

Highway Improvements Team working in Partnership with Rolvenden Parish Council

Highway Improvement Plan (HIP)

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- KCC is unable to guarantee that all your requests will be deliverable, but your Community Engagement Officer will advise this once they have been fully assessed/investigated.

HIP Version	Submitted by (Name)	HIP Submission Date	Record Of Meeting Dates with KCC Virtual or Face to Face	County Member	
1			17/09/2026 HIP Review	Wayne Chapman	
Are you an active member of the Speedwatch Scheme?		Yes ☒ No ☐	Are you an active member of the Lorry Watch Scheme?		Yes ☐ No ☒
Name of HIP Representative			Contact Telephone Number		Email Address
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Live Priorities Record

Priority	Location	Has this issue been raised previously?	Problem/Concern	What are your objectives/ what options would you like KCC to consider?	KCC Comments
Please prioritise issues in the order of most importance	Please be as specific as possible	Y/N	Please provide details of any evidence that you have	Please refer to the Highway Information Pack. Whilst we will investigate specific requests, it is essential to be clear on what the problem is that is trying to be resolved so that we can work with you to ascertain the most suitable solution	This column is to be completed by the Community Engagement Officer ONLY
1.	Hastings Road/Tenterden Road	Y	Concerns about speed of traffic in both directions	Speed Indicator Devices SID scheme	17/9 Parish council to provide locations for SID, however they have no money to fund this. KCC to enquire if other funding available to assist the PC
2.	Sparkeswood Avenue	Y	Concerns about speed of traffic in both directions	Traffic Calming	17/9 No evidence of speeding here. Speed kit would be helpful. PC to advise where they would site the banner and KCC will arrange for this to be dropped off to the PC.
3.	Regent St/A28	N	Request for hatch markings	Logged as CSM 965552. Believe hatching markings used to be here and would like them reinstated. This is because vehicles are cutting the corner when turning right from A28 into Regent Street.	17/9 No PIC's here, this is more a driver behaviour. Limited options as need to ensure appropriate manoeuvring space for large lorries. Highway Ops to refresh the road markings and tidy this up, (including the reinstatement of the hazard warning triangle road marking here. WAMS enquiry raised.
4.	Rolvenden Hill		Request for speed reduction	New resident (no idea of address) has complained that they feel the speed limits are inconsistent and are being ignored, and vehicles driving too fast.	17/9 In the last three years 1 serious PIC and 2 damage only on bend near Strood House (SW of Mounts Lane). Serious was a young driver who took the bend too quickly. Compass data shows average driven speeds in the derestricted zone of 46mph in both directions.

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					Could consider reducing 60mph to 50mph, however this would require repeater signs. In addition, our experience has taught that drivers tend to drive at posted speed limit, so this may actually increase driven speeds here. Remaining speeds limits are appropriate to DfT criteria. No further action required, KCC to provide a written explanation for the Clerk to forward on to the resident.
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Historical Priorities Record (to be completed by the Community Engagement Officer ONLY)

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Hastings Road in the vicinity of Rolvenden Primary School		The approach to the school is on the busy road from Hastings to Ashford. The school currently has pole mounted signs and flashing lights installed.	It has been noted that the new primary school at Benenden has a road marking for the school in a strip of red. Can this marking be applied to the surface in Rolvenden to highlight the school which is not immediately obvious to motorists.	Monitor recently installed Advisory 20 scheme – PC & KCC. Traffic surveys as required. £1500 (est) for thermoplastic road marking (cost will increase if road closure required due to narrowing road widths). Quotation for surveys can be provided upon request. Parish council to source funding Advisory 20mph speed limit signing scheme implemented outside of the school in 2019. Suggest monitor the relative success of the scheme. A sign to diagram number 545 'Children going to school or playground' as a thermoplastic road marking is permitted. The thermoplastic road marking is likely to cost £1200 (based on 2018 quote) excluding traffic management costs. On a highly trafficked road the road marking will wear quickly. KCC are unable to fund or maintain the road marking. No related personal injury crash problem in 3-year period to 30.09.20. 19/12/2022- KCC no longer implement red road markings due to cost and maintenance. This is no longer an option so has been moved to the historic record.

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High Street (by village shop)		Due to constant flow of traffic it is difficult for pedestrians to cross the road.	Installation of a pedestrian crossing in the High Street adjacent to the village shop.	Kelly to provide note on feasibility as addendum to this HIP. Crossing - This will require loss of on-street parking provision. Location options limited due to bus stop, narrow and stepped footway, and driveways. Turning circles for delivery vehicles for factory and shop will need to be tested. Red patch – This will be costly, likely require some resurfacing and due to being on a highly trafficked road will wear quickly. KCC will not be able to maintain this (under current & foreseeable budget levels). 19/12/2022- PC & KCC in agreement that crossing is not a viable option with the loss of parking as this will effect local business. KCC no longer implement red road markings due to cost and maintenance. This is no longer an option so has been moved to the historic record.
Mount's Lane and Frog's Lane		Quiet lane status or width/weight restrictions for Mount's Lane and Frog's Lane – large delivery vans and HGV's are routed through by satnavs as a shortcut to Rolvenden Layne and the lanes and ancient verges are being destroyed.	Improved safety for pedestrians/cyclists as well as preserving verges.	Frog's Lane has a width restriction already. Suggest unsuitable for HGV advisory signing at each end of both lanes. Maytham Road is a more suitable route. 19/12/2022- PC understanding that the signage they have currently is better than the unsuitable for HGV signage as the width restriction is compulsory whereas the unsuitable for HGV signs are advisory. KCC to investigate TRO to see if current sign at junction with Maytham Road can be moved onto the triangle to

