



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

Submission Date: December 2022

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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	
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- 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.	Please see 20 MPH zones 1-6 attached.		Speeding	20 MPH zones	<p>02/02/2023-</p> <p>KCC and PC agreed to focus on Zones 1 & 2 as a priority.</p> <p>As above, traffic survey locations to be determined by KCC.</p> <p>18/10/2023-</p> <p>Traffic survey results are mostly in support of a 20mph limit for the majority of Zones 1-2, however the eastern side of Cockreed Lane has average speeds that are too high.</p> <p>For KCC to discuss options with PC at meeting on 01/11/2023</p> <p>01/11/2023-</p> <p>All average speeds from the surveys are in support of the a 20mph limit for Zones 1 & 2, except for the eastern end of Cockreed Lane which were 28mph. This is higher than we would like, and it is unlikely that we would get compliance without physical measures, however these measures are usually not popular with residents due to noise, they are expensive, and they require a system of street lighting. We are unsure at this time if the streetlighting present would be adequate enough to be classed as a safe system.</p> <p>KCC to produce an extents plan for PC to conduct further informal engagement with residents and provide KCC with responses.</p> <p>KCC to look at options regarding upgrades to school signage. 19/11/2024 TRO passed and invoice paid for detailed design for 20MPH zone for Phase 1.</p>

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					<p>14/01/2025-</p> <p>Zones 1 & 2 in design phase.</p> <p>KCC to progress traffic surveys for zones 3-6 to assess feasibility.</p> <p>KCC to ascertain if Joseph's Way and surrounding roads as part of the new estate are publicly maintainable or not as this will effect the boundaries of the 20mph limit if feasible.</p>
2.	High Street, New Romney		Inconsiderate/Bad Parking - Causing Congestion.	Red lines needed to improve traffic flow and pedestrian safety.	<p>02/02/2023-</p> <p>Not feasible as this is only conducted in London.</p> <p>Changes to High Street Parking being actioned by Folkestone and Hythe District Council</p> <p>19/11/2024 – Changes to High Street Parking design by Folkestone and Hythe District Council has been through public consultation and passed by the JTB.</p> <p>Traffic Regulation Order passed and the changes are being implemented by FHDC contractors– hoping for completion prior to Christmas 2024.</p> <p>14/01/2025-</p> <p>PC waiting for the parking restrictions to be completed by FHDC. As this is being actioned by FHDC with no need for KCC action, this has been moved to the historical list.</p>
3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Queens Road ii) Littlestone Road/Station Road iii) Coast Road iv) The Churchlands 		Speeding.	Enhanced vehicle activated signs or traffic calming measures needed.	<p>02/02/2023-</p> <p>Did not discuss as prioritising above.</p> <p>14/01/2025-</p> <p>Traffic surveys to be conducted as part of the investigation into the 20mph zones. These can also be used to assess for either a Speed Indicator Device (SID) or a Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS). Full information sent to PC for consideration but main points are below:</p> <p>These devices are to be funded by the PC (Rough estimate</p>

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					<p>of £10,000-£15,000) These devices cannot be used in 20mph limits, so cannot be used in conjunction with the 20mph zones if feasible We need to evidence the justification for their use and have approved locations The SID needs to be moved at least every 8 weeks between a minimum of 3 sites by volunteers</p> <p>PC informed KCC of development set at the end of Victoria Road West which will put more traffic onto the surrounding area.</p> <p>KCC to discuss this with the Development Team to see if any agreements are in place and whether any traffic calming or speed reductions are agreed for the area.</p> <p>PC mentioned issues on A259 by Longshore Grove whereby a disabled bay has been installed by FHDC in the same location as a controlled crossing is set to be installed by the developer.</p> <p>KCC to inform the Development Team of the issue to liaise direct with PC.</p>
4.	Fairfield Road junction with St Mary's Road, New Romney		Problem parking	Double yellow lines require around the junction	<p>19/11/2024</p> <p>KCC is currently drawing up extents plan for this that NRTC will take to public consultation.</p> <p>14/01/2025-</p> <p>Awaiting for the extents plans to be checked and approved before sending to PC for informal engagement</p>
5.	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.	<p>02/02/2023-</p> <p>Did not discuss as prioritising above.</p> <p>14/01/2025-</p> <p>KCC to review signage and road markings on Coast Drive</p>



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					<p>and propose improvements to PC.</p> <p>KCC to discuss PC's request for a controlled crossing by the park on Coast Drive with the Planning & Advice Team</p>
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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. Changes to High Street Parking being actioned by Folkestone and Hythe District Council
	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 https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem Any extension to double yellow lines will need to be considered on a case by case basis.
	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.



