

# Cinque Port Town of New Romney



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1<sup>st</sup> May 2024

Dear Councillor,

**A MEETING OF NEW ROMNEY TOWN COUNCIL'S PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, CHURCH APPROACH, NEW ROMNEY, TN28 8AS ON WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024 AT 6.45PM.**

You are hereby summoned to attend the above-mentioned meeting of New Romney Town Council's Planning and Environment Committee to consider the under-mentioned business.

Signed:

*Gemma Hall*

Mrs Gemma Hall  
Planning Clerk

Email: [planning.clerk@newromney-tc.gov.uk](mailto:planning.clerk@newromney-tc.gov.uk)

***The afore-mentioned meeting will commence at 6.45pm.***

***Members of Public are welcome to join this meeting.***

***PLEASE NOTE: New Romney Assembly Rooms and New Romney Town Hall have restricted access for people with limited mobility; please enquire for details.***

***Anyone displaying any symptoms of Covid-19 should NOT attend the meeting.***

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS**

### **1. Who can participate in a New Romney Town Council meeting?**

Members of the Public and Press may attend this Council meeting, except at such times as certain sensitive personal, legal or contractual matters may be considered in private and confidential session, when Members of the Public will be required to leave the meeting.

A maximum of THREE members of public may also participate by submitting a question at a meeting. The question must relate to a matter affecting the parish of New Romney and/or its residents. Each submission must last no longer than 3 minutes in total.

Any such question should be delivered to the Council by way of a written statement submitted by email by midday on the day of the Council meeting - to be read out during the meeting. The question submitted should be mindful of the 3 minute speaking time available. The reading of the question will allow for any mid-sentence delivery to be completed before being stopped at the three minute deadline. If any Member of Public does not have access to email, a question can be submitted by email by a representative on their behalf.

Any such questions should be emailed to: [planning.clerk@newromney-tc.gov.uk](mailto:planning.clerk@newromney-tc.gov.uk) by midday on the day of the Council meeting.

### **2. How and when do I have to let the council know that I want to participate?**

You will need to give written notice (via email or post) that you would like to participate by 3pm on the Friday before the meeting, providing your name and contact details and a summary of what your question subject will be. No late notifications can be accepted.

### **3. What happens if more than three local residents want to participate by submitting questions to the Council?**

The system will operate on the basis of “first come, first served” as identified by the Clerk. You will be notified as soon as possible after your ‘notification of wish to participate’ has been received as to whether or not you will be able to participate (by reading out your submission).

#### 4. What will happen at the Council meeting?

Your question will be read aloud during the agenda item: Public Questions. If it is possible for the Chairman to provide a response to your question at the meeting, he/she will do so. If it is not possible to provide a response at that time, a response will be provided in writing – usually within 28 days of the meeting taking place.

Agendas and reports for meetings will be available at least 3 working days and usually 7 weekdays before the date of the meeting on the Town Council website. Any supplementary sheets will be available the day before the meeting and can be viewed at [www.newromney-tc.gov.uk](http://www.newromney-tc.gov.uk)

#### THE LAWS OF LIBEL AND SLANDER

- These laws are very strict.
- If, in public, you say something about a person that is not true, even if you believe it to be true, you may be sued and have to pay compensation. Therefore, you need to be very careful about any criticism you wish to make of people in any written submission.
- Councillors are able to speak more freely and bluntly while in Council or Committee meetings than members of the public.
- You, as a member of the public, do not have the same protection.

**NEW ROMNEY TOWN COUNCIL**  
**PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**8<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024**  
**AGENDA**

**1. APOLOGIES:**

To receive and note apologies of councillors unable to attend.

**2. DISPENSATION TO PARTICIPATE:**

To receive and note any applications granted by the Town Clerk, on behalf of the Town Council, for dispensation to participate in Meetings of New Romney Town Council.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

Councillors to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests or Other Significant or Personal Interests they may have in items on the agenda this evening.

**4. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:**

To consider formal adjournment of the meeting of the Committee for a maximum period of fifteen minutes to allow for an allocated public session.

**5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS:**

Members of the public may put questions to the Chairman of the Committee for a period of fifteen minutes regarding matters to do with the town of New Romney and its coastal areas of Littlestone and Greatstone, including items on the agenda. Any Councillors who have declared an "Other Significant Interest" in matters to be discussed at this meeting will also have the opportunity to speak within the session set aside for public participation, in accordance with the Town Council's Code of Conduct Item 5(3)(b), which reads as follows:

"Where you have an Other Significant Interest in any business of the Authority, you may... make representations, answer questions or give evidence relating to the business, provided that the public are also allowed to attend the meeting for the same purpose."

**6. RE-CONVENING OF MEETING:**

To formally re-convene the meeting of the Committee.

**7. MINUTES (Encs\*):**

To approve the minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024 (attached hereto).

- 8. PLANNING CLERK'S REPORT (Encs\*)**  
To receive and note the Planning Clerk's report.
- 9. SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS (Encs\*)**  
To consider planning applications attached hereto and including any received subsequent to issue of this Agenda and make any recommendations as deemed appropriate.
- 10. SCHEDULE OF LICENCING APPLICATIONS**  
To receive and note schedule of Licencing Applications.
- 11. FOLKESTONE AND HYTHE DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORTS DECISIONS/MATTERS (Encs\*)**
  - (i) To received and note Hythe and Folkestone District Council's Reports, Decisions and Matters.
- 12. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS (Encs\*)**  
To receive written reports and, within the remit of the Committee, take any such action(s) thereon as may be deemed necessary.
  - (i) Sea water quality and surface water flooding update, if available.
- 13. REPORTS OF WORKING PARTIES (Encs\*)**
  - (i) To receive and note the written reports of any working parties reporting to the Planning and Environment Committee and to take any such action(s) thereon as may be deemed necessary.
- 14. ROMNEY MARSH FORUM – LOCAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICE (Encs\*)**  
To consider questions to be formally submitted to the Stagecoach representative at the forthcoming meeting of the Romney Marsh Forum regarding local public transport services.
- 15. TRANSPORT FOR SOUTH EAST CONSULTATION (Encs\*)**  
To review the consultation from Transport for South East and appoint 3 x Committee members to respond to the consultation on behalf of New Romney Town Council.

