

Headcorn 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.	A274 Maidstone Road	<p>Excessive speeds and overtaking into and leaving the village</p> <p>Further development at top of Mill Bank more vehicles emerging into the A274</p> <p>More traffic generated from industrial site</p> <p>Extend 40mph restriction zone beyond the industrial park</p>	<p>Cost of speed survey approx. £400</p>	KCC &HPC	<p>Matter discussed at meeting on 13/2/2019. Bovis Homes have submitted a request to reduce speed limit to 30 MPH and developer has agreed to provide traffic survey results. Matter with Claremarie Vine. – Jennie Watson 14th Feb 2019</p> <p>Agreed that speed limit will extend beyond the crossroads and awaiting updated plan from developer to progress with TRO</p> <p><u>Meeting 21 October 2020</u></p> <p>JW is awaiting confirmation that the 30 MPH signs agreed under the TRO signed off in Dec 2019 have been moved to the agreed spot north of Stonestile Road</p> <p>Install new speed restriction warning signs Repeaters will be placed on the Maidstone Road where the distance between the streetlights permits - they cannot be placed further down on Mill Bank given the proximity of the streetlights to each other</p> <p>JW will arrange for refresh of existing dragons' teeth /additional teeth may be installed</p> <p>Once above works completed JW will complete a site survey to see what other measures, if any, might be appropriate</p>

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2.	A274 junction with Kings Road Headcorn	<p>Excessive speed/overtaking on Millbank A274</p> <p>Lack on 30mph repeaters</p> <p>Request for traffic calming and warning signs about the proximity of the school</p> <p>Consider speed survey</p> <p>Consider speed indicator device</p> <p>Signs alerting proximity of school</p>		KCC	<p>Matter discussed at meeting on 13/2/2019. The Parish Clerk will source an independent speed/traffic survey. – Caroline Carmichael 13th February 2019</p> <p>KCC have agreed to arrange and fund a speed survey in 30mph stretch in Millbank Road and other end of village – To be carried out in September during term time</p> <p>Once results are received, we will analyse and arrange a further meeting with parish council to discuss the findings</p> <p>SID information sheet sent to parish council.</p> <p>Meeting 21 October 2020</p> <p>JW will assess the stretch down to the traffic lights when undertaking the site survey referenced above</p> <p>The matter of the sequencing of the traffic signals at the junction was discussed and JW advised that this is managed by the Transport Intelligence (Traffic Lights) Team and we can contact them if the matter becomes an issue. They can then review the sequencing</p>
3.	A274 junction with Smarden	<p>More houses at the junction means parking on the road and cars approach Headcorn from Smarden on the straight stretch of road at speed limit onto a blind bend – consider moving the national speed limit on Smarden Road to further back from the approach to the corner</p>	TBC	TBC	<p>KCC have reviewed the crash data and there are no recorded personal injuries over the last 3 year period on the junction itself. There have been 2 serious injuries further up but none on the Biddenden Road. The road environment doesn't lend itself to a 30mph speed limit as there are no residential properties and the Police would probably not support this. We will of course continue to monitor this. – Jennie Watson 14th Feb 2019</p>

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4.	A274 Shenley Crossroads	<p>Excessive speed/overtaking on exit from the village – despite the double white lines on the junction</p> <p>There are bus stops at this junction that need re siting farther back from the road</p> <p>Extend the speed restrictions further out of the village – suggest 40 mph up to and beyond the crossroads</p> <p>White repeater signs in road</p>	TBC	KCC	<p>Discussed at meeting 13/2/2019. The white lines have been reinstated in recent days.</p> <p>The developer at Old Hall have submitted Traffic Regulation order to amend the de-restricted speed to 40MPH – with Highways for review – 14th Feb 2019</p> <p>Bus stop assessment for relocation of bus stop to be carried out on 16 April 2019</p> <p>Bus stop assessment carried out – Meeting parish council to discuss outcome 24 July 2019 – NFA</p> <p>Jennie to speak to CMV regarding the developer TRO in relation to the speed limit reduction</p>
5.	Tattlebury Road	<p>Single track road that is in a poor state or repair. It is feared that when the development on Ulcombe Road begins this will become the rat run for construction traffic – this should NOT be permitted</p> <p>A pre-condition survey prior to construction commencing is a MUST</p> <p>Prohibit construction traffic using this route</p>		KCC	<p>Full review required by Kent Highways</p> <p>Development Planning Team</p> <p>25/7/10 - Jennie to speak to CMV and Sue Laporte about the pre-condition survey</p>
6.	Ulcombe Road at Hoggs Bridge entering village	<p>It is feared that when the development on Ulcombe Road begins this will become the agreed route for construction traffic out into the A274 – this should NOT be permitted due to the very narrow access over the bridge and the single lane access passed park cars on Ulcombe Road</p> <p>A pre-condition survey prior to construction commencing is a MUST</p> <p>Prohibit construction traffic using this route</p>			<p>Full review required by Kent Highways</p> <p>Development Planning Team</p> <p>25/7/10 - Jennie to speak to CMV and Sue Laporte about the pre-condition survey</p>

