

## Highway Improvements Team working in Partnership with High Halden Parish Council

### Highway Improvement Plan (HIP)

#### Please read before completing:

- 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	
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Are you an active member of the Speedwatch Scheme?			Yes <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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#### 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	<b>This column is to be completed by the Community Engagement Officer ONLY</b>
1.	A28 Ashford	Y	<p>Speed on the A28</p> <p>Options: revisit extending the speed limit</p> <p>SID Scheme</p> <p>Install a VAS</p>	<p>The area roughly opposite the Gentlemans Barbers could potentially be utilised for a fixed VAS for westbound vehicles, and though not perfect there is possible scope at the corner of A28/Tilden Close for a fixed VAS for eastbound vehicles.</p> <p>A28.</p> <p>We are keen to find the sites we need.</p>	<p>17/07/2025-</p> <p>KCC to investigate the possibility of installing a VAS around the area of the zebra crossing either indicating the 30mph speed limit or for the pedestrian crossing warning signs. These scheme can cost upward of £10,000 each depending on location and available power supply and would not be able to be funded by KCC.</p> <p>KCC to investigate again the request for an extension of the 30mph limit on the A28 to the care home facility "Halden Heights". The PC state that this would open up the option for further sites for a SID to allow that scheme to progress.</p> <p><b>08/12/2025-</b></p> <p><b>PC informed that 30mph limit extension is not feasible.</b></p> <p><b>Scheme to amend the signage on the approach to the bend by the shop from the east to address issues of collisions occurring with pedestrians</b></p>

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#### Historical Priorities Record (to be completed by the Community Engagement Officer ONLY)

Location	Has this issue been raised previously?	Problem/Concern	What are your objectives/ what options would you like KCC to consider?	KCC Comments
A28 Ashford road at each end of the village		Speed of traffic through the village. Village gates.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>KCC to provide rough cost estimate for village gates once PC have advised on location. PC to liaise with Tenterden TC in considering boundary signing location.</li> </ul>	<p>Village sign relocation – consider co-locating with village gates.</p> <p>Completed</p>
A28 Ashford Road		Speed of traffic through the village. Speed limit review/ reduction.		<p>Note maintenance and operational issue with existing traffic islands – consider their removal and possible alternatives to manage traffic speed. Island removal currently being considered by KCC street lighting team.</p> <p>Completed</p>
A28 Ashford Road		Crossing the road to reach the shop and the school is hazardous. We have received reports of parents/children having near misses in this area.	Zebra/pelican crossing required	<p>27/03/2023-</p> <p>PC reported that the issue is with vehicles turning left from Church Hill and not looking to see people crossing.</p> <p>PC and KCC in agreement that no alternate place in this area for the zebra crossing due to the bend, junctions and driveways.</p> <p>Signage in place to warn drivers from Church Hill of a pedestrian crossing.</p> <p>Discussions had regarding a pelican crossing. Advised that this is a very expensive scheme (in excess of £80,000) and would likely not prove popular with the residents in the properties near to this due to light and noise.</p>

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A28 Ashford Road		Speed of traffic and lack of signage. Existing flashing sign just flashes one speed and is activated by all vehicles so is ignored	Moveable Vehicle activated signs required and to be managed by the Parish Council	<p>27/03/2023-</p> <p>Agreed to wait for results of potential extension of the 30mph limit before moving forward with this.</p> <p>KCC to investigate calibration of current VAS as reported that this activates for every vehicle rather than those travelling at excess speed.</p> <p>14/04/2023-</p> <p>This has been passed to the team who in charge of VAS who state they will look into the calibration.</p>
A28 Ashford Road		Speed of traffic through the village given there is a school, shop, church and public house. Parents feel unsafe walking children to village school. Various residents have had arms/body parts clipped by lorries whilst walking along the A28	Extend the 30mph throughout the whole village	<p>27/03/2023-</p> <p>PC requesting extension of the 30mph limit on the west side, up to Holden Heights Care Community.</p> <p>Traffic Survey conducted May 2022 conducted between Holden Heights and Halden Close shows average speeds as follows:</p> <p>Eastbound 36.6mph</p> <p>Westbound 34.4mph</p> <p>These are a little higher than we would like, however KCC will discuss with Planning &amp; Advice colleagues to establish feasibility and options.</p> <p>14/04/2023-</p> <p>Not feasible due to road environment and average speeds being too high. Also very costly due to removal of 40mph roundels on red tarmac.</p>

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				<p>24/04/2024-</p> <p>PC requested this to be assessed again. KCC attended the site and agreed to have internal discussions again regarding the matter. If an extension of the speed limit cannot be agreed, KCC will look to tidy up the existing start of the limit as there is a lot of sign clutter, and gateways with small signs.</p> <p>21/05/2024-</p> <p>Due to no significant changes in the environment or any further evidence of a safety issue that would be addressed by a reduction in the speed limit, the decision remains the same at this time to not extend.</p>
A28 Hopes Meadow		No safe place to cross and children and elderly crossing the busy A28 to either get to the bus stop or to reach the recreation ground and village hall	Crossing needed as per the original planning permission for the new development	<p>17/07/2025-</p> <p>A controlled crossing did not form part of the development agreement that was sealed and therefore a pedestrian dropped kerb was installed.</p> <p>KCC require evidence of sufficient pedestrian crossing numbers and vehicle numbers to justify the installation of a controlled crossing, which this site will not obtain due to the limited footfall attractors in the area.</p> <p>Therefore this scheme is not feasible at this time, but should be considered as part of future development agreements in the area if appropriate.</p>
Hookstead		Speed of traffic in a residential area and also adjacent to the well used recreation ground	Speed reduction	<p>17/07/2025-</p> <p>KCC to investigate feasibility of a speed limit reduction here along with the A28. DfT guidance states that speed limits should be a minimum of 600m but can be reduced to an absolute minimum of 300m if evidence is available to support this. This is to reduce the risk of</p>

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				<p>confusion and frustration in drivers with speed limits changing too frequently which risks raising average speeds and therefore the risk.</p> <p>Rough measurements from the junction of Hookstead and the A28 to where the houses on both sides of the road end is approximately 288m. If we could justify including the remaining houses to the west where houses are only on one side of the road and not strictly in keeping with the guidance on road environments for 30mph limits, this would increase to roughly 480m.</p> <p>Since our records begin in January 2010, there has only been 1 recorded injury collision in this area which involved a vehicle using the wrong part of Hookstead to pull out onto the A28 and colliding with a vehicle. This data could not be used to support a speed limit reduction below the 600m.</p> <p>If the A28 speed limit could be reduced, then we could include the length as part of that limit. KCC to investigate this together.</p> <p>08/12/2025-</p> <p>PC informed that the speed limit reduction on the A28 is not feasible and this therefore leaves the remaining length within Hookstead too short to meet the guidance set by the DfT. Therefore not feasible at this time.</p>
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