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				prevent HGV's having to turn across the green causing damage. PC to consider Lorry Watch in this area. 01/02/2023- Works ordered for completion by 02/05/2023
Hastings Road / High Street		20 mph speed limit to be imposed from entrance to the village on Hastings Road near the school through the High Street to Tanyard Flats. This will improve road safety by the school and slow traffic through the High Street enabling safer road crossing to the shop.		Carry out traffic surveys. KCC to obtain survey quotation. Consider alternatives: Bend warning signs with SLOW road markings for eg on approach to the bend. SLOW road markings adjacent any other existing hazard warning signs. Speed Indicator Device (SID) – Kelly to send PC information leaflet. Suggest wait for survey data to determine actual speeds Quotation to be provided. PC to fund. 20mph speed limit not considered appropriate. DFT advice is for 30mph speed limit to be the norm through villages, 20's can be considered if necessary but not on strategic roads. No evidenced problem that would justify consideration of lower limit. Traffic survey will inform if speeding is an issue then can consider alternative options. Note advisory 20 speed limit in vicinity of school at beginning and end of school day. 19/12/2022-

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				Second speed survey results discussed and not suitable to lower the limit permanently. KCC to explore options of SLOW markings to be added by the school signage on the approach from both directions. KCC has forwarded 30mph toolkit information pack. PC to confirm they wish for a pack to be arranged for them. 01/02/2023- Works ordered for completion by 21/03/2023
Tenterden Road		Extend the 30mph speed limit on Tenterden Road, to start at the beginning of Gatfield Cottages. New development at Halden Field now means there is development both sides of the road.	It would help to slow traffic coming into the village on a fast stretch of road and could be enforced by Speedwatch.	Undertake traffic survey to help determine suitability. (No traffic data available from development applications). 19/12/2022- PC shown data from speed survey. Not suitable for an extension of the 30mph limit. KCC to explore implementation of 30mph roundels alongside the 30mph repeater signs onto High Street Other speed survey data discussed and no changes suitable, apart from small housing estate on the Tenterden side of Puddingcake Lane. This is being forwarded on Tenterden's HIP. 01/02/2023- Works ordered for completion by 21/03/2023

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Hastings Road junction with the High Street		Narrow bend in road although double white lines HGV's struggle to pass when they do it is a potential risk to pedestrians as trailers overhang the footpath. Vehicles exiting from the High Street struggle to see what is approaching from Hastings direction.	Possible parking restrictions near the sharp bend, protection for the footpath and property wall at Church House.	PC to advise desired extent of double yellow lines. PC to carry out informal consultation on parking restrictions to identify level of support. KCC to provide basic plan to assist this if required. Advisory 20 scheme should have a positive impact on speeds at this location at school times. Limited highway width – lack of scope to widen footway or carriageway here. No related personal injury crash problem in 3-year period to 30.09.20 19/12/2022- PC to forward feedback from informal consultation to KCC KCC to consider options on receipt of feedback 06/11/2023- Moved to historical record at request of PC
Regent Street junction with Hastings Road / Tenterden Road		An increasing number of HGV's are using Regent Street where there are frequently parked cars. End result being bottleneck at the junction and with parked cars on the main road HGV's struggle to exit Regent Street. Parking at end of layby causes visibility issue for those	Extension of parking restrictions to ensure clear visibility	PC to advise desired extent of double yellow lines. PC to carry out informal consultation on parking restrictions to identify level of support. KCC to provide basic plan to assist this if required. PC to consider trial of a small section of white hatching over one car length at the end of the layby. £2500 - £3500 for the Traffic Regulation Order for parking restrictions. Plus lining costs.

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		turning out of Regent Street.		Parish Council to source funding Parking restrictions at strategic points is a possible solution although likely to be controversial given lack of alternative parking options. Informal consultation by PC will show likely level of support. Could consider section of white hatching as a soft measure at end of layby along with awareness raising in PC media. No related personal injury crash problem in 3-year period to 30.09.20. 19/12/2022- PC to forward feedback from informal consultation to KCC KCC to consider options on receipt of feedback 06/11/2023- Moved to historical record at request of PC
Maytham Road, Rolvenden Layne		Vehicles entering Rolvenden Layne in both directions on Maytham Road are not respecting the 30mph speed limit. The Ewe & Lamb public house is very popular and as a result there are a large number of parked cars in the vicinity narrowing the road.	Residents have asked for consideration to be given for the installation of "Village Gateways" where the 30mph speed restriction comes into force.	06/11/2023- KCC to attend site to measure eastern entrance on Maytham Road to measure verge width as no village name plate currently in place. Western side would have the width based on the village name plate pictured on Google Maps. Once verge width determined to fit, PC to pay £1,068 design fee for designs of 2 gateways with costing. KCC offer to help with funding once final cost determined. KCC to liaise with PC chair to deliver 30mph toolkit to help with reported issue of speeding through the 30mph limit. 11/11/24 – Will provide PC with quote for new gateways. KCC to possibly fund.

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				19/09/2025- Scheme complete
Hastings Road, Rolvenden		There is no safe place for to cross on this stretch of road near to the school. Children are unable to cross safely for school and pedestrians cannot cross safely to access the shop and facilities	Residents have asked for consideration to be given for a crossing.	Pedestrian and traffic survey to be carried out Spring 2025 15/09/2025- Scheme not feasible due to lack of evidence of potential usage via traffic and pedestrian surveys (PV2)