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**MINUTES**  
of  
**A Meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee**  
**Held in the Assembly Rooms, Church Approach, New Romney**  
**on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024**  
**Commencing at 6.45pm**

**PRESENT:**

**Councillors:** P Coe, P Carey, J Rivers, K Terry, S O'Hare, J Houston,  
J Davies and L Phillips

**In the Chair:** Councillor P Coe

**In Attendance:** Planning Clerk - Mrs G Hall

Members of public x 1

641/2023-24 **APOLOGIES**

None.

642/2023-24 **DISPENSATION TO PARTICIPATE**

No new applications for Dispensation to Participate had been received.

643/2023-24 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

644/2023-24 **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

It was not necessary to adjourn the meeting as no questions had been received in writing.

645/2023-24 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

None received.

646/2023-24 **RE-CONVENING OF MEETING**

Not applicable.

647/2023-24 **MINUTES**

**Minutes of the Meeting Held on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

The Chairman presented the **Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee Meeting Held on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024**, a copy of which had been previously circulated to all Councillors.

Having duly considered the afore-mentioned minutes, it was:

**PROPOSED BY:** Councillor Carey

**RESOLVED**– that the Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024 be approved and signed as a true and correct record.

**Councillor Davies abstained from voting as he was not present for the meeting.**

648/2023-24 **PLANNING CLERK'S REPORT**

The Planning Clerk's report, which had been previously circulated to all Committee Members, was duly received and noted and read as under:

**(i) Cars parking too close to the junction – Spitalfield Lane.**

Emails from residents received with photographs of vehicles parking too close to the junction at Spitalfield Lane. The images were forwarded onto Kent Police and Folkestone and Hythe District Council's parking enforcement team who will send more enforcement officers to investigate.

The following message was also issued on social media by Kent Police:

***PARKING ISSUES!!***

*Hello all.*

*I've had some parking issues raised to me recently from yourselves and in particular both areas that keep coming up are in New Romney. I appreciate that there are parking issues in every village and town up and down the country but I will use New Romney as a good example.*

*The junction of Fairfield Road where it meets St Mary's Road regularly has vehicles being parked right up to the junction forcing drivers coming along Fairfield Road towards St Mary's Road into the lane of oncoming vehicles that turn into Fairfield from St Mary's Road and this can become hazardous if a vehicle is turning left into Fairfield due to both drivers not realising that each other are about to meet on the same side of the road. Obviously we have to drive to the conditions and adjust our driving to the hazards, nevertheless, it is also every motorists responsibility to park legally and safely which would then negate the above issue especially at this particular junction.*

*I have spoken with the landlord of The Plough PH who was very understanding and suggested that he put a post on his Facebook page and perhaps a couple of posters within the pub to remind his customers to park responsibly in case it is some of them who are parking irresponsibly.*

*The Highway Code Rule 250 states the following*

*Cars, goods vehicles not exceeding 2500 kg laden weight, invalid carriages, motorcycles and pedal cycles may be parked without lights on a road (or lay-by) with a speed limit of 30 mph (48 km/h) or less if they are:*

- *at least 10 metres (32 feet) away from any junction, close to the kerb and facing in the direction of the traffic flow*

- in a recognised parking place or lay-by.

*There is a similar issue at the junction of Spitalfield Lane where it meets Lydd Road (A259) where some vehicles are parking too close to the junction making it difficult for drivers to pull out onto Lydd Road and also those drivers approaching Lydd Road from Spitalfield Lane are again forced into the opposite*

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*lane not knowing if a vehicle is turning left into Spitalfield Lane from the Lydd direction.*

*I know that there are a million and one arguments to be had over the 'whys and wherefores' of parking issues but my request is quite simply, please park responsibly and legally to make it easier for all.*

*These Parking Lot Fails Will Make You Wish You Didn't Have a Car ...*

*Thank you.*

*Steve.*

**Message Sent By**

Steve Putland

(Kent Police, Police Constable, Folkestone Neighbourhood Beat Officer)

**(ii) Consultation on Revised Validation and Guidance Requirements for Planning Applications determined by Kent County Council**

I have responded to KCC on behalf of New Romney Town Councils Planning and Environment Committee advising 'no comment' and 'keep us updated' as per the Chairman's instructions.

649/2023-24 **SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

It was

**PROPOSED BY:** Councillor Rivers

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor O'Hare

**RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY – that NRTC Planning and Environment Committee comments, including those comments relating to additional planning applications received after publication of the agenda for this meeting, be submitted to FHDC Planning Department:**

**Application No**

**Location and Description**

(i) [24/0446/FH](#)

1 Lonbay Drive, New Romney,  
TN28 8AB

**Works to tree subject of TPO  
No2 of 2006 T1 Macrocarpa  
reduction by a max of 2.5  
metres off height & 1 metre off  
lateral spread.**



**RECOMMENDATION****Voting:****For Application:****Against Application:****Abstained:****No Objection****8****0****0**

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(ii) [24/0385FH](#)17 High Street, New Romney,  
TN28 8BNListed building consent for  
replacement of 1 x window and  
door and internal/external  
repair work to single storey  
extension.**RECOMMENDATION****Voting:****For Application:****Against Application:****Abstained:****No Objection****8****0****0**(iii) [24/0451/FH](#)16 Littlestone Road, Littlestone,  
New Romney, TN28 8LRWorks to trees the subject of  
TPO No.5 of 1975 T1 Oak crown  
reduction back to previous cuts  
max 1.5metres.**RECOMMENDATION****Voting:****For Application:****Against Application:****Abstained:****No Objection****8****0****0**650/2023-24 **SCHEDULE OF LICENCE APPLICATIONS**

There were no licence applications for consideration.

651/2023-24 **FOLKESTONE & HYTHE DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORTS/  
DECISIONS/MATTERS**(i) A schedule of delegated decisions of Folkestone & Hythe District Council  
Planning Department for the periods ending 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024 and 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
were duly received and noted.(ii) The Delegated Decision Alignment Reports for 2021, 2022 & 2023 which had  
previously been circulated to all Committee Members, was duly received and  
noted.

