



Highway Improvements Team working in Partnership with Upchurch Parish 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	
1			25/10/23 4/3/26		
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 – **Upchurch's review is on or after December each year.***

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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)
1.	Oak Lane	Parish Council would like a gateway feature installed at the 30mph terminal signs to replace the existing standard village sign		4/3/26 – KCC will provide quote to Parish Council for installation of gateway feature
2.	Horsham Lane	Parish Council would like to install a new village gateway at the 30mph terminal signs		4/3/26 – KCC to fund this. Will arrange for design to be completed and will install in summer/autumn time.
3.	Forge Lane (St Ann's Orchard Cottage)	Parish Council would like to install a new village gateway in Forge Lane, close to St Ann's Orchard Cottage, and development site next to Holywell School (we could put Holywell planning reference in here) or land opposite (Croudace)		Funding to be by Parish Council (27/28)** or Developer Contribution if appropriate. KCC will provide quote to Parish Council for installation of gateway feature
4.	Otterham Quay Lane	Parish Council would like to instal flower baskets on KCC street lamps between Littlefield Road and 20m North of the entrance to Quilters Yard		Funding to be by Developer contribution if appropriate
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Historical Priorities Record

No	Location	Problem/Concern	What do you feel are the potential solutions?	KCC Comments
1.	Oak Lane North of Junction with Wallbridge Lane	Narrow gap, causing conflict between vehicles and pedestrians (OLN 1)	<p>Road Narrow, raised build outs creating chicane, priority signs</p> <p>Priority signs, giving priority to vehicles leaving village (travelling South) (OLN 2)</p>	<p>Permission in progress, funding stalled due to Developer change</p> <p>Planning Update, new owner of Wallbridge Lane Plot prepared to undertake work as part of their plan – delivery 2021</p> <p style="color: green;">Proposal with KCC – not funded OLN 1 is only viable opportunity other than Parish Council Funding</p> <p>Traffic Order ~ 6 mths to progress Sign installation</p>
2.	Oak Lane at entrance to village	Excess speed entering village	<p>30 mph Speed Roundel (OLS 1)</p> <p>Repeat 30mph Roundels (or SLOW) into village (OLS 2)</p> <p>Repeat Roundel (or SLOW) for vehicles leaving village (travelling south) (OLS 3)</p> <p>Village 20s Plenty, restricting speed inside village to 20mph (OLS 4)</p>	<p>Painted May 2019 Repainted Spring 2021</p> <p>Spend approved – Parish Council Oct 19 Repainted Spring 2021</p> <p>Proposal with KCC linked to OLN 1</p> <p>Pre consideration Public consultation Required – for TRO highly contentious – not supported by consultation in 2019</p>

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3.	Oak Lane at the JW A2		<p>Vehicles turning right into Oak Lane from A2, cut across the front of vehicles waiting to turn right toward Rainham (OLA2J)</p> <p>Placement of a mounted & illuminated bollard to require traffic to observe lane discipline (OLA2J 1)</p> <p>To be determined (OLA2J 2)</p>	<p>Main A Road junction, accident statistics do not justify the cost.</p> <p>Engineers to visit site with Parish Council to consider options</p>
4.	Horsham Lane	Speed	<p>30 mph Speed Roundel (HLS 1)</p> <p>Repeat 30mph Roundels (or SLOW) into and exiting village (HLS 2)</p> <p>Village 20s Plenty, restricting speed inside village to 20mph (HLS 3)</p>	<p>Painted May 2019</p> <p>Anecdotal Evidence that speed reduction has taken place. Survey in 2020 to assess outcome</p> <p>Covid suspension, no cars on the road.</p> <p>Painted October 2019</p> <p>Re-painted Spring 2021</p> <p>Pre consideration Public consultation Required – for TRO highly contentious –</p>
5.	Horsham Lane	<p>Dangerous Turn</p> <p>Vehicles in The Street Park opposite Horsham Lane causing turning</p>	<p>Parking restrictions opposite Junction (HLDT 1)</p>	<p>Row of terraced houses with no parking, no viable alternative, consultation reqd, contentious</p> <p>6-12 months after decision TRO Reqd</p>

