney Town Council Members and Officers were present to engage with local residents and discuss their concerns. At those events, 'key' issues and suggestions for improvement were listed on white boards to generate further discussion. We also encouraged residents to complete comments forms.

In total, over 150 members of public attended the 6 community engagement events.

Those who were unable to attend in person were invited to email planning.clerk@newromney-tc.gov.uk or submit a form via New Romney Town Council's website with any comments and concerns regarding our Highways. In total the Town Council received 77 Comments forms - each containing many different concerns/issues. These concerns and issues were broken down into the following table:

Issue/Request	Area	Suggested Solution/Request	Comments received
Street Signs	Anne Roper Close	Signage needs replacing	1
Speeding	Ashford Road	Speed Reduction	4
Problem Parking	Ashford Road	Stop lorries driving on pavements and stopping in no parking areas	2
Signage Issue	Ashford Road	Incorrect size '30' signs	1
Problem Parking	Ashford Road	Stop cars parking on grass verges	3
Crossing Request	Ashford Road	Ashford Road end of Highstreet needs a crossing	1
Problem Parking	Bleinheim Road	More bollards on grass verges	1
Crossing Request	Channel Watch	Pedestrian crossing request near Spar Greatstone	2
Dropped kerb request	Church Approach	Dropped kerb directly opposite St Nichlas Church	1
Speeding	Church Lane	Traffic calming needed - Speed humps & 20MPH	3
Problem Parking	Church Lane	First hour free parking in Church Road Car Park	3
Problem Parking	Church Road	More Parking Restrictions	7
Speeding	Church Road	Traffic calming, 20MPH, Speed Bumps and Chicanes	2
Speeding	Coast Drive	Speed Camera - more enforcement	1
More signage	Coast Road	More 30 MPH signage on coast road	1
Mud on Road	Cockreed Lane	More road cleans by developer	1
Speeding	Cockreed Lane	Speed Reduction	1
Problem Parking	Craythorne Lane	Double yellow line continuing from Craythorne Lane onto Rolfe Lane	1
Emergency Vehicle Access	Dunes Road	A road linking Dunes Road to Church Lane for Emergency vehicles	1
Road Surface	Dunes Road/All Greatstone	To be adopted by KCC and resurfaced	3
Speeding	Dymchurch Road	Reduce speed limit from 40mph to 30mph up to Marlie Farm	1
Speeding	Fairfield Road	Traffic Calming & 20MPH	8
Road Surface	Fairfield Road	Road resurfacing required	1
Problem Parking	Fairfield Road	More Parking Restrictions	5
Crossing Request	Fairfield Road	To allow children to cross busy road safely	4
Crossing Request	Fairfield Road	Pedestrian Crossing Request near to St Martin's Field	1
Problem Parking	Fairfield Road	Double Yellows requested at the turning to St Marys Road	1
Problem Parking	Fairfield Road	Double yellows requested at the junction with Walner Lane	1
Problem Parking	George Lane	More Parking Restrictions	1
Accident Hot Spot	Hammonds Corner	Roundabout needed	6
Problem Parking	High Street	First hour free parking in Church Road Car Park & More enforcement	5
Congestion	High Street	New Bypass from Mountfield Ind - Hammonds Corner	5
Speeding	High Street	Speed cameras - more enforcement needed	4
Congestion	High Street	Reduce the pavement width adj to Triton Lane - pinch point causes congestion	1
Dropped Kerb	High Street	The dropped kerbs are over an inch higher than the tarmac road - this needs reducing	1
Bus Route Change	Littlestone Road	Route needs to go back to Dunes Road as dangerous turning into Park Road/Victoria Road.	2
Crossing Request	Littlestone Road	Near new Co-Op	1
Speeding	Littlestone Road	Speeding up after speed camera	1
Bus Shelters Request	Littlestone Road	Bus shelters for Littlestone Road bus stops requested	1
Benches Request	Littlestone Road	Benches requested for near the bus shelter	1
Speeding	Lydd Road	Reduce speed further back along A259 to 30 MPH	1
Signage Movement	Lydd Road	Move electronic 30MPH sign at Lydd End to nearer Running Waters	1
Problem Parking	Lydd Road (A259)	Stop cars parking on A259 (near Londshore) as it causes congestion	14
Problem Parking	Lyons Road	More Parking Restrictions	1
Problem Parking	Madeira Road	Stop parking on grass verges	1
Problem Parking	Marsh Crescent	Parking on grass verges/pathways	1
Road Surface	Meehan & Hardy Road	Road resurfacing required	1
Problem Parking	New Romney	All car parks should be free	1
Speeding	New Romney	All residential roads should be 20MPH	3
Lighting request	New Romney	More street lighting requested	1
Faded road markings	Prescott House	Road markings need repainting as faded	1
Problem Parking	Priory Close	Double yellow lines requested	1
Speeding	Queens Road	Traffic Calming needed & enforcement	3
Speeding	Rolfe Lane	Reduction to 30 MPH and 20MPH	6
Problem Parking	Rolfe Lane	More parking enforcement	1
Lighting request	Rolfe Lane	More street lighting requested	1
Footpath request	Rolfe Lane	No footpaths or street lighting - dangerous for pedestrians	5
Road Markings	Rome Road	Double yellow lines need repainting	1
Speeding	Spitalfield Lane	Traffic Calming needed & Speed Reduction	16
Speeding	St Marys Road	Speed Ramps requested	1
Problem Parking	St Marys Road	Parking on pavements - more enforcement/restrictions	1
Problem Parking	Station Road	Extra/tightened parking restrictions for when the new Co-Op opens	1
Cycle Lane Request	Station Road	Cycle lane requested	1
Road Surface	Station Road	Road resurfacing required	3
Footpath Surface	Station Road	Uneven and broken and need resurfacing	2
Overgrown Hedge trim	Station Road	Hedge on path near Marsh Academy needs to be cutback	1
Problem Parking	Station Road	Cars parking on path - more enforcement/restrictions needed	1
Speeding	Station Road	Traffic Calming and enforcement	1
Problem Parking	Sussex Road	Double yellow lines requested & Stop cars parking on verges	3
Footpath request	Sussex Road	Continuation of footpath from Sussex Road - Ashford Road	2
Speeding	The Churchlands	Reduction to 20MPH/Speed Ramps	5
Problem Parking	The Churchlands	Increase length double yellow lines Churchlands from Church Road	3
Problem Parking	The Saltings	Double yellow lines requested & Stop cars parking near junction to Littlestone Road	1
Problem Parking	Tookey Road	Extend double yellow lines opposite	2
Faded road markings	Warren Road	Road markings need repainting and extending	1