652/2023-24 **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

The Romney Marshes Area IDB Annual Newsletter, which had previously been circulated to all Committee Members, was duly received and noted.

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653/2023-24 **REPORTS FROM WORKING PARTIES**

**Parish Highway Improvement Plan**

The Parish Highway Improvement Plan update regarding the installation of Unsuitable for HGV's signage, which had previously been circulated to all Committee Members and was duly received and noted.

The Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and the meeting  
Concluded **at 7.04pm**

*Minutes prepared by the Planning Clerk*

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**PLANNING CLERK'S REPORT**

- **Change of venue for all Planning & Environment Committee Meetings**

Please note that from our next meeting date 28<sup>th</sup> May 2024, all future Planning and Environment Committee Meetings will be held in The Council Chamber, Town Hall, New Romney, TN28 8BT.

- **Footpath between Mountfield Industrial Estate – Church Lane**

The original footpath that ran between Mountfield Industrial Estate and Church Lane has now been reinstated by the developer. The new plans for an engineered/lit footpath have been abandoned due to cost and road adoption issues. New Romney Town Council's Parish Caretakers have gone and strimmed away the overgrown brambles to make the footpath passable.



- **Planning Enforcement: 23/2017/FH – 3 The Churchlands, New Romney.**  
3 The Churchlands, Planning application: [23/2017/FH](#). Folkestone and Hythe District Council Planning Enforcement have recently visited the property and the owners have been advised that the single storey garden annexe has not been constructed according to the approved plans, as it is not in the location shown. Planning enforcement officers have instructed the owners to resolve this matter, they can either rebuild the structure in the correct position or make an application to amend the approved plans (although there is no guarantee that permission would be granted).

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**SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS**  
**FOR CONSIDERATION**

<b><u>Application No</u></b>	<b><u>Location and Description</u></b>
(i) <a href="#"><u>24/0554/FH</u></a>	<p>Sladden Cottage, North Street, New Romney, TN28 8DL</p> <p>Works to trees in a conservation area comprising of T1 Sycamore crown reduction by a max of 4m in height and 2m lateral spread, T2 Evergreen fell.</p> <p><b><u>RECOMMENDATION</u></b>  <b><u>Voting:</u></b>  <b>For Application:</b>  <b>Against Application:</b>  <b>Abstained:</b></p>
(ii) <a href="#"><u>24/0557/FH/TCA</u></a>	<p>Craythornes, Fairfield Road, New Romney, TN28 8HU</p> <p>Works to trees in a conservation area comprising of T1 multi stem Bay fell to ground.</p> <p><b><u>RECOMMENDATION</u></b>  <b><u>Voting:</u></b>  <b>For Application:</b>  <b>Against Application:</b>  <b>Abstained:</b></p>
(iii) <a href="#"><u>24/0578/FH/PA</u></a>	<p>Sewage Treatment Works, Station Approach, Littlestone, TN28 8LU</p> <p>KCC/FH/0038/2024-KCC Consultation request for installation of a 250 kilowatt ground mounted solar photovoltaic array with associated infrastructure and biodiversity enhancement. For more information please click <a href="#"><u>HERE</u></a>.</p> <p><b><u>RECOMMENDATION</u></b>  <b><u>Voting:</u></b>  <b>For Application:</b>  <b>Against Application:</b>  <b>Abstained:</b></p>

(iv) [24/0312/FH](#)

Governors House, Cannon Street,  
New Romney, TN28 8BH

Listed Building Consent for the replacement  
of windows to the front elevation.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**Voting:**

**For Application:**

**Against Application:**

**Abstained:**

(v) [24/0555/FH](#)

Homeleigh, Rolfe Lane, New Romney,  
TN28 8JL

Works to trees the subject of TPO No 02 of  
2006 T1 Oak crown reductions by a max of  
3 metres in height & 2 metres laterally & T2  
Pine remove 'hung up' branch and  
deadwood.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**Voting:**

**For Application:**

**Against Application:**

**Abstained:**

(vi) [24/0397/FH](#)

2 Cherry Gardens, Littlestone,  
New Romney, TN28 8QR

Single storey side extension, first floor  
cladding and off road parking.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**Voting:**

**For Application:**

**Against Application:**

**Abstained:**

(vii) [24/0575/FH](#)

Land Adj 1-2 West Lawn Cottages,  
Lydd Road, New Romney

New self-catering tourist accommodation,  
on land previously occupied by an old  
garage.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**Voting:**

**For Application:**

**Against Application:**

**Abstained:**

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### **Additional Planning Applications received:**

(viii) [23/1789/FH](#)

73 Coast Drive, Greatstone, New Romney,  
TN28 8NR

Folkestone & Hythe District Council write to inform you that the following case has been appealed under ref: [AP-6632](#)

Appeal against refusal of planning application [23/1789/FH](#) - Retrospective planning application for the conversion of an outbuilding to provide a 1 bedroom dwelling house.

Planning Inspectorate Number -  
APP/L2250/W/24/3339000

The appeal will be determined on the basis of Written Representations. The procedure to be followed is set out in Part 2 of The Town and Country Planning (Appeals) (Written Representations Procedure)(England) Hearing. The procedure to be followed is set out in The Town and Country Planning (Hearings Procedure)(England) Rules 2000, as amended.

We have forwarded all the representations made to us on the application to the Planning Inspectorate and the appellant. These will be considered by the Inspector when determining the appeal.

If you wish to make comments, or modify/withdraw your previous representation, you can do so online at <https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk>.

**FHDC Decision:** Recommended Refusal Reasons (2)

1 - The proposed new dwelling, by virtue of its scale, design, layout and size, would result in a form of development that would not sit comfortably in its plot, appearing cramped and out of keeping with the pattern and form of development in the surrounding area, resulting in visual harm to character and appearance of the area.

The proposal would therefore be contrary to policies HB1 and HB10 of the Places and Policies Local Plan 2020.