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		<p>vehicles to be in wrong lane</p> <p>To be determined</p> <p>Ghost Island, road markings?</p> <p>Accident Statistics do not justify the work funded by KCC so Parish Council would need to pay (HLDT 2)</p>	<p>Engineers to visit site with Parish Council to consider options – Site visit completed options discussed for consideration in conjunction with HLDT 1</p> <hr/> <p>Options revisited post Covid</p> <p>Visit May 2021 – discussed ‘ghost Island to direct traffic and encourage a more appropriate line, way forward to be discussed after delivery of Chaffe’s Lane Project</p> <p>Possible funding from KCC Small Projects Fund in support of UPC HIP</p>	<p>Proposal with KCC to place restrictions and create dedicated resident parking against church wall to compensate loss. Concern that the removal of the parked vehicles may actually encourage faster turning into Horsham Lane and be more dangerous – detailed work required – no funding justification</p> <p>Too expensive no justification</p> <hr/> <p>Phase 1 – feasibility Completed</p> <p>Phase 2 – Implementation (under consideration by KCC)</p>
6.	Forge Lane	<p>Speeding</p> <p>Vehicles entering village from Lower Halstow do so at speed whilst passing village School (despite cushions)</p>	<p>30mph Roundels on first cushion into village (before cottages) (FLS 1)</p> <p>Repeat 30mph Roundels (or SLOW) into village on cushion before school and JW Church Farm Road (FLS 2)</p>	<p>Awaiting 20/21 Funding and prioritisation</p> <p>Forge Lane Speeding past school not a community priority in survey – Consider in 20/21</p> <p>Covid suspension – consider post Covid in public survey Autumn 20</p>

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			<p>30mph roundel (or SLOW) on exit toward Lower Halstow at JW Church Farm Lane (FLS 3)</p> <p>Village 20s Plenty, restricting speed inside village to 20mph (FLS 4)</p>	<p style="color: green;">Survey Postponed till Autumn 2021</p> <p style="color: red;">Pre consideration Public consultation Required – for TRO highly contentious –</p>
7.	Forge Lane (School Parking)	Inconsiderate parking by those dropping off and collecting children at school start and finish	<p>Renew ZIG ZAG school parking restriction lines (FLSP 1)</p> <p>Notices and letters from School (FLSP 2)</p> <p>Parking Enforcement Activity (FLSP 3)</p> <p>Parking restrictions beyond the zig zags, probably into Church Farm Lane as well (FLSP 4)</p> <p>Use of nearby parking and a walking bus (FLSP 5)</p>	<p>Completed Spring 2019 Consider Renewal - Autumn Term 2021 Completed Renewal discussion pending Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing Suspended as Covid 19 staggered starts has reduced the need and enforcement priority lowered</p> <p>Pre consideration Public consultation Required – for TRO highly contentious – enforcement resources required 6-12 months after decision TRO Reqd</p> <p>School has tried using the Recreation Ground, parents would not use Village Hall possible alternative, but involves crossing busy road – experience is parents would not use as walking bus not taken up</p>

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			<p>School Parking Exclusion zone (FLSP 6)</p> <p>Purchase/lease of field next door to school and adapt as a pick up/drop off point (FLSP 7)</p>	<p>Experiment tried elsewhere very successfully, bans parents/carers from a clear zone around the school, highly contentious, full public consultation required and enforcement activity post implementation</p> <p>KCC & School to fund</p> <p>Spring 2021 – School is now Academy issue is with EKC Estates Department</p> <p>Problems re availability, cost of land and/or necessary infrastructure EKC Trust aware and considering issue/benefits. Preliminary outcome is expense not justified simply for parking</p>
8.	Forge Lane School	<p>Cars Idling</p> <p>Vehicles parked whilst waiting to collect children are left with engines idling</p> <p>High build up of NO2 and particulates, poses risk to health, more acute in children rather than adults as their lungs are not as large and well developed</p>	<p>Study of concentration of gases to estimate the risk (FLSCI 1)</p> <p>Awareness campaign, posters outside school, letters home etc, children on patrol? (FLSCI 2)</p>	<p>Baseline study completed, risk is graded as medium, inside WHO limits but still harmful to health. Completed</p> <p>KCC leaflets available, handed out by children has proved effect elsewhere</p> <p>Staggered school times as Covid 19 response have significantly relieved the problems</p> <p>Ongoing Consider again Autumn 2021.</p>

