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Highway Improvement Plan (HIP)

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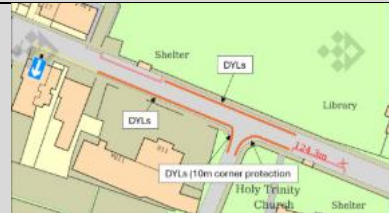
- Your HIP is for new initiatives/measures/schemes in your community – it is NOT to be used as a maintenance log, as these MUST be logged using the online reporting tool via this link <https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem>
- Highway Improvement Plans will only be accepted if they are in this prescribed template format. PLEASE DO NOT ALTER IN ANY WAY.
- 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		25/02/2025	7.04.22 20.10.22 21.07.23 – Primary School Meeting 28/04/25	Cllr Robert Ford	
Are you an active member of the Speed Watch 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.	HEATH ROAD, Coxheath	N	Parking causing pedestrians to walk in the road, traffic jams etc	Double yellow lines to be added on both sides of Heath Road. Two variants: 1. Bramley Gardens WESTBOUND to existing pedestrian crossing markings 2. Clockhouse Rise to existing pedestrian crossing markings.	 08/10/25 ER - DYLs as per this plan have been approved. We just need to know about the deliveries to the restaurant and whether we need to accommodate this. Please can PC Advise.
2.	PARK WAY/ASPIAN DRIVE Junction	N	Junction being blocked by parked cars	Double yellow lines to stop parking blocking junction	08/10/25 ER – it has been advised 10m corner protection double yellow lines can be installed here. Please could PC advise they are happy to proceed?
3.	FORSTAL LANE/MILL LANE	N	Volume, speed and HGV's	Traffic calming measures/large vehicle prohibition	08/10/25 ER – Comments from planning and advice (P&A) is: 'Introducing a weight restriction into a residential area is a last resort. Once the weight restriction is in place that will limit the use of removals vehicles, delivery vehicles, etc, resulting in local residents potentially incurring additional costs

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					because of the restrictions on vehicles that can be utilised. If they want to restrict the movement of HGV's down these roads then they should be looking at HGV directional signage directing HGVs via an appropriate route back onto Heath Road.' ER has requested for P&A to investigate some signage locations.
4.	STOCKETT LANE	N	Speeding and parking outside the school causing a danger to pedestrians and vehicle users.	Additional parking restrictions/speed calming solutions outside and near to Primary School entrance (also impacting HANOVER ROAD)	28/04/25 - DYLS were offered a year ago at this location alongside a package of measures, but the PC said at the time they were not needed. The proposal at the time was to Extend the Double yellow lines opposite school for 38m and Install double yellow lines next to school zig zags for 6m. 28/04/25 - Gm to check with P&A if DYLS are still able to go ahead. PC have also requested Wig Wags here. 08/10/25 ER – This has been submitted to the design and delivery team (D&D) as and when drawings are available ER will share with PC.
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Historical Priorities Record (to be completed by the Community Engagement Officer ONLY)

No	Location	Problem/Concern	What do you feel are the potential solutions?	KCC Comments
	<i>Heath Road Buildouts</i>	<i>Complaints from residents. Requests for buildouts to be removed</i>	<i>Defer to KCC Highways Planners</i>	<i>Planners comments regarding the build outs: we think it is probably best if we leave the build outs as they are.</i> <i>The guidance we have to follow states that we shouldn't be installing traffic calming on A or B roads, which means our only option would be to remove them. This is very likely to increase the speeds along Heath Road and could lead to unforeseen circumstances.</i> <i>If for example we were to remove them, our options are limited to virtual calming and lining, which has a lot less of an effect on speeds. There also doesn't seem to be a pattern of accidents at the build outs, which is the main factor we look at when assessing whether locations are dangerous.</i>
	<i>Heath Road – Either side of the village, entering and exiting.</i>	<i>Horses using highway</i>	<i>Equestrian warning signs</i>	<i>20.10.22 - GM to investigate signage locations and follow through on this. Parish to fund any sign installation.</i>
	<i>Stockett Lane – One at top and one at the bottom</i>			