2- The proposed development would provide inadequately sized garden area for the proposed dwelling that would fail to comply with the minimum external space standards which would be detrimental to the future residential amenities of the new dwelling. The proposal would therefore be contrary to policies HB3 and HB10 of the

Places and Policies Local Plan.

**NRTC previous comments:** Recommend refusal, not enough information. Clarification is needed on drainage as identified by KCC Highways & Environment Agency.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**Voting:**

**For Application:**

**Against Application:**

**Abstained:**



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**DELEGATED DECISIONS OF FOLKESTONE & HYTHE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

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**For the Period Ending 18<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

- (i) [24/0317/FH](#) The Old Coach House, Church Close, New Romney, TN28 8AR

Removal of garage doors to be replaced with bay windows.

**DECISION:**

**Approved with conditions**

NRTC – No Objection

- (ii) [24/0271/FH/TCA](#)

North Street House, North Street, New Romney, TN28 8DW

Works to trees situated within a Conservation area comprising of overall reduction to T1 Tulip by up to 4 metres, T2 Olive by up to 2metres, T3 Oranmental Cherry by up to 2 metres, T4 Laburnum by up to 2 metres & T5 Lilac by up to 2 metres.

**DECISION:**

**Approved with conditions**

NRTC – No Objection

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**For the Period Ending 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

- (i) [23/1897/FH](#) 9 Harwick Drive, New Romney, TN28 8XB

Certificate of Lawful Development (proposed) for vehicular access onto an unclassified road.

**DECISION:**

**Lawful**

NRTC – No Objection

- (ii) [24/0105/FH](#)

Land Adjoining 1 -2 West Lawn Cottages, Lydd Road, New Romney

Self-catering tourist accommodation

**DECISION:**

**Refused**

NRTC – No Objection

(iii) [24/0166/FH](#)

Ground Floor Business Property, 22 High Street,  
New Romney, TN28 8BY

Listed Building Consent for repairs to brickwork including  
the addition of render to the lower half of the rear  
elevation.

**DECISION:**

**Approved with conditions**

NRTC – No Objection

(iv) [24/0296/FH](#)

Brooklands, Meehan Road South, New Romney,  
TN28 8SL

Detached garage

**DECISION:**

**Approved with conditions**

NRTC – No Objection

(v) [24/0311/FH](#)

Unit 4, Mountfield Road, Mountfield Industrial Estate,  
New Romney, TN28 8LH

External canopy over entrance door, internal alterations  
and insertion of new window.

**DECISION:**

**Approved with conditions**

NRTC – No Objection

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**For the Period Ending 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

(i) [24/0078/FH](#)

New Inn, 37 High Street, New Romney, TN28 8BW

Erection of 2 semi detached houses facing onto Church  
Road.

**DECISION:**

**Approved with conditions**

NRTC – No Objection

(ii) [23/0719/FH](#)

Plot H, Mountfield Road, Land Rear Plot 15,  
Collins Road, New Romney

2 no light industrial buildings to form 6 no units.

**DECISION:**

**Approved with conditions**

NRTC – No Objection – subject to KCC Highways  
conditions being met.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

• **Kent & Medway Air Quality Forecast – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

<b>Today</b>	Air pollution levels within the post code region TN28 are forecast to be generally Moderate with a small chance of Low
<b>Tomorrow</b>	Air pollution levels within the post code region TN28 are forecast to be Low

The probability of pollution levels being within the four main bandings is shown in the table below.

<b>Air Pollution Level</b>	<b>Today</b>	<b>Tomorrow</b>
Low	30%	>95%
Moderate	70%	<5%
High	<5%	<1%
Very High	<1%	<1%

## Recommended Actions and Health Advice

<b>Air Pollution Banding</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Accompanying health messages for at-risk individuals*</b>	<b>Accompanying health messages for the general population</b>
Low	1-3	<b>Enjoy</b> your usual outdoor activities.	<b>Enjoy</b> your usual outdoor activities.
Moderate	4-6	Adults and children with lung problems, and adults with heart problems, <b>who experience symptoms</b> , should <b>consider reducing</b> strenuous physical activity, particularly outdoors.	<b>Enjoy</b> your usual outdoor activities.
High	7-9	Adults and children with lung problems, and adults with heart problems, should <b>reduce</b> strenuous physical exertion,	Anyone experiencing discomfort such as sore eyes, cough or sore throat should <b>consider</b>

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**REPORTS FROM WORKING PARTIES**

• **New Romney Community Speedwatch Scheme**

During the public consultations for New Romney Town Council's Parish Highway Improvement Plan a main area of concern for our local roads was speeding. Kent Police have now formed New Romney's Community Speedwatch Scheme.

Speedwatch is a community-based scheme that helps volunteers make their local roads safer by reducing speeding without penalising passing drivers.

How does the scheme work?

A group of two or three trained police trained volunteers operates at carefully selected roadside sites where speed limits of 20, 30 and 40 miles per hour (mph) are in place. Using an approved speed measuring device, accurately measuring the speed of passing vehicles.

Volunteers can manually or electronically capture and report the following details of vehicles travelling at or above nationally recommended speed thresholds (25, 35 and 46 mph);

- Registration
- Make and colour
- Speed
- Time

The details of the vehicles reported speeding are stored by Kent Police for 12 months in the Speedwatch database. A letter of advice may be sent in that time to the registered owners of the vehicles who repeatedly speed and/or drive at more than 50% over the limit.

**Police officers attend and hand deliver advice letters to engage with frequent offenders.**

Speedwatch is an educational based scheme. No drivers have yet been prosecuted, fined or given penalty points as a direct result of any Speedwatch activity.

Speedwatch performance in Kent:

- Over **90% of speeding vehicles are not detected a second time** by any Speedwatch schemes in Kent and the surrounding counties in the next 12 months.
- The proportion of speeding vehicles which generate four or more letters in a 12-month period is only around 1 in every 2000.

To register to volunteer please [Click here](#).

Any queries relating to the Community Speedwatch please contact Kent Police directly on: 01622 653781 or email: [speedwatch@kent-police.co.uk](mailto:speedwatch@kent-police.co.uk)

# Volunteers wanted



**NEW ROMNEY SPEEDWATCH** Scheme are looking for volunteers to support them in reducing speed and improving the safety on their roads with the support of the police.