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					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. 18/10/2023- Traffic and Pedestrian survey results have been analysed and unfortunately does not meet the minimum criteria for the installation of a formal crossing point.

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	<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. 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. ii) Vehicles parking on double yellow lines near Church Lane Surgery/The Old School House. iii) Vehicles parking on double yellow lines, blocking driveways, creating bottlenecks, and causing congestion especially near The Old School. iv) Vehicles parking on double yellow lines near junction opposite Oak Hall Surgery causing bottlenecks and congestion. 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. v) Bollards on grass verges needed.</p>	<p>02/02/2023- PC to liaise with F&H Council regarding the “Coach Parking Bay” 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. 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. KCC to seek advice on this and come back to PC. 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. PC requested bollards but suspect that the pavement is not wide enough. KCC to measure pavement and ascertain options. 01/11/2023- PC to continue with F&H District Council in regards to the Coach Bay and subsequent installation of double yellow lines by the Esso petrol station.</p>
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					<p>PC reporting a crash issue at the junction of Ashford Road and High Street (A259). Crash data at this time shows one slight injury collision that occurred December 2022 where a vehicle overshot the STOP junction and collided with another.</p> <p>PC to report maintenance issues with lining via https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem</p> <p>PC requested an advanced STOP sign to be installed just before the buildings on the nearside. KCC have visited the site and there is an advanced STOP sign already present with a distance plate.</p> <p>PC also proposed a buildout by the junction, however High Street unfortunately does not have the available width to install one here.</p> <p>Moved to historical as no further options at this junction, and Coach Bay issues being dealt with by F&H.</p>
	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 traffic and as consequence waiting vehicles then cut down Spitalfield Lane.	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 there will inevitably still be cars that park there and cause an obstruction and a long term solution needs finding.	<p>02/02/2023-</p> <p>Did not discuss as prioritising above.</p> <p>01/11/2023-</p> <p>PC to liaise with Development Agreements team via DevelopmentAgreements@kent.gov.uk</p> <p>If unable to have measures agreed with the developer to alleviate this issue, for PC to raise again for Highway Improvements to discuss</p>
	High Street, New Romney		Inconsiderate/Bad Parking - Causing Congestion.	Red lines needed to improve traffic flow and pedestrian safety.	<p>02/02/2023-</p> <p>Not feasible as this is only conducted in London.</p> <p>Changes to High Street Parking being actioned by Folkestone and Hythe District Council</p> <p>19/11/2024 – Changes to High Street Parking design by Folkestone and Hythe District Council has been through</p>

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					<p>public consultation and passed by the JTB.</p> <p>Traffic Regulation Order passed and the changes are being implemented by FHDC contractors– hoping for completion prior to Christmas 2024.</p> <p>14/01/2025-</p> <p>PC waiting for the parking restrictions to be completed by FHDC. As this is being actioned by FHDC with no need for KCC action, this has been moved to the historical list.</p>
	Dymchurch Road		Speeding.	Extend the 30 MPH speed limit up to Marlie Farm.	<p>02/02/2023- Did not discuss as prioritising above.</p> <p>14/01/2025-</p> <p>KCC not in support of a speed reduction here as believes that 40mph is the most appropriate for the environment.</p> <p>KCC explained that by reducing the speed limit below what the environment would suggest to the average driver as the most appropriate, we risk having the opposite effect and see higher average speeds, an increased amount of inappropriate and dangerous overtaking, and therefore an increased risk of injury collisions occurring.</p> <p>The built up environment here is typical of a 40mph limit with it being built up on one side with houses set back.</p> <p>Average speeds for this section of the road are approximately 33mph which suggests good compliance currently, and there are no collisions in the last 3 years related to speed.</p>
	i) Spitalfield Lane Fairfield Road		Poor visibility.	Improve highway lighting for all roads without engineered footpaths.	<p>02/02/2023-</p> <p>Did not discuss as prioritising above.</p> <p>14/01/2025-</p>



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					There is currently street lighting in place in these areas, and an improvement to this lighting will be an incredibly costly scheme. No evidence to support this at this time.
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