

Highway Improvement Team working in Partnership with Acol Parish Council

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Submission Date: 02/02/2022

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HIP Front Cover

HIP Version	Submitted by (Name)	HIP Date	Record Of Meeting Dates with KCC Virtual or Face to Face	Please list below the funding Opportunities/Sources for HIP initiatives/Measures	
1	Wendy Winpenny	16/05/2023	Telephone conversation with Parish Chairman 26/01/22 – details of proposals sent through by email on 28/01/22 08/12/2022 – Virtual meeting with Wendy Winpenny	Parish funding, County Member Grant	
Are you an active member of the Speed Watch Scheme?			Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Are you an active member of the Lorry Watch Scheme? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" 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.

Live Priorities Record

Priority	Location	Problem/Concern	What do you feel are the potential solutions?	KCC Comments (This column is to be completed by Project Manager ONLY)
	Welcome to Acol Sign on Crispe Road	There is a Welcome to Acol sign on all roads coming in to the village, except coming into the Village from Crispe Road.	The speed limit for this road is 30MPH, the average speed on this road is 28.1 MPH (Hadms Data – 09.12.22) I was thought that drivers were not aware that they had entered the village and would meet homes, driveways and pedestrians. A welcome to Acol's Village would raise this awareness and will assist in reducing the high speeds when entering the village from this road.	
1	All 30mph zones within the village of Acol	No Paths, Narrow roads, pedestrian and Horse safety.	Reduce traffic signage speeds to 20mph on Crispe Road, The Street, Minster Road, Margate & Acol Hill near in to village and	09/12/22 – Hadms Data & speed data sent to APC also 20mph information pack 09/12/2022 – information on Speed indicator device sent

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			Plumstone Road.	<p>09/12/22 KCC to look at regs on playground warning sign on Crispe Road to see if it could be moved closer.</p> <p>09/12/22 APC to log any damaged or faded signs as maintenance https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem</p>
2	The Street, Acol.	Excessive and increasing traffic, including lorries/HGVs, through narrow cart track with 4 blind bends, no footpaths or pavements, many properties opening directly on to the carriageway.	Extension to Columbus Avenue to take traffic away from Acol, for which Acol has been campaigning since 1996.	<p>02/02/22 County Member is funding surveys to gather up to date data on traffic volume and speeds.</p> <p>02/02/22 KCC is progressing in the bidding process for DfT funding for improvements to the Major Road Network in Thanet, including Columbus Avenue, and will shortly be putting together an outline business case. As part of this I have been advised that there will be engagement with local Parish Councils. For further details speak to KCC planning Team</p> <p>09/12/2022 – KCC have emailed APC to offer a meeting to engage with them on the bidding process for DfT funding for improvements to the Major Road Network in Thanet, including Columbus Avenue.</p> <p>09/12/2022 -Discussed virtual footpaths – Road width does not look suitable, Virtual footpaths would possibly give pedestrians false sense of security – village has</p>

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				<i>pedestrian warning signs.</i>
On A3	Crispe Road & Margate Hill.	Excessive through traffic along a single-track lane accessing a dangerous junction of Crispe Rd/The Street/Acol Hill/Margate Hill, which is also a narrow lane.	Narrowing of Crispe Road entrance, signs prohibiting traffic except for access, which could be achieved by extending Columbus Avenue and redirecting traffic.	02/02/22 Any adjustments will need to ensure that permitted vehicles such as agricultural vehicles, deliveries, service vehicles and emergency services can still use the road when required. The roads are already covered by a 7.5t weight limit to restrict larger unsuitable vehicles. We do not install prohibitions of motor vehicles in narrow lanes – there are many narrow single-track roads in the County and it is not practical to place restrictions of vehicles on them all.
4	Plumstone Road & The Street/Minster Road.	Excessive through traffic along a single-track lane accessing a difficult junction with The Street, which has a dangerous, blind junction on the southern section.	Strict narrowing of a wide access into Plumstone Road, with notices prohibiting traffic except for access and redirecting all traffic from Seamark Road to Manston and Columbus Avenue.	02/02/22 Any adjustments will need to ensure that permitted vehicles such as agricultural vehicles, deliveries, service vehicles and emergency services can still use the road when required. The roads are already covered by a 7.5t weight limit to restrict larger unsuitable vehicles. We do not install prohibitions of motor vehicles in narrow lanes – there are many narrow single-track roads in the County and it is not practical to place restrictions of vehicles on them.
5	Approaches to Acol along Minster Road and Acol Hill.	Build outs were obviously expensive to install but not high enough to slow traffic. APC has been advised that they cannot be raised due	Install a solar light at each location to enable raising of the build outs to force drivers to give way to approaching traffic.	02/02/22 Street Lighting Team have advised that they would not support the use of solar powered lighting at these locations. There is also some question whether there would be sufficient sunlight to charge the assets, especially on Acol Hill where there is tree cover. <i>09/12/2022 – KCC to ask advise on buildout on Minster Road – possible white Lining around buildout & SLOW</i>

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		to insufficient lighting.		<i>sign near junction warning sign</i>
6	Acol Hill and Park Lane	<i>Footpath along whole length of both roads. No public footpaths for residents to walk to Quex Park</i>	<i>Installing a footpath so residents do not have to walk across fields</i>	<i>09/12/2022 – Would need to get landowners permission – discussed would be very costly. Added to HIP as discussed in meeting</i>

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Historical Priorities Record

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1	The Street, Acol.	Excessive and increasing traffic, including lorries/HGVs, through narrow cart track with 4 blind bends, no footpaths or pavements, many properties opening directly on to the carriageway.	7.5t weight restriction	02/02/22 We will be looking to implement a regulatory 7.5t weight restriction along The Street between Spitfire Way roundabout and Manston Road junction in the new financial year to reduce the amount of large vehicles using this road. <i>09/12/2022 - Complete</i>

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