Speedwatch is a community-based scheme where volunteers record speed of passing vehicles in the area where they live. Around **94%** of vehicles observed once by Speedwatch volunteers are not seen speeding again in the next 12 months within Kent.

## CONTACT US

If you would like to join a group and help, please go to **[www.communityspeedwatch.org](http://www.communityspeedwatch.org)** to register.

For more information, visit the Kent Police website  
**[www.kent.police.uk/speedwatch](http://www.kent.police.uk/speedwatch)**

Call **01622 653781**  
or email [Speedwatch@kent.police.uk](mailto:Speedwatch@kent.police.uk)



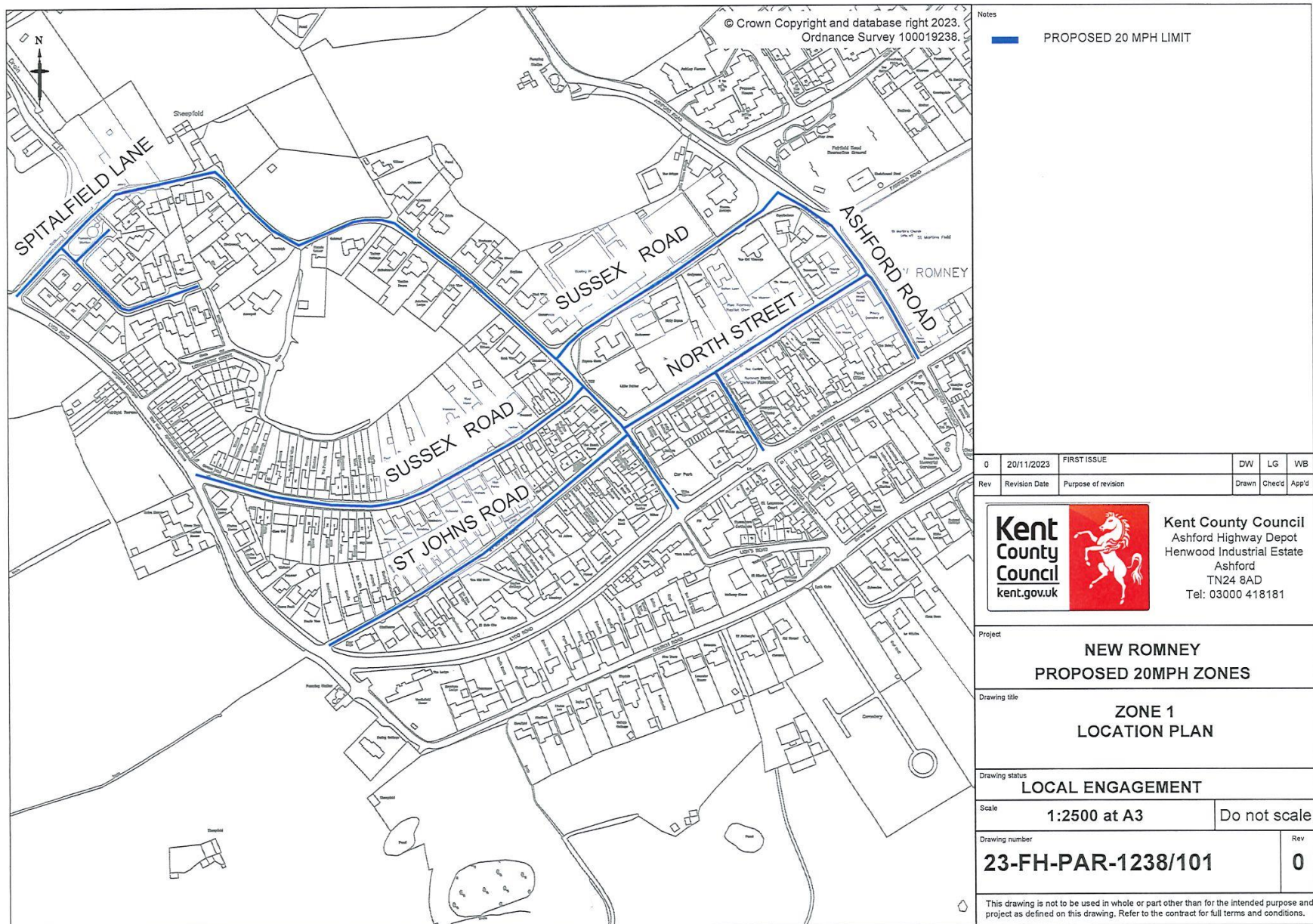
**Kent  
Police**

- **Changes to High Street Parking – High Street Businesses**

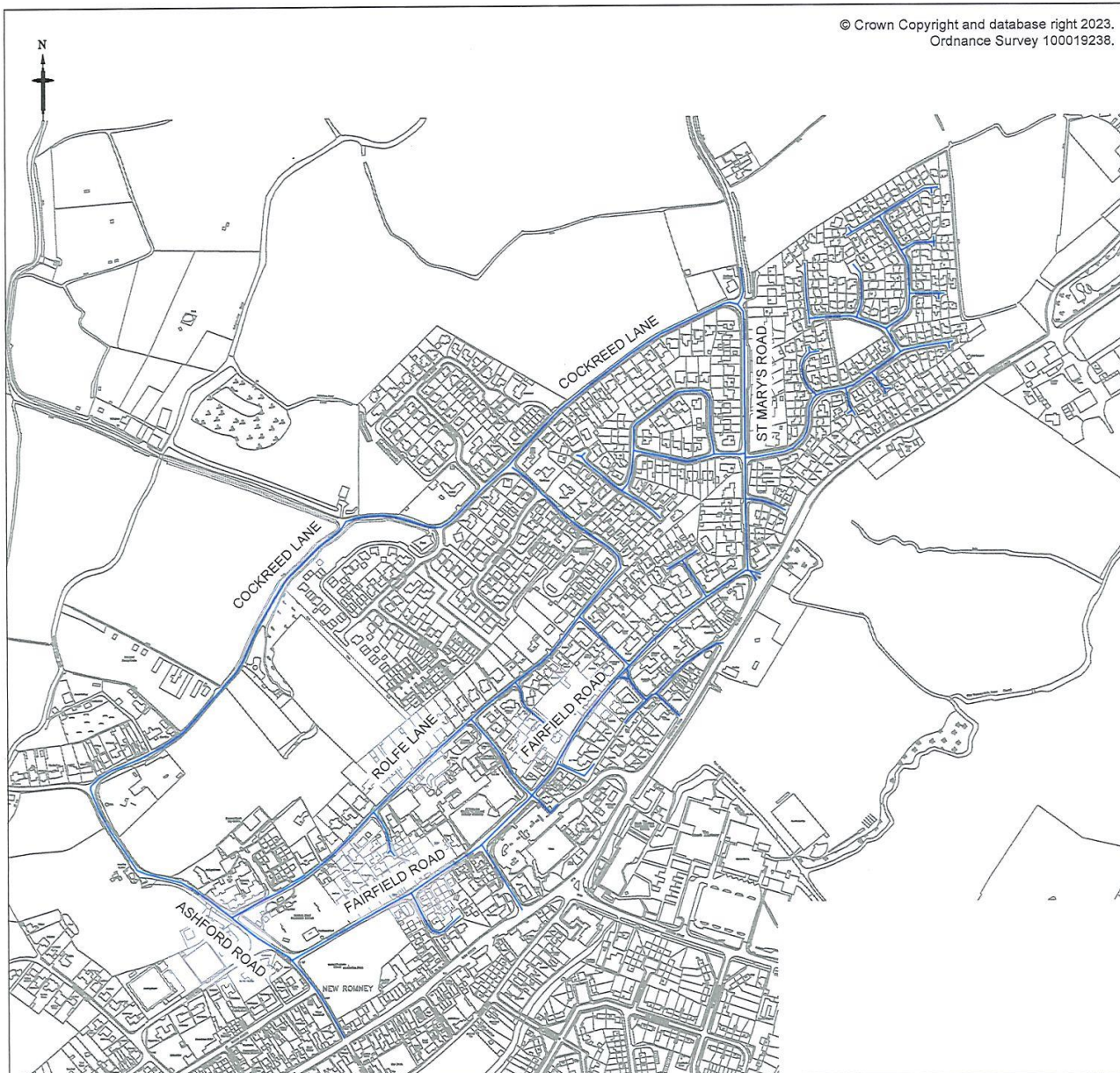
On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May the Parish Highway Improvement Plan working party along with The Planning Clerk hand delivered the proposed changes to The High Street Car Parking information packs to all High