



# Highway Improvements Team working in Partnership with New Romney Town Council Highway Improvement Plan

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## HIP Front Cover

HIP Version	Submitted by (Name)	HIP Date	Record Of Meeting Dates with KCC Virtual or Face to Face	County Member	
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Please list below the funding opportunities/Sources for HIP initiatives/Measures				I.e., County Member, Parish Precept Donation, LTP	
Are you an active member of the Speed Watch Scheme?		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Are you an active member of the Lorry Watch Scheme?		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Name of HIP Representative			Contact Telephone Number	Email Address	
Name of Clerk	Planning Clerk – Mrs Gemma Hall		Contact Telephone Number	Email Address	planning.clerk@newromney-tc.gov.uk
Name of Chair			Contact Telephone Number	Email Address	
KCC Project Manager Team	Community & Engagement Team (EAST)		Contact Telephone Number	Email Address	<a href="mailto:east.highwayimprovements@kent.gov.uk">east.highwayimprovements@kent.gov.uk</a>

- Please note the Priority column MUST be those issues which are regarded as the most important (No 1 being your highest priority, then filtering down) KCC is unable to guarantee that all your requests will be deliverable, but Project Managers can investigate your top 1 or 2 priorities per year.

Please Note: Highway Improvement Plans will only be accepted if they are in this prescribed template format. **PLEASE DO NOT ALTER IN ANY WAY.** Whilst this is intended to be a living document for your Parish Council, KCC can only make resources available to review your HIP annually – **XXXX's review is on or after XXXX each year.**

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### Live Priorities Record

Priority	Location	USRN	Problem/Concern	What do you feel are the potential solutions?	KCC Comments (This column is to be completed by Project Manager ONLY)
1.	i) St Nicholas School – Fairfield Road, New Romney, TN28 8BP, Craythorne Lane & Rolfe Lane, New Romney. ii) The Marsh Academy – Station Road, New Romney, TN28 8BB  See School Zone map attached.		Speeding and problem parking. Cars driving too fast near the school. Speed limit is currently 30MPH by both schools. Parent's parking on double yellow lines and blocking driveways. No crossing for St Nicholas School.	School Zones required.	02/02/2023-  St Nicholas School is incorporated into Zone 2 of PC plans for 20mph zone.  For a formal crossing point, both a traffic survey and pedestrian survey would need to be conducted to ascertain feasibility.  KCC estimate at least £30,000 for a formal crossing (subject to fluctuation with cost of materials constantly changing)  Traffic surveys to be conducted throughout Zone 1 & 2. KCC to determine locations and obtain cost of these surveys along with pedestrian survey.  Vehicles parking on double yellow lines and blocking driveways are for enforcement by F&H and police.  PC advise that there are current plans for double yellow lines in the area.  KCC has sent PC information on the School Travel Plan to share with both schools.
2.	Please see 20 MPH zones 1-6 attached.		Speeding	20 MPH zones	02/02/2023-  KCC and PC agreed to focus on Zones 1 & 2 as a priority.  As above, traffic survey locations to be determined by KCC.
3.	i) Spitalfield Lane ii) Sussex Road iii) Church Road		Speeding vehicles. Motorists use Spitalfield Lane, Sussex Road and Church Road as a shortcut to either avoid congestion	Traffic Calming required.	02/02/2023-  KCC to explore options of "Unsuitable for HGV" and "Pedestrian in Roadway" signage along Spitalfield Road.