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	Forstal Lane Amsbury Road			
	Linton Crossroads	Safety / Air Pollution / Congestion / Improvements required.	Future Scheme in Linton / Loose Parishes.	
	Roundabout – Willow Grange	Safety / Air Pollution / Congestion / Improvements required.	Review with Coxheath	
	Roundabout – Violet Field	Safety / Air Pollution / Congestion / Improvements required.	Review with Coxheath	
	40mph speed limit from 'The Victoria' Heath Road – West side approach.	Traffic Speed	Review with Coxheath and East Farleigh?	Send re
	Village Gateways – ES Oct 2020	Average Speed – EF end in particular – see also Future Item D below.	KCC to investigate 1.0m wide gateways with at least 0.5m clearance from edge of Carriageway – 2 No.Heath Road + possibly Stockett Lane & Westerhill Road?	Parish Council to provide exact locations. 20.10.22 PC have measured the space and the required amount of space is not available.
	Stockett Lane ME17 4PS Coxheath Primary School Council	Improve road safety measures for school children in the absence of a Crossing Patrol. As meeting with KCC HTW & County Member on site 21st July 23 along with the	• Bollards on the corner of Hanover Road / Stockett Lane. • SLOW markings on road • Changing the sign plates from Patrol to say School. • Move the warning sign down past the parked cars.	22/08/23 – PC to carry out informal consultation on DYLS, GM to raise implementation of moving sign, changing plate to school and tactile paving. 11/10/23 - We can fund the moving of the sign and dropped crossing. PC to decide on whether to fund DYLS.

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		<i>email G.McN. dated 31 July 2023 as attached.</i>		<i>02/07/24 - Works completed for bollards and signage moving,</i>
	Heath Road Replacement VAS	<i>Update both Heath Road VAS Sites. The signs are old / worn out and not visible.</i>	<i>Please replace both the old signs with more visible / modern versions with the text SLOW DOWN. The traffic ATC speed surveys on Heath Road west & east were completed by KCC HTW in November 2022.</i> <i>Please correct the data assessment for the east side from a 40mph limit to a 30mph limit and re-issue report.</i>	<i>Jennie to arrange speed survey. Parish Council to provide location.</i> <i>20/10/2022 - VAS is a last option and the team responsible for these has said there are no plans to replace this one. What's the problem you are looking to solve with this one? Are there other measures we could take initially?</i> <i>Our data suggests speed limits are well complied with along Heath Rd. There are a few other VAS signs in location, as well as other calming measures. Priority flow section, dragons teeth, high friction and slow markings.</i> <i>ATC to be carried out, arranged by GM. PC to provide exact location details.</i> <i>5/12/22 - ATC has been carried out, P&A have investigated the results. 80% of drivers complied within the enforcement threshold and average speeds were 30mph. P&A advice is for no further measures at this location.</i>



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				<i>22/08/23 – We investigated removing the buildouts, but concluded it best to leave them as is. Speeds may increase if these are removed.</i>
	Heath Road – Linton Parish	<i>No controlled crossing to or from the new doctor's surgery across Heath Road – tactile paving and dropped kerbs have alone been installed. However, a "suitable controlled crossing" has not been installed as originally requested by CPC, letter dated 05 March 2018. See the agreed Planning Condition 14 under pedestrian access.</i>	<i>Coxheath Parish Council supports this item in the HIP provided by Linton Parish in 2023. The CPC requests that a safe and "suitable controlled crossing" is installed in line with the Planning Condition 14.</i>	<i>11/10/23 - Site not suitable for a zebra or controlled crossing, ped volume is not high enough. We have installed some elderly people crossing warning signs.</i>
	FORSTAL LANE (East)	Road Surface damaged	Repairs to road surface edges 	<i>28/04/25 - Maintenance issues need to be reported via online fault tool.</i>



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