

# Cinque Port Town of New Romney



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24<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Dear Councillor,

**A MEETING OF NEW ROMNEY TOWN COUNCIL'S PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD AT THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, CHURCH APPROACH, NEW ROMNEY ON WEDNESDAY 31<sup>st</sup> JULY 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

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***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**  
**31<sup>st</sup> JULY 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 10<sup>th</sup> July 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. PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING PLANNING APPLICATION**  
To authorise the Clerk to draft and submit a formal enquiry about the official FHDC procedures for handling planning applications following concerns raised by NRTC members and residents alike.
- 15. NATIONAL HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT SURVEY FOR 2024-25 (Encs\*)**  
To allocate a councillor(s) to complete the 6 x surveys on behalf of New Romney Town Council.
- 16. LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 5 – STRIKING THE BALANCE PUBLIC CONSULTATION (Encs\*)**  
To allocate a councillor(s) to complete 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 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024**  
**Commencing at 6.45pm**

**PRESENT:**

**Councillors:** P Coe, P Carey, K Terry, J Rivers, J Davies and L Phillips

**In the Chair:** Councillor K Terry

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

118/2024-25 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received and noted, as follows:

Councillor J Houston - Personal reasons.

Councillor S O'Hare – Personal reasons.

Councillor Rev Cn McLachlan - Personal reasons.

119/2024-25 **DISPENSATION TO PARTICIPATE**

No new applications for Dispensation to Participate had been received.

120/2024-25 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**@18:45** Councillor Rivers declared a Pecuniary Interest in relation to planning application 24/0750/FH as he resides near this address and the decision made could affect the value of his home.

**@18:45** Councillor Coe declared a Pecuniary Interest in relation to planning application 24/0998/FH as he is a member of the golf club.

121/2024-25 **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

**@18:46**

It was

**PROPOSED BY:** Councillor Rivers

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Davies

**RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY – That the meeting be hereby adjourned to accommodate a public session.**

122/2024-25 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

The Chairman read out a statement on behalf of a member of public relating to planning application 24/0923/FH.

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123/2024-25 **RE-CONVENING OF MEETING**  
**@18:47**

It was

**PROPOSED BY:** Councillor Coe

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Phillips

**RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY – That the meeting be hereby re-convened.**

124/2024-25 **MINUTES**

**Minutes of the Meeting Held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

The Chairman presented the **Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee Meeting Held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024**, a copy of which had been previously circulated to all Councillors.

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

**PROPOSED BY:** Councillor Coe

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Davies

**RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024 be approved and signed as a true and correct record.**

Councillor Rivers abstained from voting as he had not been present for the meeting.

125/2024-25 **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:

**Water Quality – Sampling Data**

As agreed at our last meeting an email was sent to the following businesses and organisations to let them know that our latest Water Quality sampling data is available to be view on New Romney Town Council's website.

- The Environment Agency
- Folkestone & Hythe District Council – Environmental Health Dept
- Southern Water
- The Varne Boat Club
- Infiinity Water Sports
- The Foiling Collective
- Littlestone RNLI
- Marlie Farm Holiday Park

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- New Romney Caravan Park
- Romney Sands Caravan Park
- Kent County Council Councillor– Tony Hills

### **Calling in Planning Applications**

Please note for future when requesting for planning applications to be called in, that Folkestone and Hythe District Council is still authorised to make a delegated decision if the application is considered a minor operational development – please see below:

***As a householder development, it is minor operational development as defined by the Council's constitution, meaning that it can be determined under delegated powers even though the Town Council have objected. I have set out the relevant parts of the constitution below:***

***8.3.1 The Chief Officer Planning and Building Control is authorised to determine the categories of applications set out in paragraph 8.3.2 except those that:***

***f) Are planning applications where the view of the parish or town council differs strongly from that of the Chief Officer Planning and Building Control except where an objection: (v) is to minor operational development (e.g. domestic extensions, alterations to buildings, means of enclosures, accesses).***

## 126/2024-25 **SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

It was

**PROPOSED BY:** Councillor Rivers

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Coe



**RESOLVED – 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) [24/0810/FH](#)

37 Littlestone Road,  
New Romney, TN28 8LN

Proposed parking/keep of  
touring caravan within rear  
garden.

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**RECOMMENDATION**

**Recommend Refusal – Not  
enough information regarding  
the use of caravan. A caveat  
should be put in place that the  
caravan cannot be used for  
residential/living  
accommodation.**

**Voting:**

**For Application:**

**3**

**Against Application:**

**3 – Chairman's casting vote.**

**Abstained:**

**0**

(ii) [24/0923/FH](#)

3 The Churchlands, New  
Romney, TN28 8LE

Erection of a one-bedroom  
single storey garden annexe.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**Recommend Refusal –  
overdevelopment, too close to  
the boundary, application  
doesn't specify any  
dimensions, no reason for  
separate annexe given,  
application also doesn't  
specify that this  
is a retrospective application.  
Please note that the property  
does not back onto  
agricultural land as stated in  
the application.**

**Voting:**

For Application:	0
Against Application:	6
Abstained:	0

(iii) [24/0878/FH](#)

1 Longshore Grove, New Romney, TN28 8FP

Conversion of integral garage to living accommodation.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**Recommend refusal – Goes against condition 4 of planning permission: Y09/0763/SH.**

#### **Voting:**

For Application:	0
Against Application:	5
Abstained:	0

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(iv) [24/0918/FH](#)

Land Adj Sewage Treatment Works, Station Approach, Littlestone

Lawful development certificate (existing) for storage of caravans/leisure, business leisure & open storage hot food off premises.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**Not Lawful**

#### **Voting:**

For Application:	2
Against Application:	4
Abstained:	0

(v) [24/0782/FH](#)

Unit 1, Heritage Court, Mountfield Road, Mountfield Ind Est, New Romney, TN28 8FA

Proposed extension.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

#### **Voting:**

For Application:	6
Against Application:	0
Abstained:	0

**No Objection**

(vi) [24/0998/FH](#)

Littlestone Golf Club,  
St Andrews Road,  
Littlestone, TN28 8RB

Construction of new entrance  
porch and associated  
landscaping.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**Voting:**

**For Application:**

**5**

**Against Application:**

**0**

**Abstained:**

**0**

**No Objection**

127/2024-25 **SCHEDULE OF LICENCE APPLICATIONS**

There were no licence applications for consideration.

128/2024-25 **FOLKESTONE & HYTHE DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORTS/  
DECISIONS/MATTERS**

(i) A schedule of delegated decisions of Folkestone & Hythe District Council Planning Department for the periods ending 16<sup>th</sup> June 2024, 27<sup>th</sup> June 2024 and 24<sup>th</sup> June 2024 were duly received and noted.

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129/2024-25 **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

The Kent & Medway Air Quality Forecast for Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2024 & The latest Water Quality Sampling Information which had previously been circulated to all Committee Members, was duly received and noted.

130/2024-25 **REPORTS FROM WORKING PARTIES**

**Parish Highway Improvement Plan**

The report from The Parish Highway Improvement Plan were duly received and noted as under:

- Email has been sent to KCC to query when the 'Not Suitable for HGV' signage will be installed.
- Traffic Regulation Order for 20MPH Zones have now been issued – 26.06.2024 see below. (This has now been uploaded onto New Romney Town Council's Website under the Parish Highway Improvement Plan).

The Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and the meeting  
Concluded **at 7:32pm**

*Minutes prepared by the Planning Clerk*

**NEW ROMNEY TOWN COUNCIL**  
**PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**31<sup>st</sup> JULY 2024**  
**PLANNING CLERK'S REPORT**

**(i) Meeting with Pentland Homes on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024 re: 23/1591/FH**

Please see below a summary from Pentland Homes about our meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024 when we discussed planning application: 23/1591/FH.



Mrs Gemma Hall  
Planning Clerk  
New Romney Town Council

By Email: [planning.clerk@newromneytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:planning.clerk@newromneytowncouncil.gov.uk)

15 July 2024

Dear Gemma

**23/1591/FH – HYBRID PLANNING APPLICATION COMPRISING: FULL PLANNING APPLICATION FOR THE ERECTION OF 94 RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS INCLUDING ACCESS FROM ASHFORD ROAD, OPEN SPACE, LANDSCAPING, CAR PARKING AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE. OUTLINE PLANNING APPLICATION WITH ALL MATTERS RESERVED FOR THE ERECTION OF 5 SELF/CUSTOM BUILD UNITS**

**LAND WEST OF ASHFORD ROAD, NEW ROMNEY**

I write following our meeting on 10 July with the New Romney Town Council Planning and Environment Committee, where we discussed the above application which is currently submitted to Folkestone and Hythe District Council (FHDC) for their consideration.

I set out below a summary response and clarification to a number of the queries on the application that were raised by members of the Committee at this meeting.

*Proposed Number of Units*

The Site is allocated for development in the Adopted Local Plan and benefits from outline planning permission for 87 homes. These revised proposals do seek to increase the number of dwellings on site by 9no. homes, providing 96 dwellings (including 5 self-build properties). The reason for this increase is to make the most efficient use of the Site, whilst still according with the site allocation policy and other policies in the Local Plan.

The uplift in the number of homes makes the best use of the Site, reducing pressure on the need to release other greenfield sites for development to meet identified housing needs. This increase further makes up for some of the shortfall of dwellings provided on the Site Land East of Ashford Road (also known as Mulberry Fields) which provided 13 fewer homes than the site was allocated for.

The application was originally submitted to develop 99 homes on Site, however following extensive design discussions with FHDC this was reduced to 96 homes. The density of the development remains low, with a gross density of just 28dph, in keeping with the local area, and providing 0.91ha of open space, in excess of policy requirements.

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### Proposed Building Heights

As part of the outline consent, a Building Heights Parameter Plan was approved which identified building heights of up to 3-storeys (see figure 1 below). Whilst this is a separate planning consent, these parameter plans have been used to inform these updated proposals where possible. As part of Pentland's revised proposals only two 3-storey apartment buildings are proposed, in the same location as identified by the outline consent (please see figure 2 below). The proposed building heights are therefore within acceptable parameters. All other buildings on Site will be a maximum of 2-storeys, which is lower than that approved as part of the outline consent, which allowed for large areas of 2.5 storey buildings, which Pentland do not propose.

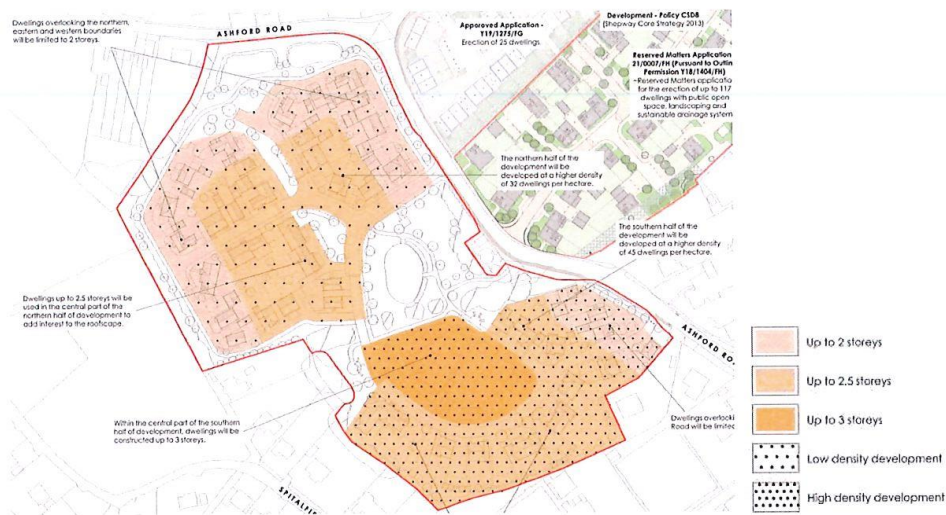


Figure 1: Outline Consent Approved Building Heights Parameter Plan

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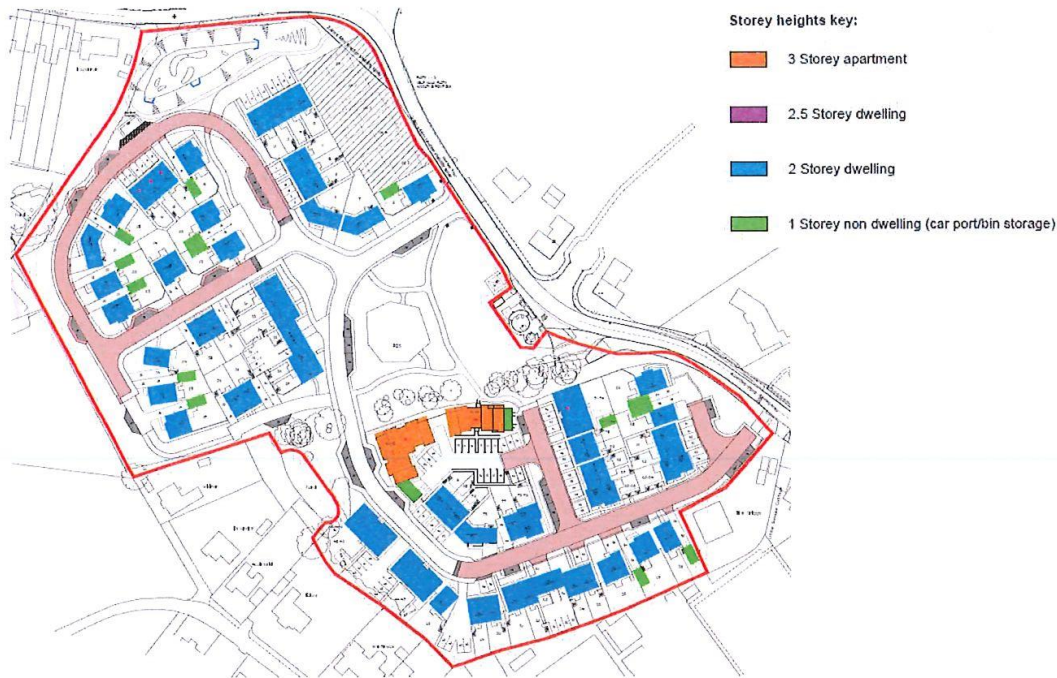


Figure 2: Proposed Building Heights

The proposed building heights therefore comply with the building heights previously approved on Site.