Street Businesses. Detailed explanations of our proposed changes were discussed, we have given a deadline of the 8<sup>th</sup> May 24 to get any comments back to us.

There have been concerns regarding single yellow lines being changed to double yellow lines raised. Please note parking on double yellow lines is not permitted at any time however blue badge holders can still park on double yellow lines if they are not causing an obstruction for up to 3 hours. You can drop off passengers and load/unloading goods as long as this is only for a short period of time and safe to do so.









Notes

■ PROPOSED 20MPH LIMIT

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Rev	Revision Date	Purpose of revision	Drawn	Chec'd	App'd



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NEW ROMNEY  
PROPOSED 20MPH ZONES

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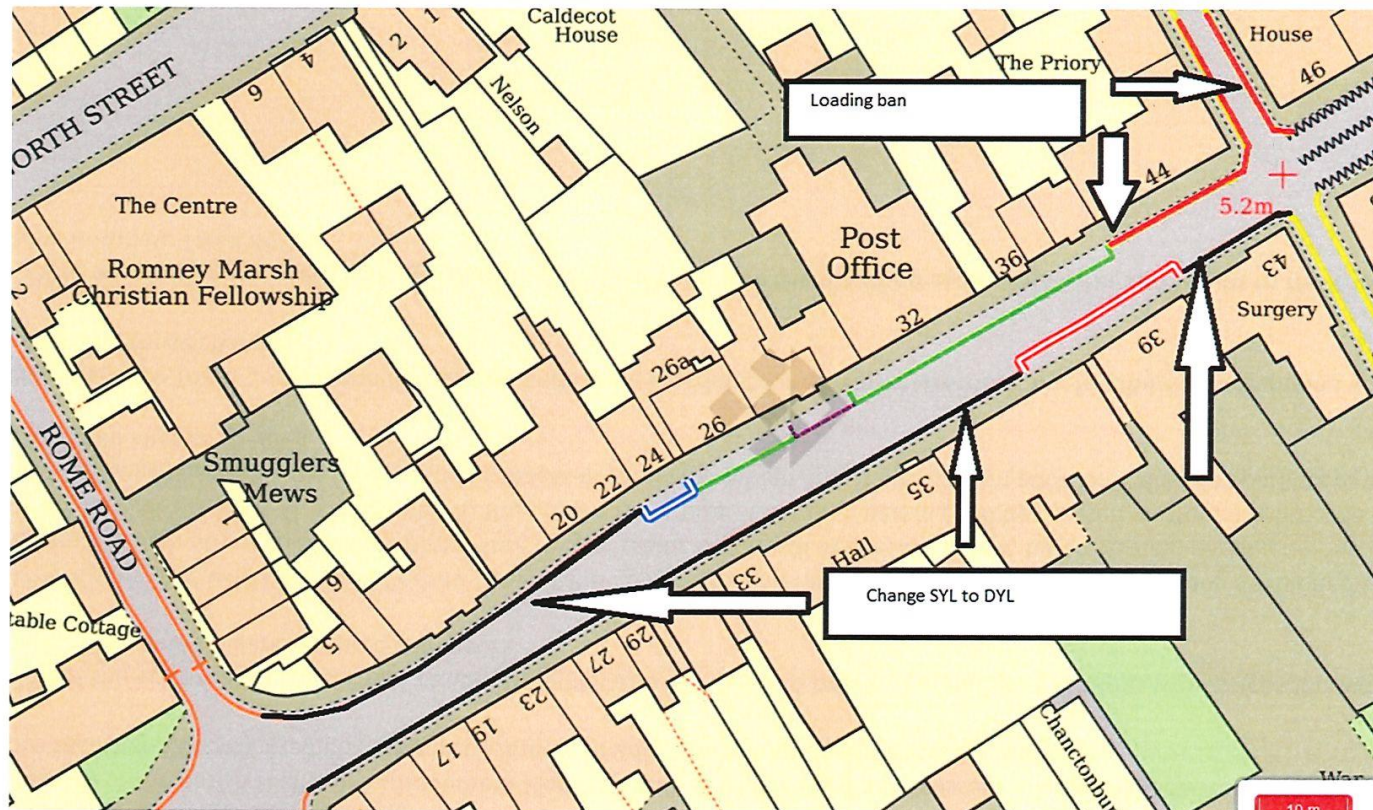
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SYL – Single Yellow Line  
DYL – Double Yellow Line

