

Highway Improvements Team working in Partnership with Sandgate Parish Council

Highway Improvement Plan

Submission Date: January 2025

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HIP Version	Submitted by (Name)	HIP Date	Record Of Meeting Dates with KCC Virtual or Face to Face	County Member	
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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 checked="" 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 –

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Live Priorities Record

Priority	Location	USRN	Problem/Concern	What do you feel are the potential solutions?	KCC Comments (This column is to be completed by Project Manager ONLY)
1.	A259		Speeding	20MPH limit/better enforcement of speed limit	<p>There is a Consultation underway on the 20mph until 31 Jan.</p> <p>24/04/2023-</p> <p>HADMS speed data shows average speeds around the hill and bend entering Sandgate from Folkestone around 30mph, then lowering to around 20mph through the built up section.</p> <p>Average speeds obtained by a traffic survey would need to be 24mph or less to install a 20mph limit without traffic calming measures. Speed limits also need to be a minimum of 600m in length.</p> <p>One crash record with speed as a contributory factor which was a fatality.</p> <p>Speed limit changes require a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) with is £2,850</p> <p>30mph toolkit information sent to PC. For PC to inform KCC if they would like a kit arranged for them to use.</p> <p>KCC to discuss with Planning & Advice Team (P&A) to determine whether they would support a 20mph limit in this location based on the environment.</p> <p>05/06/2023-</p>

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					<p>This scheme is not feasible at this time due to lack of available funding.</p> <p>PC to consider use of the 30mph toolkit and see how that works, and for this scheme to be considered in the future if/when funding opportunities arise.</p> <p>08/12/2023-</p> <p>PC are stressing that this is still their number 1 priority for improvements, especially with a recent incident of a child fatality who was hit by a vehicle. KCC and PC in agreement that the details of the report from Kent Police will need to be assessed upon receiving it.</p> <p>KCC to discuss the potential of this scheme again internally to ascertain realistic feasibility if funding options become available.</p> <p>In the mean time, for PC to consider 30mph toolkit (info sent to PC) and to supply KCC with an address to deliver one if they wish to have one.</p> <p>16/09/2024-</p> <p>KCC in support of a 20mph speed limit from the junction with the Saga building to just west of the eastern junction with Wilberforce Road. This is to be parish funded.</p> <p>KCC to draw up extents plan for PC to conduct informal engagement</p> <p>13/03/2025-</p>
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					<p>KCC are currently working on increasing the extents of the 20mph limit following feedback from the informal engagement. Once this is completed, KCC will liaise with Kent Police to gain support, and then process through the TRO. KCC also to begin work on the detailed designs in anticipation of a successful TRO.</p> <p>KCC currently experiencing designer staff level issues, therefore there are delays on progress.</p>
2.	Military Road: Pedestrian Refuge Island		Difficulty in crossing the road		<p>08/12/2023-</p> <p>KCC believe this could be a feasible scheme dependant on more thorough investigation and assessment.</p> <p>Very rough estimate of £9,000-£15,000 dependant on variables such as stats and services.</p> <p>PC state that there may be an opportunity for this to be considered through a developer agreement as development is set to happen on the greenspace to the east of Military Road.</p> <p>13/03/2025-</p> <p>PC state that the development opportunity may not be as viable as first expected as there have been changes in what the development will be doing. However, PC are exploring funding options via the Kent Active Travel Fund.</p> <p>For PC to keep KCC up to date in regard to progress on funding</p>

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3.	Enbrook Valley		Dropped kerb installed along the length of the newer builds allowing vehicles to drive along the pavement, sometimes at speed, rather than wait to give way. Concerns for pedestrian safety.	Edge of carriageway lining and bollards.	<p>24/04/2023-</p> <p>PC state that they were in conversation with ***** regarding this, which has now passed to ***** KCC to contact ***** to discuss.</p> <p>08/12/2023-</p> <p>Neither PC or Highway Improvements have heard back from *****. For KCC to chase again.</p> <p>16/09/2024-</p> <p>***** has confirmed this is not with him. To be progressed through the HIP when higher priorities have progressed.</p> <p>13/03/2025-</p> <p>KCC to explore options in regard to edge of carriageway markings to highlight where the road ends and the pavement begins in an attempt to reduce the likelihood of vehicles mounting the pavement.</p> <p>The success of this can be assessed as to whether the expenditure of bollards can be justified. Currently there are no recorded collisions along this stretch of road related to vehicles mounting the pavement since our records being in 2010, therefore we can't use crash data as evidence to support this.</p> <p>KCC Operations Team are planning to install bollards further down Enbrook Valley/Enbrook Road to protect the verges and services there.</p>
4.	Opposite 98 Sandgate High		No dropped curbs, so difficult for wheelchair users, people with	Dropped curbs	<p>24/04/2023-</p>

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	Street shingle between 99 and Tower Court		prams and anyone with a physical disability		<p>Location is difficult to install a dropped kerb due to the utilities present which are very expensive and difficult to have moved. Although not ideal, there is access to the businesses concerned via the zebra crossing and dropped kerbs.</p> <p>PC raise concerns around this pavement due to its uneven nature and vehicle also parking on it, causing damage and obstruction. PC state that they were in conversation with ***** regarding this, which has now passed to ***** KCC to contact ***** to discuss.</p> <p>08/12/2023-</p> <p>Neither PC or Highway Improvements have heard back from *****. For KCC to chase again.</p> <p>16/09/2024-</p> <p>***** has confirmed this is not with him. To be progressed through the HIP when higher priorities have progressed.</p> <p>13/03/2025-</p> <p>KCC are unable to installed dropped kerbs here due to the service access hatches. KCC to explore whether a raised table could be an alternative option. Failing that, there are no other identified options to improve this facility.</p>
5.	Golden Valley		The dropped curbs in the Golden Valley need to be increased to improve accessibility	Dropped curbs	<p>24/04/2023-</p> <p>PC to provide specific locations that require dropped kerbing.</p>