#### *Sustainability and Energy Efficiency*

The proposals do not seek to supply gas for the development. All dwellings will instead be provided with air source heat pumps and photovoltaic roof panels. This is in excess of what is currently required by Building Regulations and will provide a sustainable and energy efficient development.

#### *Financial Contributions*

FHDC operates CIL and the development will contribute c. £450,000 towards infrastructure provision. Separate contributions of c. £533,000 are also secured via S106 towards healthcare provision (c. £87,000) and secondary and SEND education (c. £ 446,000). This is a betterment over the current outline consent, that does not secure separate contributions to education provision, as at the time of the outline approval these were secured via CIL.

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The proposals would therefore provide greater infrastructure contributions than those of the existing consent.

I trust this provides some further clarity following our meeting, however, should the Town Council have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

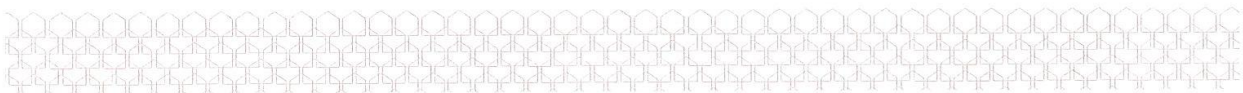


Peter Reed  
Development Director

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**(ii) Change of date for our next Planning and Environment Committee meeting.**

Please note that our next Planning and Environment Committee meeting has been rescheduled to **TUESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2024 AT 6:45PM IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS** – This will be confirmed on our next Agenda and a rescheduling notice will be put on New Romney Town Council's Website.



NEW ROMNEY TOWN COUNCIL  
PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
31<sup>st</sup> JULY 2024  
SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS  
FOR CONSIDERATION

<u>Application No</u>	<u>Location and Description</u>
(i) <a href="#">24/1004/FH</a>	Land Rear 2 Broadlands Avenue, New Romney, TN28 8JE  Lawful Development Certificate (existing) for the confirmation of lawful implementation of approved planning permission <a href="#">20/1734/FH</a>
<b><u>RECOMMENDATION</u></b> <b><u>Voting:</u></b> <b>For Application:</b> <b>Against Application:</b> <b>Abstained:</b>	

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**Additional Planning Applications received:**

(ii) <a href="#">24/1035/FH/NMA</a>	Sandbanks, Coast Road, Littlestone, TN28 8RA  Non-Material Amendment to planning permission 21/0747/H to allow for internal and external alterations.
<b><u>RECOMMENDATION</u></b> <b><u>Voting:</u></b> <b>For Application:</b> <b>Against Application:</b> <b>Abstained:</b>	

**NEW ROMNEY TOWN COUNCIL**  
**PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**31<sup>st</sup> JULY 2024**

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

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**For the Period Ending 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

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| (i) <a href="#"><u>24/0724/FH</u></a>     | <p>Cranbrook, 15 Victoria Road, Littlestone, New Romney, TN28 8NL</p> <p>Single storey outbuilding to create annexes, following removal of existing garage and outbuildings.</p> <p><b><u>DECISION:</u></b> <b>Approved with conditions.</b><br/>         (NRTC – Recommend refusal – Contravenes HB9 – gives no reasons for separate annexe.)</p>  |
| (ii) <a href="#"><u>22/0981/FHNMA</u></a> | <p>19 Meehan Road, Greatstone, New Romney, TN28 8SQ</p> <p>Non material amendment to planning application 21/1257/FH - Demolition of existing garage, kitchen , rear porch and removal of chimney. Erection of side and rear extension and integral garage. Renew existing front porch and loft conversion with rear facing dormer. Re-submission of 21/0779/FH to reduce soffit width above gable wall to keep within boundary wall, reducing from 380mm in total including gutter to 259mm in total and to change side garage window to door.</p> <p><b><u>DECISION:</u></b> <b>Withdrawn by applicant.</b></p> |
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**For the Period Ending 21<sup>st</sup> July 2024**

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| (i) <a href="#"><u>23/2082/FH</u></a> | <p>Plot B, Land Rear of Plot 15, Collins Road, New Romney, TN28 8LH</p> <p>17No. general industrial units with associated parking and access road.</p> <p><b><u>DECISION:</u></b> <b>Approved with conditions.</b><br/>         (NRTC – No Objection)</p> |
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(ii) [24/0923/FH](#)

3 The Churchlands, New Romney, TN28 8LH

**DECISION:**

Erection of a one-bedroom single storey garden annexe

**Approved with conditions.**

**(NRTC – Recommend Refusal – overdevelopment, too close to the boundary, application doesn't specify any dimensions, no reason for separate annexe given, application also doesn't specify that this is a retrospective application. Please note that the property does not back onto agricultural land as stated in the application.)**

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**NEW ROMNEY TOWN COUNCIL**  
**PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**31<sup>st</sup> JULY 2024**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

**Kent & Medway Air Quality Forecast for Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

<b>Today</b>	Air quality within the post code region TN28 is forecast to be Low
<b>Tomorrow</b>	Air quality within the post code region TN28 is forecast to be predominantly Low with a small chance of Moderate

*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	>95%	75%
Moderate	<5%	25%
High	<1%	<5%
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, particularly outdoors, and particularly if they experience symptoms. People with asthma may find they need to use their reliever inhaler more often. Older people should also <b>reduce</b> physical exertion.	Anyone experiencing discomfort such as sore eyes, cough or sore throat should <b>consider reducing</b> activity, particularly outdoors.
Very High	10	Adults and children with lung problems, adults with heart problems, and older people, should <b>avoid</b> strenuous physical activity. People with asthma may find they need to use their reliever inhaler more often.	<b>Reduce</b> physical exertion, particularly outdoors, especially if you experience symptoms such as cough or sore throat.

\*Adults and children with heart or lung problems are at greater risk of symptoms. Follow your doctor's usual advice about exercising and managing your condition. It is possible that very sensitive individuals may experience health effects even on Low air pollution days. Anyone experiencing symptoms should follow the guidance provided below.

Further information about health and air quality can be found here: <https://kentair.org.uk/faq>

Further details about current air quality and the forecast are available - [here](#)

## **Water Quality Sampling Information**

The latest Water Quality Sampling Information has been uploaded onto New Romney Town Council's website:

[https://www.newromney-tc.gov.uk/Water\\_Quality\\_Sampling\\_Information\\_48107.aspx](https://www.newromney-tc.gov.uk/Water_Quality_Sampling_Information_48107.aspx)

## **Understanding our data collected**

### **Coastal Bathing Waters**

#### **Classification**

#### **Thresholds (percentile)**

Excellent	EC: ≤250 cfu/100ml ;	IE: ≤100 cfu/100ml (95th percentile)
Good	EC: ≤500 cfu/100ml ;	IE: ≤200 cfu/100ml (95th percentile)
Sufficient	EC: ≤500 cfu/100ml ;	IE: ≤185 cfu/100ml (90th percentile)
Poor	means that the values are worse than the sufficient	
( ≤ means less than or equal to)		

For every designated bathing water in England, the Environment Agency monitors *Escherichia coli* (EC) and intestinal enterococci (IE) in the water, throughout the bathing season (15 May to 30 September).

Values can vary depending on the weather, pollution from agricultural and urban sources, storm water overflows, amongst other factors.

