

Highway Improvements Team working in Partnership with High Halden Parish Council

Highway Improvement Plan

Submission Date: January 2023

(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>)

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HIP Version	Submitted by (Name)	HIP Date	Record Of Meeting Dates with KCC Virtual or Face to Face	County Member	
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Please list below the funding opportunities/Sources for HIP initiatives/Measures				I.e., County Member, Parish Precept Donation, LTP	
Are you an active member of the Speed Watch Scheme?		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Are you an active member of the Lorry Watch Scheme?		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
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- Please note the Priority column MUST be those issues which are regarded as the most important (No 1 being your highest priority, then filtering down)
KCC is unable to guarantee that all your requests will be deliverable, but Project Managers can investigate your top 1 or 2 priorities per year.

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

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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.	A28 Ashford		SID scheme not suitable for the 30mph stretch on the A28. Therefore would like to explore installing a VAS at the site suggested by KCC.	The area roughly opposite the Gentlemans Barbers could potentially be utilised for a fixed VAS for westbound vehicles, and though not perfect there is possible scope at the corner of A28/Tilden Close for a fixed VAS for eastbound vehicles. A28.	
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Historical Priorities Record

No	Location	USRN	Problem/Concern	What do you feel are the potential solutions?	KCC Comments
	A28 Ashford road at each end of the village		Speed of traffic through the village. Village gates.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KCC to provide rough cost estimate for village gates once PC have advised on location. PC to liaise with Tenterden TC in considering boundary signing location. 	<p>Village sign relocation – consider co-locating with village gates.</p> <p>Completed</p>
	A28 Ashford Road		Speed of traffic through the village. Speed limit review/ reduction.		<p>Note maintenance and operational issue with existing traffic islands – consider their removal and possible alternatives to manage traffic speed. Island removal currently being considered by KCC street lighting team.</p> <p>Completed</p>
	Church Hill in vicinity of school		School related traffic – parking issues and speed of traffic.	Speed reduction outside the school.	<p>Traffic survey data will help inform decisions on suitable & proportionate solutions. Speed humps/ cushions unlikely to be suitable for this environment with no natural slowing features or street lighting. Enhanced speed limit terminal/ gateway with appropriate warning signs and 'slow' road markings would be more appropriate. To be discussed further once traffic data has been analysed.</p> <p>23/01/2023-</p> <p>"High Halden" sign installed and school signage renewed but not what the PC understood they were receiving. They believed that they were going to get a gateway.</p> <p>KCC to discuss this internally to provide PC with more information and explore option of installing SLOW markings on approach to the school.</p>

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					<p>KCC to check that the improvements the Parish Council paid for have been installed</p> <p>24/02/2023-</p> <p>Site visit conducted on 22/02/2023. Gateway in situ is the same as designed and sent to the parish for approval. SLOW marking in the road also present.</p>
	A28 Ashford Road		Crossing the road to reach the shop and the school is hazardous. We have received reports of parents/children having near misses in this area.	Zebra/pelican crossing required	<p>27/03/2023-</p> <p>PC reported that the issue is with vehicles turning left from Church Hill and not looking to see people crossing.</p> <p>PC and KCC in agreement that no alternate place in this area for the zebra crossing due to the bend, junctions and driveways.</p> <p>Signage in place to warn drivers from Church Hill of a pedestrian crossing.</p> <p>Discussions had regarding a pelican crossing. Advised that this is a very expensive scheme (in excess of £80,000) and would likely not prove popular with the residents in the properties near to this due to light and noise.</p> <p>Agreed to add to historical record.</p>
	A28 Ashford Road		Speed of traffic through the village given there is a school, shop, church and public house. Parents feel unsafe walking children to village school. Various residents have had arms/body parts clipped by	Extend the 30mph throughout the whole village	<p>27/03/2023-</p> <p>PC requesting extension of the 30mph limit on the west side, up to Holden Heights Care Community.</p> <p>Traffic Survey conducted May 2022 conducted between Holden Heights and Halden Close shows average speeds as follows:</p>

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			lorries whilst walking along the A28		<p>Eastbound 36.6mph Westbound 34.4mph</p> <p>These are a little higher than we would like, however KCC will discuss with Planning & Advice colleagues to establish feasibility and options.</p> <p>14/04/2023-</p> <p>Not feasible due to road environment and average speeds being too high. Also very costly due to removal of 40mph roundels on red tarmac.</p>
	A28 Ashford Road		Speed of traffic and lack of signage. Existing flashing sign just flashes one speed and is activated by all vehicles so is ignored	Moveable Vehicle activated signs required and to be managed by the Parish Council	<p>27/03/2023-</p> <p>Agreed to wait for results of potential extension of the 30mph limit before moving forward with this.</p> <p>KCC to investigate calibration of current VAS as reported that this activates for every vehicle rather than those travelling at excess speed.</p> <p>14/04/2023-</p> <p>This has been passed to the team who in charge of VAS who state they will look into the calibration.</p>
2.	A28 Ashford Road layby		ABC has recently installed yellow lines in the layby opposite the shop. This is going to have a detrimental effect on the village shop and we have a limited bus service	Remove parking restrictions to part of the layby. The layby is big enough for an area to be set aside for parking and to be dedicated to buses.	<p>27/03/2023-</p> <p>PC report that ABC have erected a sign on the bus stop to make parking here enforceable. Civil Enforcement Officers have been issuing tickets to vehicles parked at the end of the bus stop. PC concerned that this is pushing drivers to park in the car park by the shop which is on a bend with limited visibility.</p>

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					<p>PC and Mike Hill state that conversations with David Brazier have been had about designating parking here. KCC to investigate and provide answers for PC.</p> <p>14/04/2023-</p> <p>ABC advise that the request came from Stagecoach due to issues with getting the buses close to the kerb to allow disabled passengers to safely get on and off. Unable to change this.</p>
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