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					08/12/2023- PC not yet supplied locations. 13/03/2025- PC state that they are exploring funding opportunities through Kent Active Travel Funding. If this is not successful, we can look at this again via the HIP.
5.1	Across Digby Road - by the junction with Enbrook Valley		Dropped kerb needed-the priority one as it is to the Golden Valley parade of shops		13/03/2025- As above
5.2	Across Fremantle Road by the junction with Brambley Crescent		Dropped kerb needed-this gives access to Fremantle Park and the play area		13/03/2025- As above
5.3	Across Redmill Close		Dropped kerb needed-by the junction with Digby Road		13/03/2025- As above
5.4	Across Collingwood Rise		Dropped kerb needed-by the junction with Brambley Crescent (some of this might be in private ownership - so probably the trickiest).		13/03/2025- As above

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No	Location	USRN	Problem/Concern	What do you feel are the potential solutions?	KCC Comments
	Drains outside the Coastguard cottages on the High Street, and drains on Military Road and the Escarpment,		Full of silt leading to flooding and puddling	Silt traps as are the need regular desilting	24/04/2023- Maintenance issue reported online by PC.
	All Street drain cleaning		A flooding issue.	Drains need regular scheduled cleaning	24/04/2023- Maintenance issue reported online by PC.
	The road surfaces on Romney Ave and from Castle Bay to the BP garage		Road surfaces particularly bad	Need resurfacing	24/04/2023- Maintenance issue reported online by PC.
	Outside Vine Cottage – Sandgate High Street		Manhole cover not tightly fitted	Needs replacing with a better fitted one	24/04/2023- Maintenance issue reported online by PC.
	Outside 88 High Street		Drain is insufficient	Better drain	24/04/2023- Maintenance issue reported online by PC.
	Zebra crossing on the High Street		Cars not stopping	Better signposting	24/04/2023- View obstruction caused by the back-up of vehicles caused by the pinch point to the east of the crossing. This is due to the road narrowing and the parking bays being present. PC report that vehicles are driving through without being able to see pedestrians that are attempting to cross towards the seafront. KCC to consider installation of “Pedestrian Crossing” warning sign for the westbound traffic. KCC do not

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	Military Road leading down to High Street before park		Speeding and not slowing down	Speed restrictions and warning of sharp curb	<p>24/04/2023-</p> <p>One crash record stating that a vehicle crossed the centre line on the bend and had a head on collision. Recorded as a slight injury.</p> <p>KCC to communicate with Streetlighting Team to see if they would be willing to allow the installation of a “Bend Ahead” warning sign on one of their columns with a “SLOW” road marking next to it to highlight the hazard.</p>

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	Encombe		Lots of developments- people are parking halfway down on the left-	Need double yellows going down before hard right bend	<p>24/04/2023-</p> <p>Section of Encombe near to the junction with A259. Vehicles parking on the inside of the bend, half on the road and half on the pavement. This means that vehicles have to travel blindly around the bend and pedestrians have to use the road to walk on.</p> <p>PC state that 45+ properties have been built at the top of this road and an increase in foot traffic.</p> <p>KCC to discuss with P&A.</p> <p>05/06/2023-</p> <p>Outline designs being drawn for double yellow lines on Encombe and Sunnyside Road, funded by KCC.</p> <p>For PC to consider installation of a short stretch of double yellow lines and removal of some of the parking bay on High Street to target issue of visibility issue around the zebra crossing.</p> <p>08/12/2023-</p>

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	Sunnyside Road		<p>Lots of parking on both sides- residents frequently unable to manoeuvre past careless parking on a very narrow stretch of road that narrows to width of a single vehicle.</p>	<p>Yellow line inclusion on a short stretch</p>	<p>24/04/2023-</p> <p>Residents parking inconsiderately and blocking the road to larger vehicles. Concerns over emergency access, especially prevalent as a house at the top of this road burnt down, killing the occupant.</p> <p>KCC to discuss with P&A.</p> <p>05/06/2023-</p> <p>Outline designs being drawn for double yellow lines on Encombe and Sunnyside Road, funded by KCC.</p> <p>For PC to consider installation of a short stretch of double yellow lines and removal of some of the parking bay on High Street to target issue of visibility issue around the zebra crossing.</p> <p>08/12/2023-</p>

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	Coolinge Lane		Speeding-especially outside schools	20MPH limit	<p>24/04/2023-</p> <p>KCC to discuss with P&A options around a temporary 20mph limit.</p> <p>05/06/2023-</p> <p>KCC unable to fund this at this time, however this can be considered for an LTP Bid next year and has been added to the list of potential bids. Leave on the live list due to this.</p> <p>08/12/2023-</p> <p>This scheme has been discussed as a potential LTP Bid, but is not a big enough scheme to qualify. KCC to have internal discussions around the potential to fund this scheme from the HIP budget, although this is not guaranteed as remaining budget will need to be assessed.</p> <p>Estimated cost at this time around £7,000.</p>

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	Esplanade/High Street		Zebra Crossing could urgently do with repainting - the zebra stripes and the zig zags		<p>13/03/2025-</p> <p>KCC Operations Team have stated that this crossing is on their list for refreshment. PC mentioned the zebra crossing on Sandgate Esplanade that also requires refreshment. KCC Operations state that they will have a look at this.</p>