Loading Ban on the junction of Ashford Road and High Street would wrap right round onto the High Street opposite Oak Hall Surgery to prevent all motorist (including Blue Badge users) from parking there.

Single yellow lines to be upgraded to double yellow lines on the opposite side of the road on the corner of the junction for Church Approach.

Zip zag lines will be refreshed outside Ruzzo all the way along to the crossing to prevent parking near the junction.

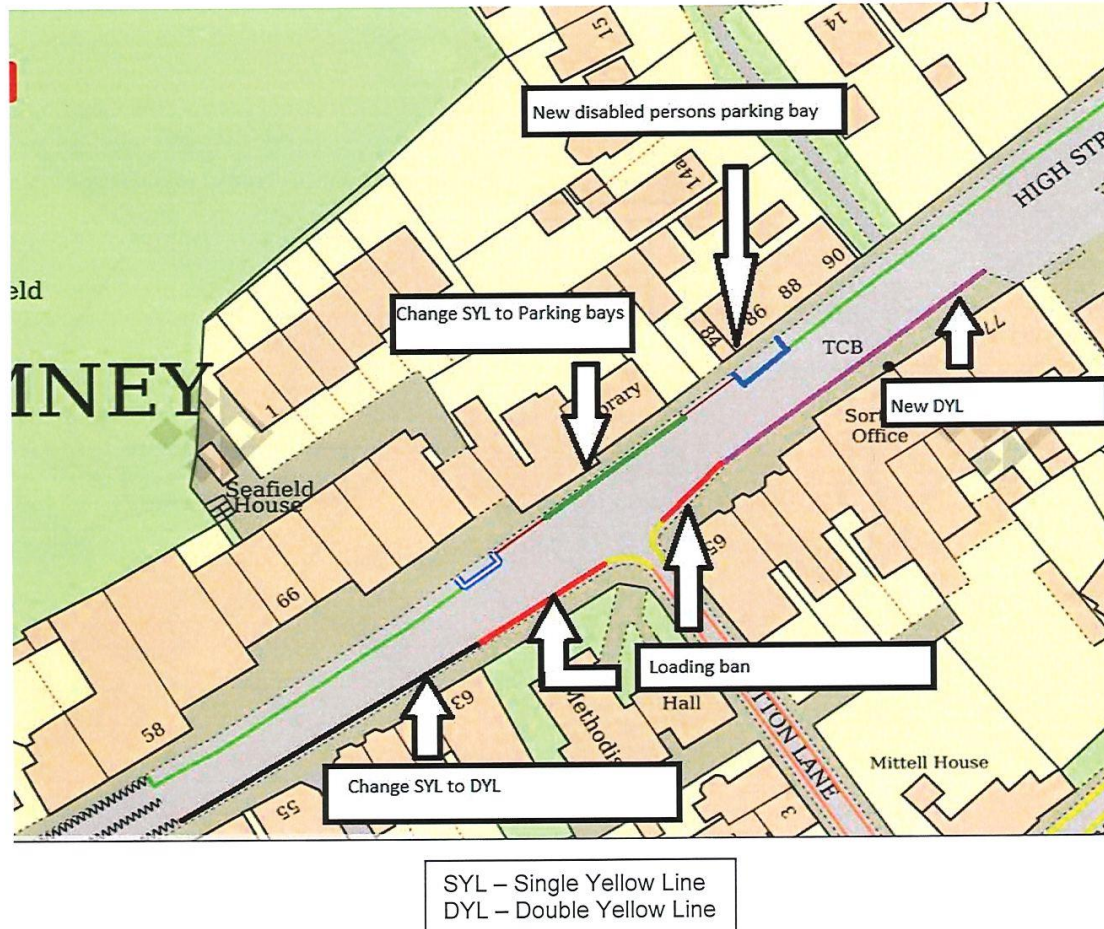
Single yellow lines to be upgraded to double yellow lines from 22 High Street to the corner of Rome Road.

Single yellow lines to be upgraded to double yellow lines from Costa Coffee to the corner of Victoria Street.





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Loading ban restriction to be added to the junction of Tritton Lane to prevent all motorist (including Blue Badge users) from parking there.

Single yellow line removed from outside the library and parking bays added.