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			caused by parked cars outside Spitalfield Terrace on the A259 coming into New Romney or they wish to avoid the traffic in New Romney High Street.		<p>KCC has sent 30mph Toolkit information to PC. PC to confirm that they wish for a kit to be arranged for them (this is a free resource)</p> <p>Traffic calming measures such as speed bumps and buildouts not feasible with current lighting as this is not to the required standard.</p>
4.	<p>i) High Street ii) Church Lane iii) Church Road vi) The junction of Ashford Road onto The High Street. v) Station Road, Littlestone Road, Marsh Avenue, Blenheim Road, St Martins Road, The Churchlands, Marsh Crescent, Wiles Avenue, and Carey Close</p>		<p>Problem parking – causing congestion.</p> <p>i) Vehicles parking on Double Yellow lines outside Premier Stores near Tritton Lane causing a bottle neck in The High Street which causes delays and congestion due to the heavy flow of traffic. Larger vehicles struggle to get through the gap.</p> <p>ii) Vehicles parking on double yellow lines near Church Lane Surgery/The Old School House.</p> <p>iii) Vehicles parking on double yellow lines, blocking driveways, creating bottlenecks, and causing congestion especially near The Old School.</p> <p>iv) Vehicles parking on double yellow lines near junction opposite Oak Hall Surgery causing bottlenecks and congestion.</p> <p>v) Vehicles parking on grass verges/pathways.</p>	<p>i) Relocation of ‘Coach Parking’ bay from opposite the garage on the Highstreet to somewhere more suitable: Mountfield Ind Est or The Marsh Academy Car Park to free up parking spaces for other vehicles including an additional disabled bay. The new car parking bays should have time limits on them. To stop vehicles parking outside Romney Cycles – Premier Store side of the High Street to allow free flow of traffic – double yellow lines/red lines. Stagecoach have changed their timetable for New Romney High Street buses which was due to congestion.</p> <p>v) Bollards on grass verges needed.</p>	<p>02/02/2023-</p> <p>PC to liaise with F&amp;H Council regarding the “Coach Parking Bay”</p> <p>PC advised that buses and HGVs are struggling to manoeuvre past each other as there are pinch points caused by vehicles parking on both sides of High Street.</p> <p>PC requested double yellow lines from Esso garage down to Premier Shop to allow free flow of traffic, with parking available with restricted time limits opposite.</p> <p>KCC to seek advice on this and come back to PC.</p> <p>PC reported issue with delivery of gas bottles on Ashford Road whereby the driver parks on the pavement, blocking it for pedestrians, and causing vehicles on the other side to drive on the pavement to get around.</p> <p>PC requested bollards but suspect that the pavement is not wide enough.</p> <p>KCC to measure pavement and ascertain options.</p>
5.	Lydd Road – A259 – Outside Spitalfield Terrace.		Problem parking. Vehicles parking outside Spitalfield Terrace on the A259 as you go into New Romney. This causes major congestion due to a bottleneck/single file	Due to the new development happening opposite Spitalfield Terrace a pedestrian crossing is due to be installed which should prevent the cars from parking on the A259. However	<p>02/02/2023-</p> <p>Did not discuss as prioritising above.</p>

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			traffic and as consequence waiting vehicles then cut down Spitalfield Lane.	there will inevitably still be cars that park there and cause an obstruction and a long term solution needs finding.	
6.	i) Queens Road ii) Littlestone Road/Station Road iii) Coast Road iv) The Churchlands		Speeding.	Enhanced vehicle activated signs or traffic calming measures needed.	02/02/2023-  Did not discuss as prioritising above.
7.	Coast Drive near Spar Greatstone/Clark Road.		Pedestrian crossing requested due to speeding and increase in pedestrians/visitors to The Green's.	The Green's is already a very popular destination for local residents and tourists/holiday makers visiting the play park and beach. New development on The Green's at Littlestone of the extension of the beach huts will cause more visitors.	02/02/2023-  Did not discuss as prioritising above.
8.	Dymchurch Road		Speeding.	Extend the 30 MPH speed limit up to Marlie Farm.	02/02/2023-  Did not discuss as prioritising above.
9.	i) Spitalfield Lane ii) Fairfield Road iii) Cockreed Lane iv) Sussex Road v) Rolfe Lane		Poor visibility.	Improve highway lighting for all roads without engineered footpaths.	02/02/2023-  Did not discuss as prioritising above.

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### Historical Priorities Record

No	Location	USRN	Problem/Concern	What do you feel are the potential solutions?	KCC Comments
	High Street, New Romney		Inconsiderate parking	Red lines needed to improve traffic flow and pedestrian safety.	02/02/2023-  Not feasible as this is only conducted in London.
9.	All roads		Double yellow line review – Many lines in our Parish are faded and need repainting and possibly extending.		02/02/2023-  Any faded lines should be reported online via <a href="https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem">https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem</a>  Any extension to double yellow lines will need to be considered on a case by case basis.