The readings taken over the last four bathing seasons then determine the annual classification for that water.

### ***Escherichia coli* (*E.coli*)**

*E. coli* are a group of organisms found in the intestines of animals and humans and survive for a while in the environment when excreted. Many types of *E. coli* are not harmful but some such as *E. coli* 0157, can directly cause illness. The presence of the bacteria indicates that human or animal faeces may be present in bathing water and could contain other potentially harmful organisms that could cause illness.

### **Intestinal Enterococci (IE)**

Intestinal Enterococci are found in the intestines of animals and humans although some types are environmental in origin. The presence of the bacteria indicates that human or animal faeces may be present in bathing water alongside other potentially harmful organisms that could cause illness.

**NEW ROMNEY TOWN COUNCIL**  
**PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**31<sup>st</sup> JULY 2024**  
**REPORTS OF WORKING PARTIES**

**(i) Changes to High Street Parking – New Romney.**

The traffic regulation order for the changes to the parking in New Romney High Street has now gone live and was sent out on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2024. The Notice is scheduled to appear in the KM papers on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2024. Notices will be erected on street. Full details can be found now at <https://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/parking/traffic-order-consultation>

Letters of support or objections to the proposed Order will need to be received by 5pm on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2024, and addressed to Parking Services, Civic Centre, Folkestone & Hythe District Council, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent CT20 2QY or by email to [traffic.orders@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk](mailto:traffic.orders@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk)

This has also been uploaded onto New Romney Town Council's website under the Parish Highway Improvement Plan page, please click the link below:

[https://www.newromney-tc.gov.uk/Parish\\_Highway\\_Improvement\\_Plan\\_41431.aspx](https://www.newromney-tc.gov.uk/Parish_Highway_Improvement_Plan_41431.aspx)

**(ii) Unsuitable for HGV signage – Spitalfield Lane & Sussex Road.**

An email has been sent to KCC to chase up when the 'Unsuitable for HGV Signage' signs which were meant to be installed at the entrance to both Spitalfield Lane and Sussex Road – I shall keep you updated when I hear anything.

**(iii) Emergency Parking Bay – New Romney**

We asked whether the emergency parking bay situated outside Spar in New Romney High Street could be changed back to a normal parking space. Folkestone and Hythe District Council's Parking Services reached out to Kent Police to query this on our behalf and the consensus at the moment is that they wish to keep the parking bay as it is with a review to be done on its usage.

**(iv) Kent County Council – Road Safety & Active Travel Newsletter July 2025**

Please see below the quarterly Newsletter from KCC's Road Safety & Active Travel Newsletter. This has also been uploaded onto New Romney Town Council's website under the Parish Highway Improvement Plan page.

**(v) 20 MPH Traffic Regulation Order**

Please note that the closing date for any comments regarding the proposed 20MPH Zones is the 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024. A copy of the Traffic Regulation Order and all documents relating to this can be

found on New Romney Town Council's website under the Parish Highway Improvement Plan page. Please click this link:

[https://www.newromney-tc.gov.uk/Parish\\_Highway\\_Improvement\\_Plan\\_41431.aspx](https://www.newromney-tc.gov.uk/Parish_Highway_Improvement_Plan_41431.aspx)



# ROAD SAFETY & ACTIVE TRAVEL NEWSLETTER



ISSUE 1 (APRIL - JUNE 2024)

## WELCOME

At Kent County Council (KCC) we are always keen to improve how we communicate with our customers. In the Summer of 2022 we restructured our Road Safety & Active Travel Group (RSATG) to provide dedicated Community Engagement Officers within the Highway Improvement Team.

We are committed to working alongside Parish and Town Councils and County Members in reviewing your highway improvement requests, giving a voice to the communities that you represent.

This is our first Road Safety & Active Travel Group quarterly newsletter and has been designed to keep you up to date with the latest news from the Group and to help you discover first-hand the important role that we all play for Kent communities and the benefits of engaging with us through the Highway Improvement Plan (HIP) process.

## MEET THE TEAM HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS TEAM

The Highway Improvements Team is split into West Kent and East Kent, with three different, but interconnected, work streams making up each team:

**Community Engagement** – works closely with County Members, Parish and Town Councils on all aspects of their Highway Improvement Plan.

**Planning & Advice** – provides technical advice for HIP priorities, determines the feasibility of schemes being requested and advises on alternative options where a desired scheme may not be possible.

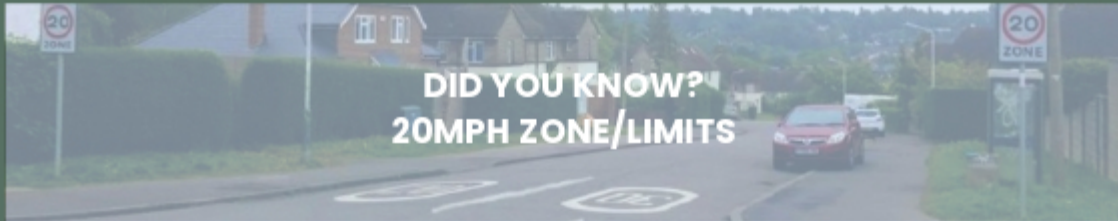
**Design & Delivery** – designs schemes to meet Kent's highway standards, CDM Regulations and DfT policy and works with KCC's contractors to deliver the work on the ground.

Both Planning & Advice and Design & Delivery also lead collaboratively on the casualty reduction programme and Local Transport Plan (LTP) funded schemes.



## USEFUL LINKS

- [KCC Fault reporting tool](#)
- [KCC led consultations](#)
- [District Council services](#)
- [Kent Police reporting tool](#)
- [CrashMap UK](#)
- [DfT's Setting local speed limits](#)
- [Planned roadworks](#)
- [School travel plans](#)
- [Lorry Watch](#)
- [Community Speedwatch](#)
- [Kent & Medway Safety Camera Partnership](#)
- [Kent Road Safety](#)



At KCC we receive a large number of requests for the implementation of 20mph speed restrictions and we appreciate that, when installed in the right place at the right time, they are an important measure in improving road safety.

However, any speed reduction through signage alone should not be seen as a tool to address an evidenced speeding issue. The Department for Transport (DfT) has recently updated their guidance [Setting local speed limits](#) which now states that traffic authorities should only introduce 20mph limits and zones in the right places and ensure any such measures are targeted and not introduced as a blanket measure. This is because over-use of inappropriate speed limits risks undermining public acceptance which could impact compliance of 20mph speed limits where they are most needed, such as outside of schools and in residential areas where there is generally a high proportion of vulnerable road users.

Government guidance on the implementation of 20mph schemes states that successful 20mph limits and zones should be self-enforcing and Kent Police do not support new 20mph speed limits unless the existing average speed of vehicles is 24mph or less as they do not have the resources to enforce 20mph sites with poor compliance.

A reduction in the posted speed limit through signage alone is unlikely to make any discernible difference. As such, KCC have to consider this when designing new speed limits. We have to balance the benefits of slower speeds alongside that of compliance. The decisions are always locally determined and an individual assessment is required by considering the existing average speeds to see if they are likely to be suitable.

In some circumstances, where average speeds are between 24-28mph it may still be possible to consider a reduction, but some form of traffic calming (innovative or traditional) would need to be installed to better ensure reasonable compliance.

