

# Highway improvements are about to start near where you live



## Minster Road, The Street & Acol Hill, Acol Village

### Installation of a Traffic Calming Scheme

#### What are we planning to do?

We are proposing to install a series of traffic calming measures through Acol Village starting at Minster Road through to Acol Hill. The traffic calming measure include:-

- Red High Friction Surface (HFS) area
- Installation of traffic calming cushions
- Installation of new upgraded village gateway signage and red HFS speed roundels
- Installation of new build out to create priority passing

#### Why do we want to do this work?

The Parish Council, on behalf of their Parishioners, had approached KCC's Highway District Manager expressing concerns with the safety through the village. Issues were raised about the speed of traffic and the number of road traffic incidents involving resident's property and their parked vehicles. Concerns were also raised with HGV vehicles using the village as a shortcut.

In October 2017, KCC Officers with the full backing of two County Members and the Parish Councillors, presented a scheme proposal for highway measures as outlined above in a bid for funding from the Local Transport Plan and were successful in securing the budget required. The proposal is to discourage the use of Acol Village as a shortcut and to reduce the speed of traffic through the village itself.

#### When will the work start and how long will it take?

The work is planned to take place week commencing **30th July 2018** and is expected to take **5 weeks** to complete, generally between the hours of **8am and 4pm**. This type of work can be affected by bad weather, so if it is not possible for us to carry out the works at this time, we will arrange a new date and let you know via road side information boards.

#### How will we carry out the works and how will it affect you?

The works will be carried out under a series of **road closures** for the **five week** construction period.

Phase 1 – 30/07/18 to 03/08/18, closure of Minster Road from jct with B2190 to jct with Plumstone Road. The diversion route runs along Spitfire Way through to Manston Road on to Margate Hill and vice versa.

Phase 2 – 06/08/18 to 24/08/18, closure of The Street from jct with Plumstone Road to jct with Margate Hill. The diversion route runs along Spitfire Way through to Manston Road on to Margate Hill and vice versa.

Phase 3 – 23/08/18 to 24/08/18, closure of The Street from jct with Margate Hill to jct with Crispe Road. The diversion route runs up Margate Hill to Manston Road and onto Acol Hill and vice versa.

Phase 4 – 27/08/18 to 31/08/18, closure of Acol Hill from jct with Crispe Road to jct with Manston Road. The diversion route runs up Margate Hill to Manston Road and vice versa.

Due to the nature of the works, it will not be possible to re-open the road outside the working hours. Access will be provided to residential properties within the closure areas, however, they will not be able to

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pass through the works area under construction.

This traffic management has been designed to give our contractor a safe area within which to carry out construction. We need your help to make sure the work is done as quickly as possible and to the best possible quality. If your vehicle is usually parked on the carriageway, please make sure you park it somewhere else away from the site whilst the works are carried out.

We want to complete the works as quickly as we can and without causing you too much inconvenience. **So please respect our workers' space and safety by driving carefully and slowly through the roadworks.** Feedback from our workers shows that too many drivers go too fast through roadworks. Everyone is entitled to a safe workplace and our staff work next to moving traffic and risk injury every day to maintain and improve the highway for everyone.

## **Please keep this leaflet safe in case you need to contact us**

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