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			Idling Enforcement Activity Govt set to increase fine to £100 (FLSCI 3)	Legislation in place but enforcement rare, publicity campaign by SBC conducted, focussing on Newington Primary School Little evidence of immediate impact – Covid interrupted, staggered times, less traffic and drop off point
9.	Kent Terrace	<p>Pedestrian Ramp</p> <p>Pedestrian ramp allowing access from Kent Terrace onto Four Gun Field Estate (Woods Edge)</p> <p>Developers are required to provide a ramp from Kent Terrace into Woods Edge to allow disabled access to and from Kent Terrace, following the creation of a height variation when estate built.</p>	Installation of the Pedestrian Ramp to allow access to the Recreation Ground for disabled resident from Kent Terrace (KTPR 1)	<p>Developers aware and correcting, work being included with new building</p> <p>Ongoing Update February 2020, works started</p> <p>Ramp completed, following further work, rails in place and post holes filled, final completion Nov 2021</p>
10.	Woods Edge (Play Area Footpath)	Developer is required to complete surface on pedestrian footpath in the new play area to KCC approved standards	SBC has issued 28 day limit prior to enforcement notice	Works completed
11.	Chaffes lane	<p>Inconsiderate parking by those dropping off and collecting children at school start and finish</p> <p>Raised in Consultation 2019 by responders</p>	Wooden posts in footpath to restrict parking on the kerb (CL 1)	<p>Contractors Identified through Tender, awaiting KCC permission and safety visit</p> <p>Covid Suspension</p> <p>Update post Covid...</p> <p>Work re-tendered and KCC appointed - feasibility study conducted and the works programme agreed to</p>

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				<p>include white lines, road markings, advance warning of bend signs and posts to both sides of the junction.</p> <p>Phase 1 – Feasibility Study conducted with Independent Contractors</p> <p>Phase 1 completed with KCC works agreed May 2021</p> <p>Phase 2 works anticipated in 10 - 12 weeks (August 2021 ?)</p> <p>KCC – Possible change of position, on-hold</p> <p>KCC INSTALLED WOODEN BOLLARDS AND SLOW ROAD MARKINGS, AND BEND AHEAD WARNING SIGNS PAID FOR FROM SMALL WORKS BUDGET 2022</p>
12.	Holywell Lane	<p>Verges overgrown and no footpath</p> <p>Residents walking in Holywell Lane, in particular those with children attending school are forced to walk in the middle section of the road as the verges are overgrown with tree</p>	<p>Clear the verges back from the overhang to allow pedestrians to walk on the edge of the road in accordance with the Highway Code.</p> <p>This is a narrow country lane and there is no justification or ability to put in a footpath. (HL 1)</p>	<p>KCC maintenance programme to have these trees and bushes included</p>
13.	Forge Lane/Holywell Lane junction	<p>Visibility is poor turning right towards cricket ground</p>	<p>Mainly due to hedge growing high</p>	<p>25/10/23 – SV carried out with PC – KCC logged enquiry for Highway Steward to assess and contact landowner – Enquiry No. 12409751 Enquiry now complete – NFA</p>
14.	The Street Junction with Horsham Lane	<p>Vehicles cut corner when turning into Horsham Lane from The street due</p>	<p>Install double yellow lines</p>	<p>25/10/23 – SV carried out with PC – Will provide extents plan showing proposed DYs for PC to carry out informal engagement with affected residents</p>

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		to vehicles parked opposite junction		10/11/23 – Plan of proposals sent to PC to carry out engagement with affected residents PC do not wish to pursue this
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