For details on the site requirements and typical costs of a 20mph limit or zone please refer to pages 9&10 of your Highway Information Pack. Where existing speeds are too high for a 20mph speed restriction to be self-enforcing, and/or traffic calming is not possible, we will work with elected bodies on what other measures we may be able to introduce to address the concerns being raised.

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#### LOOKING BACK

In each issue of the newsletter we will give you an insight into the work that the Highway Improvements Team have delivered as a result of our close working relationship with Parish & Town Councils and County Members.

Between April 2023 and March 2024 we carried out **188** HIP reviews across Kent resulting in the delivery of **23** Parish Council funded schemes and **94** schemes funded from KCC's HIP budget.



## THIS QUARTER IN NUMBERS

Between April and June 2024, the Highway Improvements Team has carried out the following work in conjunction with Parish and Town Councils and County Members across Kent:

Parish/Town Council and County Member meetings – **77**

Number of HIP/Parish funded schemes delivered – **23**

Total value of KCC funded schemes (HIP budget) delivered – **£48,875**

Total value of Parish/ Town Council funded schemes delivered – **£20,364**

### PRESTON HILL/HIGH STREET, WINGHAM – LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN (LTP) SCHEME

A Parish Council in Dover had raised concerns about the junction of the High Street and Preston Hill via their Highway Improvement Plan. The concerns were vehicles driving at excess speed at the junction, large vehicles mounting the traffic island which resulted in damage to street furniture and there were concerns for pedestrians crossing here. There was also a property at the junction where several instances of damage had occurred to the property and a highway wall.



The crash data was reviewed and analysed and it did not meet our criteria to fund changes at this location. An outline design and cost estimate was sent to the parish council to reconfigure the junction layout but was too costly for the parish council to fund, so a bid was submitted through the Local Transport Plan funding stream. The bid was successful and the works were completed in November 2023.

The overall cost of the scheme was £117,000.

The works included widening the footway outside the property and realigning the junction by relocating the traffic island. The photos show the road layout before and after completion of the scheme.

Since the scheme has been implemented, there have been no damage only or personal injury crashes reported. This is a really good example of Parish Councils and the Community Engagement Team working together to get the right result.



## COLLABORATION

Whilst the Highway Improvements Team (HIT) are dedicated to delivering as many feasible Parish/Town Council and County Member promoted schemes as possible, it is also true that simply by being on a Highway Improvement Plan (HIP), with community support and/or with a funding stream identified, does not guarantee that an engineering measure can be identified or delivered.

Not only are we restricted by what is legally, physically and technically possible, sometimes there are just no measures that HIT can deliver that will resolve the concerns of the communities you represent.

However, we are not content to leave it there and we work across the Road Safety & Active Travel Group, for example with the Road Safer User Behaviour team, as well as with wider Highways & Transportation colleagues, and externally with Kent Police, the District & Borough Councils etc.

Looking at the issues together we are able to benefit from other teams' knowledge, experience and resources to find the most suitable solution where there is one. In each newsletter our aim is to give you an example of how we work collaboratively in order to provide the best service to Kent's residents via their elected representatives.

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT SPEEDING



Unsurprisingly, speeding is one of the main causes of concern that HIT receives when discussing HIP priorities with Parish/Town Councils and County Members. The first thing your Community Engagement Officer will do is review current average speeds at the location in question. Often this shows that speeding is a perception, rather than an evidenced issue.

However, where there is evidence of speeding (Kent Police consider this to be where average speeds are above the enforcement speed limit of 10% + 2mph), HIT will first consider what engineering measures may be possible to improve compliance with the posted speed limit.

It should be noted that reducing the speed limit of a road is not considered to be an effective way of reducing speeding, however there may be other schemes that we can consider such as the installation of village gateways, upgrading of existing speed terminals, addition of new repeater signs (not allowable on a street lit 30) or installation of physical traffic calming (not possible on unlit or A and B classified roads).



In cases where no physical engineering measures are suitable, HIT considers how we can address the behavioural aspect of speeding, and works collaboratively both internally and externally to determine other solutions that would set residents mind at ease. This could include:



**Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs)** - An alternative to the fixed electronic sign, HIT work with KCC's Traffic Operations Team to offer a SID scheme to help tackle concerns of speeding.

SIDs are non-permanent moveable signs. They comprise of a single SID unit used in rotation across multiple fixed poles within existing 30mph zones as a driver education tool.



Proposed sites are assessed on an individual basis and a minimum of three posts are required per SID, with a bracket for each, to a maximum of five sites per sign in order to retain overall effectiveness.

SIDs are currently not available for use in 20mph speed restrictions, however KCC's Traffic Operations Team is looking into trialing new signs which are sensitive enough to pick up lower speeds, so this may be something that we can offer in the future.



**Toolkits** - HIT works with our Safer Roads colleagues to offer a number of resources to support Parish and Town Councils to encourage compliance of 20 and 30mph speed limits.

It provides the tools, assets and information needed to successfully communicate this message and consists of posters, car stickers, bin stickers and road banners.

More information can be found on-line at <https://kentroadsafety.info/what-we-do/speed/>

**SpeedWatch** - Working with Kent Police, and operating at carefully selected sites on roads in 20mph, 30mph and 40mph speed limits, a group typically of three Community SpeedWatch (CSW) practitioners/volunteers monitors the speed of passing vehicles using a portable speed indication device.

Details of vehicles travelling at or above nationally-specified thresholds (25+, 35+ and 46+mph) are recorded and reported. The registered keepers of vehicles observed repeatedly of 'high-end' speeding anywhere in Kent in the previous 12 months are then sent advisory letters by Kent Police.




[Parish/Town Councils would need to contact Kent Roads, like to operate Speedwatch in your community; they will be able to run through the site risk assessment process and training for operators.](#)

KCC may be able to assist with the funding of the equipment so please speak to your Community Engagement lead if you are interested.



**Targeted road safety campaigns** - Where there may be a pattern of collisions that have been attributed to a behavioural issue, such as vehicles not stopping at a STOP junction, HIT can work with the Safer Roads Team to produce a targeted road safety campaign to address the behaviour we would like to change.



## RUNNING HORSE ROUNDABOUT, MAIDSTONE – CRASH REMEDIAL MEASURES (CRM) PROGRAMME

The Highway Improvements Team's core responsibility is the analysis of Crash Remedial Measures (CRM) sites across Kent and the identification of engineering solutions that will have a positive impact on collision numbers at that location.

The Running Horse Roundabout, which links the M20 with the A229 Chatham Road, in Maidstone is one of the busiest roundabouts in Kent. There have been 13 personal injury crashes reported to us in the past three years, making this junction a key priority for work to reduce injuries on the public highway. The figure for the past five years is 29.

As a result, an innovative design was produced to adapt the roundabout into a new '[Turbo Roundabout](#)' in a bid to lessen crashes and bust congestion on one of Kent's busiest routes.

Unlike normal roundabouts, Turbo Roundabouts require drivers to choose the direction they plan to travel in before entering the roundabout. Lanes are separated by coloured markings and lines preventing motorists from switching lanes whilst on the roundabout circulatory. As well as increased lines and coloured surfacing, engineers changed the signage on the approaches to the roundabout in all directions to raise awareness of the new style.