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7.	North Street/High Street Headcorn	Issues when sitting in the centre of the road waiting to turn right into Church Lane, drivers coming in opposite direction cut off the corner, crossing the white lines	TBC	TBC	<p>Review to be carried out to look at improving signing and lining on bend. Raised previously under 353765. This will be carried out during August 2019 – No further improvements have been suggested to date. White central lines were renewed but are already worn. – Dec 2019</p> <p><u>21st October 2020</u> We reviewed the area via Google maps with JW and discussed some options. JW agreed she would review the matter and explore what options there are, if any.</p> <p>Proposed that we request re lining and noted that they are now using a white lining material that lasts longer</p>
8.	Junction of Wheeler Street/Oak Lane	Poor visibility when leaving Oak Lane and turning into Wheeler Street due to fence	TBC	TBC	<p>Review required by Kent Highways to see what action can be taken to improve visibility Raised previously under 353742 New enquiry raised 12407101 for Steward to inspect if considered a safety issue. Steward states that this is not a safety issue. HPC have accepted the finding but disagree with the outcome – CC July 2019 ITEM COMPLETED</p>
9.	Grigg Lane	MBC have approved a further 55 houses on Grigg Lane - given the problems that already exist a pre-condition survey is a MUST			<p>Full review required by Kent Highway Raised previously under 356103</p> <p>Development Agreements Team</p>

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10.	Hydes Orchard	This is a footpath used for access to the doctor's surgery. A drop kerb is required at Hydes orchard so that those using scooters/wheelchairs do not have to use the Highway	KCC	KCC	WORK COMPLETED
11	Hawkenbury Road	Walkway was removed on bridges some years ago so nowhere for pedestrians to walk. See correspondence raised by Mr Charlesworth	TBC	TBC	KCC visited the site – they noted that all the signs were in place and SLOW markings on the carriageway. They advise that it is in their view it is the nature of the road and some drivers don't seem to slow down to the appropriate speed. Clerk has asked for details of crash data (6/10/2019) – NOW COVERED IN ITEM 12

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12	River Bridge, Headcorn Road	Single lane, humpback, with no visibility of on-coming traffic, history of accidents and incidents of aggressive driving Suggestion to install solar-powered traffic signals, activated by vehicle movement – if deemed safer, to position southern light at brow of railway bridge. Take forward in conjunction with Staplehurst PC – HIP Priority Item 10	TBC	TBC	<p><u>Meeting 21st October 2020</u> We reviewed the area via Google maps with JW and she agreed that the signage should be upgraded to the yellow signage which is more visible</p> <p><u>Update 11th November 2020</u> JW advised that she has discussed possibility to instal solar powered lights with the Transport Intelligence Team but due to its reliability they would not look at installing them at this location as it would become an unpredictable liability. In addition there is the issue of the lack of space to design a safe shuttle working system.</p>

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13	River Bridge, Headcorn Road	<p>Consideration to reinstating the footway crossing at this location. Pictures from March 2020 show once again that the area is impassable on foot. The original walkway was built for this purpose as this picture from C1900 shows.</p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><small>FROM THE STAPLEHURST ARCHIVE No.53</small></p> 			<p><u>Meeting 21st October 2020</u></p> <p>JW confirmed that this area could not support a foot path nor would it be safe to reinstall a walkway to traverse flood water</p>
14	Shenley Road	<p>Popular rat run for HGV travelling at excessive speeds. Road entirely unsuitable for this traffic.</p>			<p>To be included in Kent Highways review of HGV use of village/country roads</p> <p><u>Meeting 21st October 2020</u></p> <p>The pedestrian warning signs are with contractors for installation – date for completion is by 16th Dec</p>

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15	Lenham Road as it enters Headcorn	<p>Excessive speeds and overtaking into and leaving the village Issue is exacerbated at present by lack of footpath within the village boundary that links new development with existing footway</p>		HPC/KCC	<p>Consider speed survey</p> <p><u>Meeting 21st October 2020</u> We reviewed the area via Google maps and JW has agreed to undertake a site survey. She is not aware of any TRO to extend the 30 MPH speed limit out of the village and will speak to Claremarie Vine about the proposal. She advised the Council against doing the speed survey and said if she felt it was necessary the developer should be required to undertake the same.</p>
16	Oak Lane/Forge Lane	Rat run to avoid High Street		HPC/KCC	<p>Consider speed survey and review of poor junction with Forge Lane that is on dangerous bend Possible introduction of a one way system</p> <p><u>Meeting 21st October</u></p> <p>We reviewed the area via Google maps and JW will undertake a site survey to fully understand the issues and look for some solutions.</p> <p>JW advised that if we are looking at speed bumps or other traffic calming measures it would be important to undertake an informal consultation with the residents. Speed bumps bring with them a lot of noise, vibration and other issues for nearby residents. JW suggested a speed survey as this would indicate the direction of travel and class of vehicle and this could help form the decision on the type of measures that might be appropriate.</p> <p>Cutting back the vegetation on the corner may improve visibility and negate some of the issues</p>

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17	High Street	Excessive speeds endangering pedestrians		HPC/KCC	KCC suggest a speed survey. HPC are arranging