

Staplehurst Parish Council - Highway Improvement Plan/Action Plan

HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN – Stage 1			ACTION PLAN – Stage 2		
Priority	Location	Problem and suggested remedy	Cost Estimate	Funding Source	Action/Programme (Who/When)
1.	A229 through Staplehurst village A229 is acknowledged as top joint most dangerous rural road in UK.	Vehicles speeding through the village This is a 30mph speed limit zone. Speed cameras do not seem to be a possibility so we request regular speed checks by uniformed officers. This is in addition with Speedwatch.	?	Parish Council/County Member	Traffic survey carried out by PC – Results received – Met with parish council – 13 March 2019 to discuss results. Site visit carried out to look at potential traffic calming measures. 23/5/19 - Quote sent to parish council for preliminary design(see point 3 below)
2.	George Street/A229	Issue with commuter parking Would like to consider DYL's	£2965 for TRO	??	KCC and MBC carried out joint site visit – No safety issues found so no action – informed parish council. RSG to continue to monitor.
3.	Gateway Improvements in Cranbrook Road / Church Hill	Speeding at southern approach.		KCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gateway features and new village nameplate • Roundels • Rumble strips • Dragons teeth Completed Spring 2021 RSG to continue monitoring see if 30mph limit can be extended, particularly on Church Hill down past the quarter to Village Gateway. See below
4.	Speed Limit Thresholds on A229 south of village	Excessive speed on A229 south of village. From Cranbrook to Staplehurst there are many threshold changes. 20mph at Cranbrook School becomes 40mph near the junction with A229 and the subsequent roundabout. There is a short 50mph section until 40mph at Rock Hill, followed by 50mph at Knoxbridge. As Staplehurst is reached it changes to 40mph and then again to 30mph. <u>Suggestion:</u> a consistent 40mph limit from Rock Hill to the 30mph Staplehurst threshold (moved to Fuller House / Village Gateway).		??	See above RSG to continue lobbying for extension as above – at least.

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		Information note: in Knoxbridge there are bus stops, housing, businesses and many slow-lorry movements. The soon-to-be-created Fridays' road system will add another junction used by slow-turning juggernauts. SPC has supporting data from Streetwise survey (Nov. 2018).			
5	Roads near Staplehurst school (area edged by Offens Drive and Bathurst Road)	Perceived speeding on roads near the school, Surrenden Field and Pope Drive amenity space. <u>Suggested remedy:</u> 20mph limit. SPC has asked KCC to consider it for selection as pilot study. SPC has drawn up a proposed area and is consulting residents.		KCC pilot budget.	Update to be provided to PC with process RSG to revive post COVID restrictions to be part of the pilot scheme.
6	Gybbon Rise corner at junction of school entrance and Bower Walk.	Issues caused by dangerous parking, especially at school arrival and departure times. SPC requested feasibility of single or double yellow lines. Plans to consult residents and school.		??	Assessment to be carried out – If not successful continue to monitor J Watson (Highways) advised they are prepared to do that. Asked us to lobby residents to see if there are any objections.
7	Country Lanes – A - Five Oak Lane	Vehicle speed / narrow / blind corners / 60mph Plastic kerbs / bollards / reflectors / convex mirrors / vegetation trimming / passing places			Parish Council to log on WAMS Pot holes continue to be a big problem, RSG continue to monitor.
8	A229 – A - Station Road near traffic Lights B – Bus stop opposite Pinnock Lane	Footpaths too narrow for pedestrian safety Widen footpath by reducing A – opposite footpath B – opposite white line hatching			A – On site assessment to be carried out by KCC B – Check with Bus Stop Team to see if this has been raised before (possibly move bus stop)
9	Marden Road roundabout	Safety concerns about cars using wrong side of roundabout. Earth mound helps but maybe need plants on it.			Susan Laporte suggested sponsorship of planting the roundabout, Louise Brice contacting Sainsburys to see if interested in funding.

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10	Hawkenbury <u>River</u> Bridge	Single lane, humpback, with no visibility of oncoming traffic. History of accidents, incidents and aggressive driving. <u>Suggested</u> : install solar-powered traffic signals, activated by vehicle movement. If deemed safer, position S.en light at brow of railway bridge.	??	??	Liaised with Headcorn PC because bridge is on Staplehurst-Headcorn boundary. <i>HPC clerk confirmed it is in its HIP (item 12) and that it is supportive of SPC's position.</i> <i>21/6/21 – Susan Laporte everything that can be done has been done.</i> <i>RSG disagree and will continue to monitor</i>
11	Cranbrook Road puffin crossing – between Hallwards and southern edge of petrol station	The A229 is a dangerous crossing place for pedestrians to access the bus stops and shop located in the petrol station. A pedestrian controlled crossing will improve safety by also giving a clear visual reminder to motorists that this is a residential area. Relocate western bus stop.	£38,200 +	Joint	KCC to survey proposed plan, contact landowners and Arriva
12	School entrance, Gybbon Rise, Bower Walk southern end	Drop-kerbs are needed. There are numerous movements around this primary school entrance each day involving push chairs and mobility scooters, as well as hundreds of young children and their carers. It is also a vehicular entrance.			KCC to survey site and liaise with School

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