This project was delivered in May 2024, finishing ahead of schedule, and already driver behaviour has adapted to the new layout with vehicles being observed entering and travelling around the roundabout in a slower and more disciplined way.

Kent's newest Turbo Roundabout has already received national industry recognition and our very own Design & Delivery Principal Engineer, Chris Koningen, has been asked to present at the next annual conference of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT) in September.

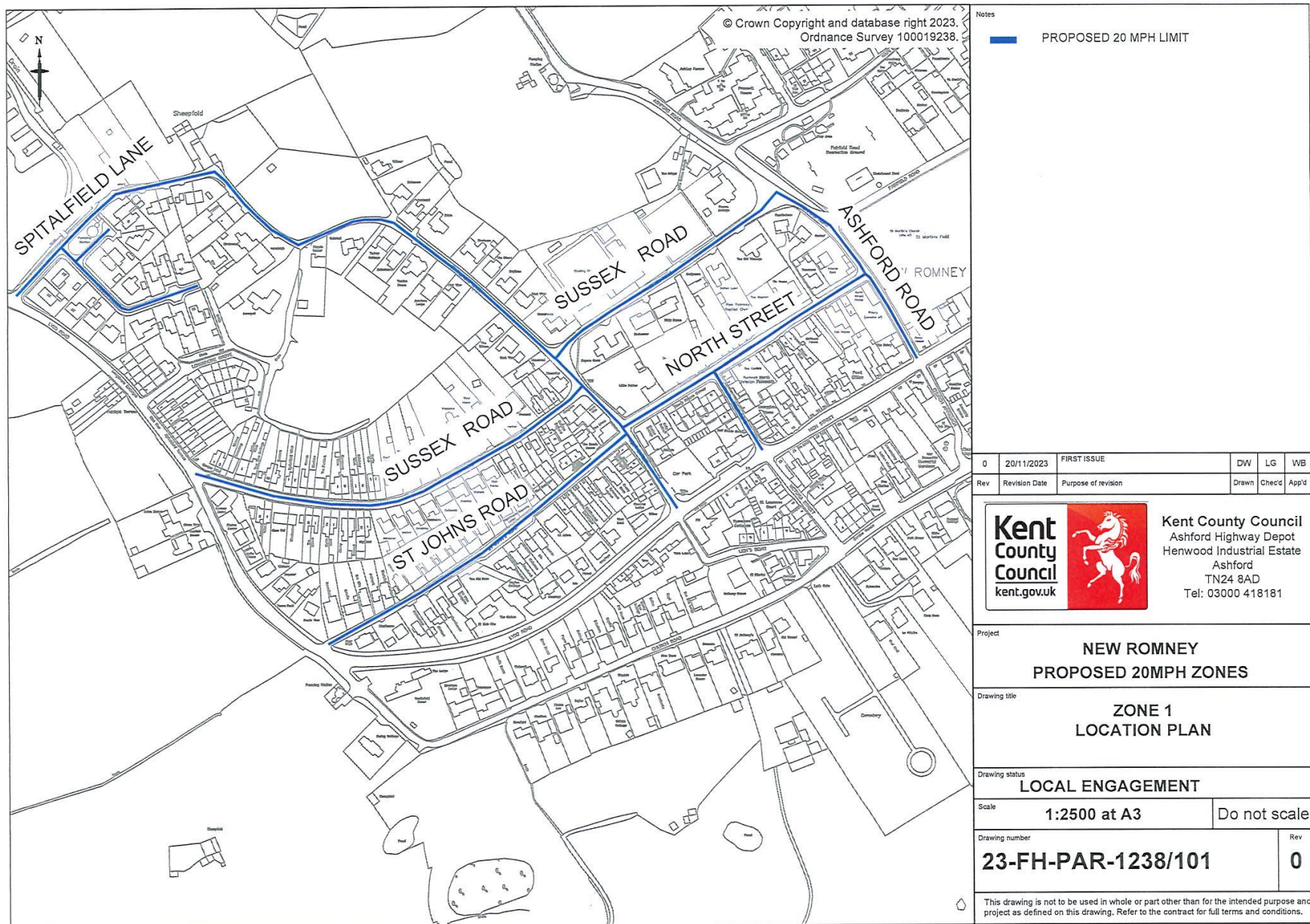


### HAVE YOUR SAY

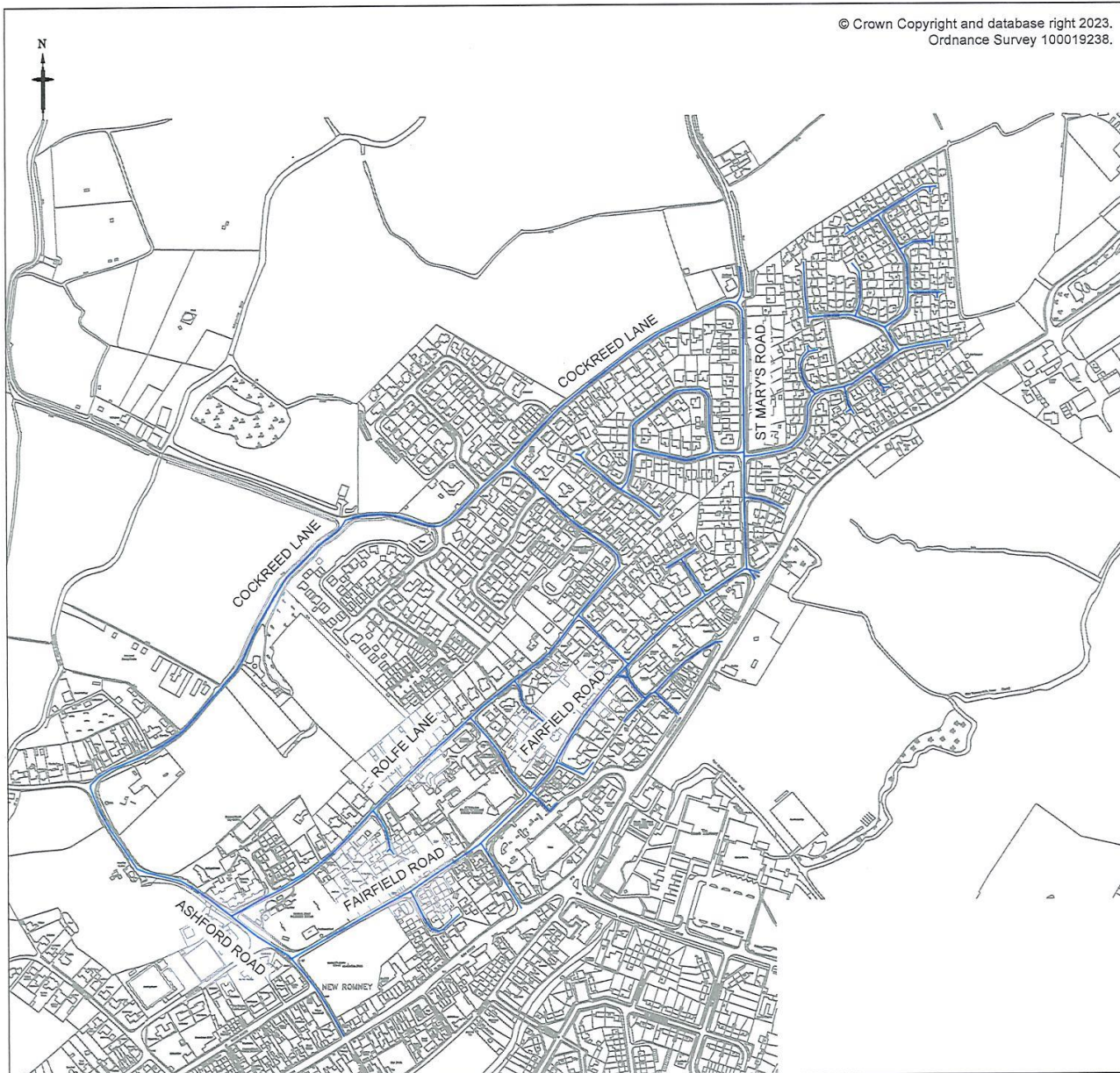
We value your feedback and would love to hear from you if you have any thoughts or suggestions as to what you'd like to see in future issues. Please complete this brief questionnaire which will allow us to ensure that our newsletters are providing you with the information that you would like to see.