This table was then used to formulate New Romney Town Council's priorities for the Parish Highway Improvement Plan.

On Thursday 2nd February 2023, New Romney Town Council's Parish Highway Improvement Plan Working Party consulted with Kent County Council's Highways Improvement Plan team. Present at the meeting were Councillors P Thomas and P Coe, Mrs G Hall (Planning Clerk) and our Kent County Councillor, Tony Hills.

The priorities identified within the Highway Improvement Plan were considered and it was agreed that 'Phase 1' of the Parish Highway Improvement Plan for New Romney should focus initially on Priorities 1 – 5.

A copy of the Plan has now been uploaded onto New Romney Town Council's Website. The document highlights New Romney Town Council's identified priorities and KCC's comments regarding actions that will be required to be undertaken by Kent County Council or New Romney Town Council to implement the Plan.

To view the Highway Improvement Plan for New Romney, please use this link:
http://www.newromney-tc.gov.uk/Parish_Highway_Improvement_Plan_41431.aspx

Updates to the Highway Improvement Plan will be uploaded to the Town Council website to keep all informed and up to date on our progress with its implementation.

New Romney Town Council would like to thank all those who have contributed to the development of New Romney's Parish Highway Improvement Plan with comments or suggestions. Your feedback has been invaluable and together we will make our local Highways safer.

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