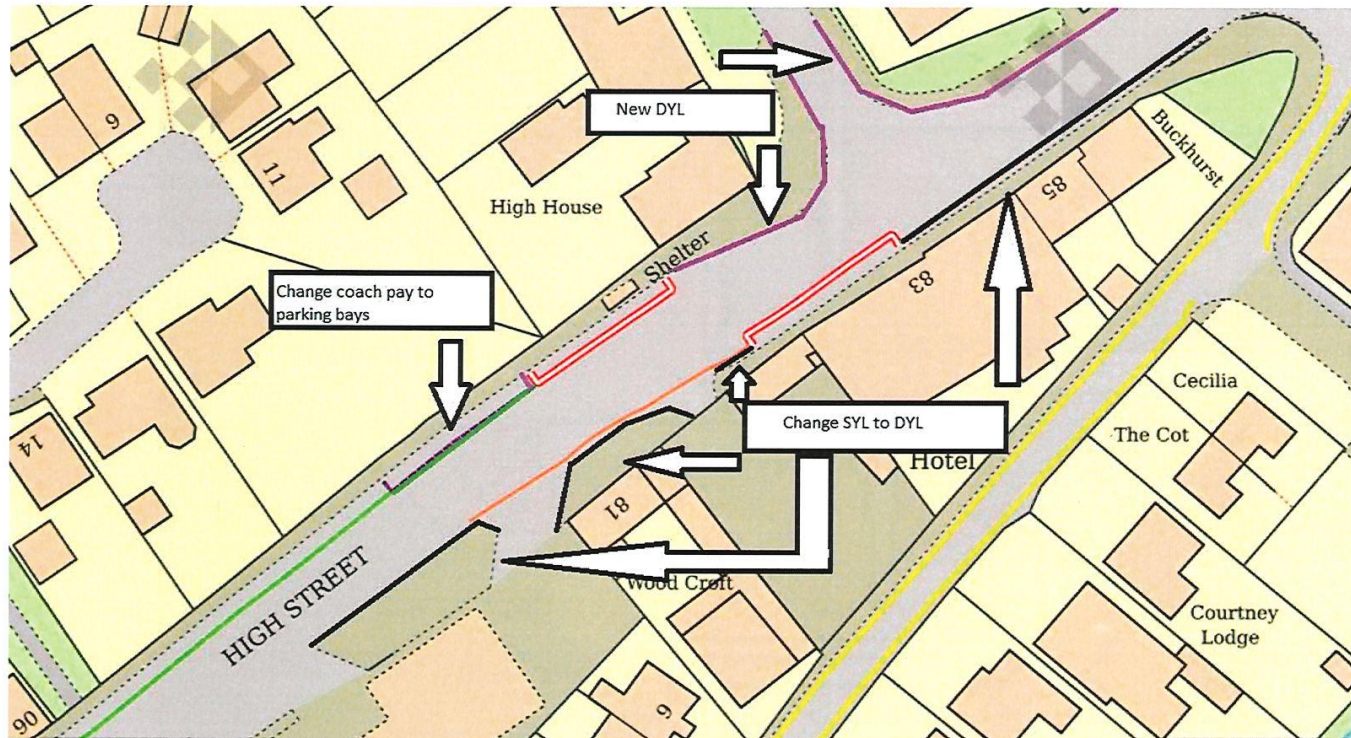
New disabled bay added after That Pet Shop outside Romney Spice.

Parking bays outside Premier shop and along to the garage to be removed and double yellow lines to be installed.

Single yellow lines to be upgraded to double yellow lines from outside the Methodist Church and along to Church Approach turning.



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Coach parking bay to be replaced with additional parking bays.

New double yellow lines to be added from the bus stop round to George Lane on both sides of the junction.

Single yellow lines to be upgraded to double yellow lines The Ship to the Premier shop on the corner of Tritton Lane. No parking to be permitted on that side of the High Street.





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Submission Date: December 2022

(Please remember that the HIP is for new initiatives/measures/schemes in your community – it is NOT to be used as a maintenance log, as these MUST be logged using the online reporting tool via this link <https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem> )

### 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	01797 362348 01797 740161	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	03000 418181	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.	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 &amp; 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 &amp; 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.</p>



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2.	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 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.	Traffic Calming required.	<p>02/02/2023-</p> <p>KCC to explore options of "Unsuitable for HGV" and "Pedestrian in Roadway" signage along Spitalfield Road.</p> <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> <p>01/11/2023-</p> <p>KCC to move forward with Unsuitable for HGV signage to be installed on Spitalfield Lane junction with A259, Sussex Road junction with Ashford Road, and potentially Ashford Road junction with A259 if space allows. KCC to fund</p>
3.	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>
4.	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>
5.	Dymchurch Road		Speeding.	Extend the 30 MPH speed limit up to Marlie Farm.	<p>02/02/2023-</p> <p>Did not discuss as prioritising above.</p>
6.	i) Spitalfield Lane ii) 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>



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	iii) Cockreed Lane iv) Sussex Road v) Rolfe Lane				
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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.
	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.
	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.



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					<p>KCC has sent PC information on the School Travel Plan to share with both schools.</p> <p>18/10/2023-</p> <p>Traffic and Pedestrian survey results have been analysed and unfortunately does not meet the minimum criteria for the installation of a formal crossing point.</p>
	<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-</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> <p>01/11/2023-</p> <p>PC to continue with F&amp;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 <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></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&amp;H.</p>
3.	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 <a href="mailto:DevelopmentAgreements@kent.gov.uk">DevelopmentAgreements@kent.gov.uk</a></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>

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**PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**8<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024**  
**ROMNEY MARSH FORUM – LOCAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICE**

Does our council have any questions for the representative from Stagecoach at the next Romney Marsh Forum.

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**8<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024**  
**TRANSPORT FOR SOUTH EAST CONSULTATION**

**Transport for the South East wants YOUR views about future transport needs**

Transport for the South East (TfSE), the Sub-national Transport Body for the south east of England, is asking people to take part in their 'Your Voices' survey and submit views on the future transport needs of the region.

People are being asked to take part in the online survey where there are questions about transport-related issues such as accessibility and affordability.

Participants can also share their experiences regarding congestion, noise pollution, air quality, road safety, public transport, personal safety, and walking and cycling routes.

The 'Your Voices' survey can be found online at [tfse.org.uk](https://tfse.org.uk) until Sunday, 2 June 2024.

A special podcast has been produced that explains in further detail why TfSE needs the views of people across the south east and how those views will help shape the future work of TfSE. The podcast can be listened to online at [tfse.org.uk](https://tfse.org.uk) and is also available on Apple Podcasts and Spotify by searching for 'The TfSE Podcast.'

Councillor Keith Glazier, Chair of TfSE, said: "We want to hear the views and experiences of those in the region when it comes to all things transport related. One of our roles is to speak to government about the priorities they should consider when improving transport connectivity locally. To do this effectively, we need to hear from as many people as possible across the south east." The south east is defined as Bracknell Forest, Reading, Windsor & Maidenhead, Slough, West Berkshire, Wokingham, Kent, Medway, Hampshire, Portsmouth, Southampton, Isle of Wight, Surrey, East Sussex, West Sussex, and Brighton & Hove.

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