[Have your say – Microsoft Forms](#)









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Notes

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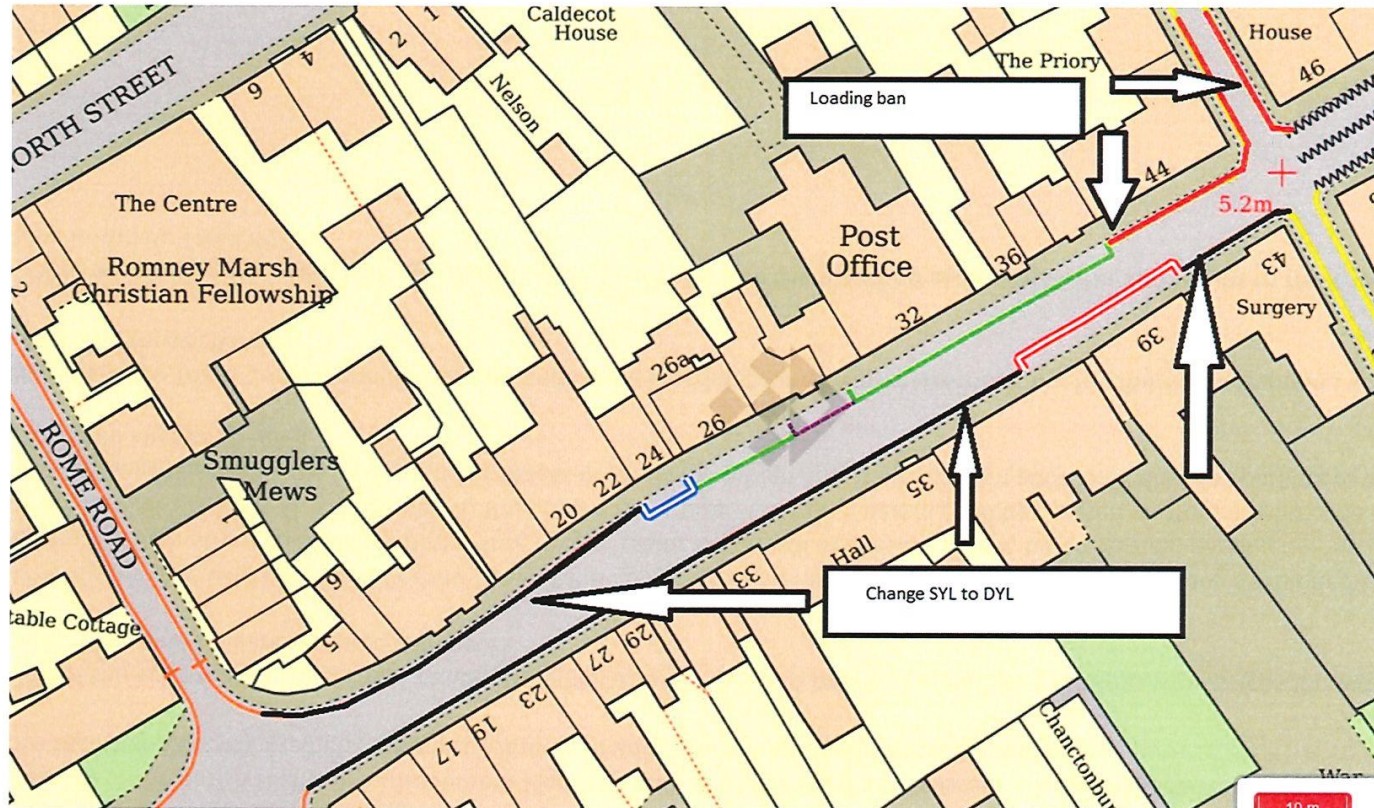
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New Romney Town Council  
Parish Highway Improvement Plan  
Proposed Changes to High Street Parking – New Romney



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.

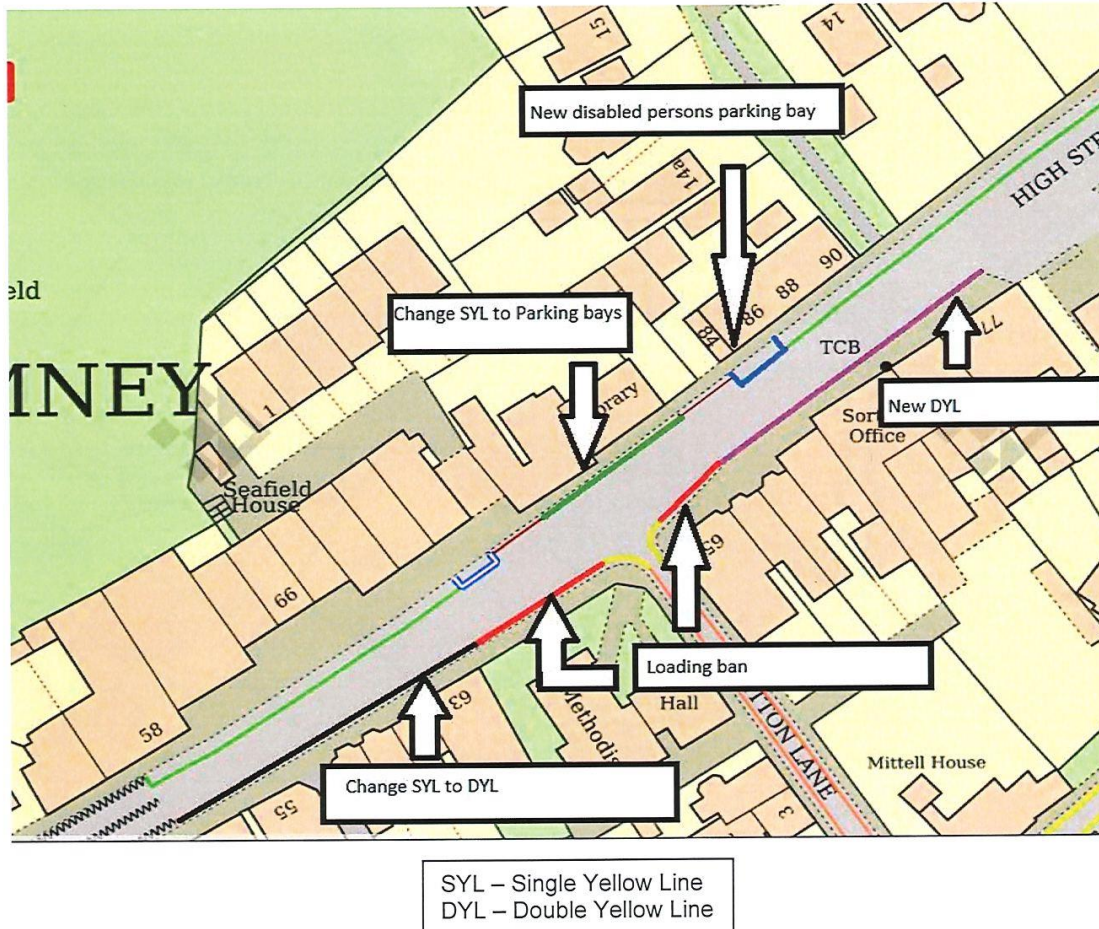
Single yellow lines to be upgraded to double yellow lines from 22 High Street to the corner of Rome Road.

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





New Romney Town Council  
Parish Highway Improvement Plan  
Proposed Changes to High Street Parking – New Romney



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.

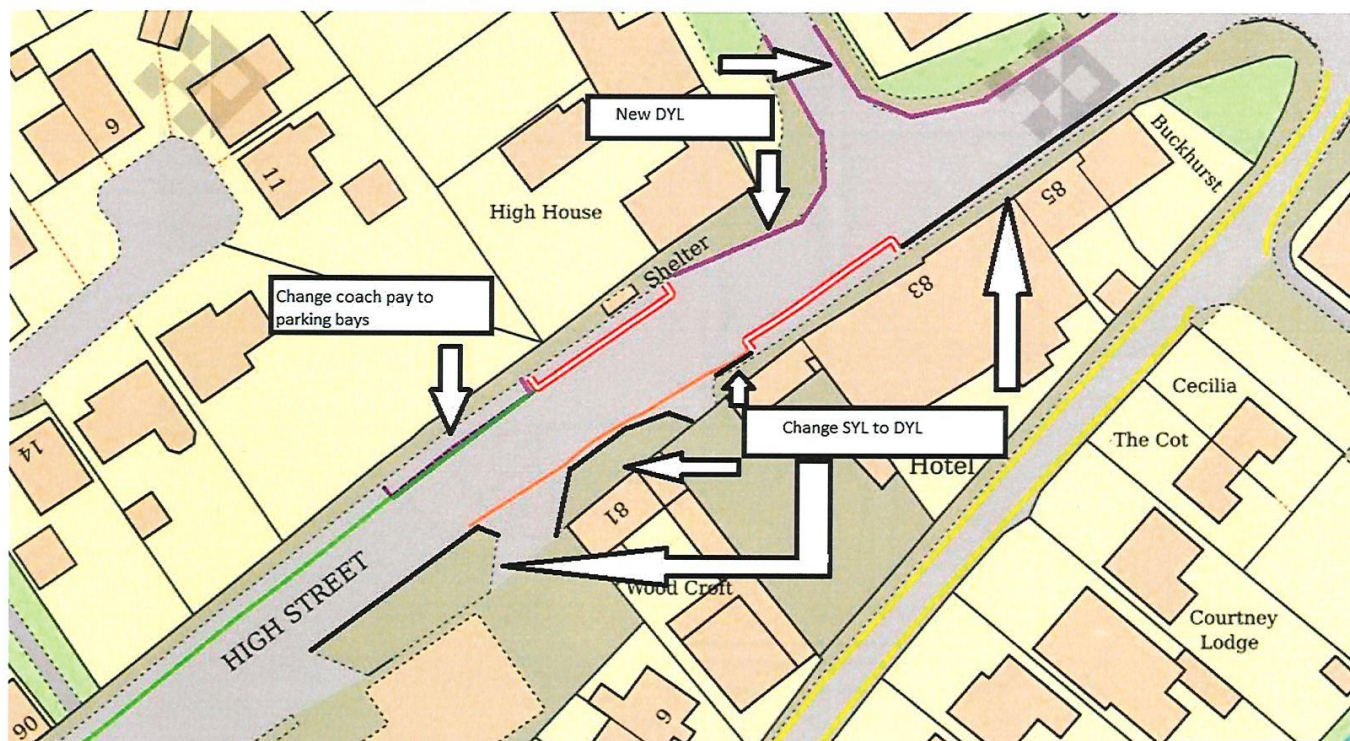
New disabled bay added after That Pet Shop outside Romney Spice.

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.



New Romney Town Council  
Parish Highway Improvement Plan  
Proposed Changes to High Street Parking – New Romney



SYL – Single Yellow Line  
DYL – Double Yellow Line

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.





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

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.**



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

### 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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### Highway Improvement Plan

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

### 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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### Highway Improvement Plan

					<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>





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

					<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>

**NEW ROMNEY TOWN COUNCIL**  
**PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**31<sup>st</sup> JULY 2024**  
**NATIONAL HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT SURVEY FOR 2024-25**

We have received the following email from Kent County Council, please make a recommendation for a councillor(s) to complete all 6 short surveys on behalf of New Romney Town Council.

Good morning,

As you have previously expressed an interest in receiving information on consultations about transport and roads you may be interested in the National Highways and Transport Survey for 2024-25.

Councils across the UK are asking residents to tell them what they think of transport and highways services in their area, and we're one of those councils.

There are six independent surveys in total - feel free to take one or all of them. Each survey will only take a few minutes of your time. We're asking for your views on:

- accessibility
- highways maintenance
- public transport
- road safety
- tackling congestion
- walking and cycling

Visit <https://letstalk.kent.gov.uk/nht-survey-2024-25> to take part.

Kind regards,

KCC's Engagement and Consultation Team

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**NEW ROMNEY TOWN COUNCIL**  
**PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**31<sup>st</sup> JULY 2024**  
**LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 5 – STRIKING THE BALANCE PUBLIC**  
**CONSULTATION**

We have received the following email from Kent County Council, please make a recommendation for a councillor(s) to complete the consultation on behalf of New Romney Town Council.

Good afternoon,

We would like to hear your views on our draft Local Transport Plan - Striking the Balance.

The document sets out a clear plan for transport in Kent which is ambitious but achievable in its aims to improve all types of journeys. This plan will replace our fourth Local Transport Plan 'Delivering Growth without Gridlock' which was adopted in 2017.

We want to hear your views on the updated ambition and policy outcomes and objectives, as well as the proposals we have set out for the county and each district.

We are hosting a number of consultation drop in events across the county for you to find out more about the draft plan and ask your questions.

To find out more and have your say, visit [www.kent.gov.uk/ltp5](http://www.kent.gov.uk/ltp5).

The consultation closes on 8 October.

You may also be interested in this years National Highways and Transport Survey. To find out more and take part visit <https://letstalk.kent.gov.uk/nht-survey-2024-25>

Kind regards,

KCC's Consultation & Engagement Team

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**Our nearest Drop-in event is:**

<b>21 August 2024</b>	<b>12pm to 4pm</b>	<b>New Romney Scout Hut, Chapel Road, Dymchurch, Romney Marsh TN29 0TD</b>	<b>Folkestone and Hythe</b>
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