

Highway Improvements Team working in Partnership with Aylesham Parish Council

Highway Improvement Plan

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(Please remember that the 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>)

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HIP Version	Submitted by (Name)	HIP Date	Record Of Meeting Dates with KCC Virtual or Face to Face	County Member	
3	Nicola Purcell	09/01/25	20.09.22 – Virtual Meeting 16.11.23 – Virtual Meeting – LC 09/01/25 – Virtual Meeting - LC		
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 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 –
Aylesham's review is on or after March each year.

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Live Priorities Record

Priority	Location	Problem/Concern	What do you feel are the potential solutions?	KCC Comments (This column is to be completed by Project Manager ONLY)
1.	Whole Parish Dorman Avenue North; Dorman Avenue South; Heritage Road; Market Place, Aylesham	Cars travelling at speed through the villages	Road to be reduced in speed limit to 20mph	20.11.23 LC – HADMS data looks to be supportive of a reduction but ATC speed surveys will need to be carried out to confirm this. Note: Heritage Road is currently closed for works access. 13/09/24 LC- Existing speeds support a 20mph speed limit – including on Cornwallis Avenue. Due to de-illumination of the existing signage required and illumination of some, the scheme will cost of approx. £100,000. APC to confirm if this is something they wish to proceed with. 22/10/24 LC – KCC are to investigate if a village wide 20mph speed limit is viable as this may reduce costs due to the illumination/deillumination. LC to provide updates, outline cost and designs as and when they are available.
2.	Cornwallis Avenue	Long straight road with high pedestrian use (access to shops and facilities) cars are often travelling at high speed along this road	Traffic calming measures to be explored for this road.	20.11.23 LC – Carry out ATC speed survey to ascertain current speeds and then discuss with APC. 13/09/24 LC – Speed surveys carried out. 22/10/24 LC – It is possible to install speed cushions at this location and have passed this on to D&D Team to provide further information and an outline cost.
3.	Boulevard Courrieres at the access road to Snowdown Court	Cars parking too close to the junction of the access road to Snowdown court (which is also rear access to properties in Milner Crescent) restricting visibility for those joining Boulevard Courrieres	Double yellow lines to be added on the junction.	09/01/25 LC – Advised APC to report vehicles to Kent Police on 101 in the first instance as they are parked within 10m of the junction. LC could look into double yellow lines but these are subject to a TRO which currently costs £3000 and so I would suggest adding any other problematic areas to make it more cost effective. LC unsure if these would be enforced too.
4.	Dorman Avenue South	Eastern side of Dorman Ave S, lighting is poor. The pavement is not new and does not take a straight path and so is very difficult to navigate in the dark: it is almost	Addition of street lighting to Dorman Ave S.	20.11.23 – APC would like this to be addressed under future development planning and funded by S106 funds. 22/10/24 LC – Street Lighting have provided APC with an outline design and quotation to install 10 lamp columns.

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		pitch black. The addition of adequate street lighting would improve safety and make this a more desirable place to walk.		
5.	Crossroad at Chapmans Hill; Ratling Road;, Ackholt Road and Palm Tree Lane	Poorly indicated and on a 60mph road. Accident blackspot; signposts are regularly knocked out of the ground There have been witnessed at least 6 vehicle collisions at this junction Large vehicles use this road at speed	Change the approaching roads to a 30mph Improve road markings and signage	09/01/25 LC – Advised APC to report overgrown vegetation at Report a problem on a road or pavement - Kent County Council . LC to liaise with P&A to see if advance warning signs could be installed along with any appropriate lining. A 30mph or 40mph speed limit would not be suitable in this rural area but LC to see if a 50mph speed limit could be implemented.
6.	Spinney lane B2046 Junction	Poor visibility at the end of Spinney Lane it is a blind bend with added complications of the woodland. Cars are joining a 60MPH road with poor visibility.	Improvements to be made to junction to increase visibility for vehicles.	20.11.23 LC – To remain on HIP for future discussion
7.	Whole Parish	No safe available crossing points in the village, with cars travelling at speed.rossing points in	Coloured Speed Cushions to be installed at the point each PROW leads across a road, to slow down the traffic and provide an informal crossing point for pedestrians.	20.11.23 LC – An additional uncontrolled crossing point was explored last year when the zebra crossing was discounted. May revisit this after higher priorities explored first.
8.	Ratling Road, Aylesham	No pedestrian footway, speeding cars/high volume of traffic, high volume of development occurring.	Footpath to be installed on Ratling Road	20.11.23 – APC would like this to be addressed under future development planning and funded by S106 funds.
9.	Dorman Av North Nr Derwent Way, Aylesham	Difficulty for pedestrians crossing/poor visibility of pedestrians for drivers.	Create an illuminated, zebra crossing point on Dorman Ave N next to junction with Derwent Way	20.11.23 LC – This priority was investigated and discounted last year due to insufficient pedestrian footfall. APC would like to revisit in the future as new residential developments increase.
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Historical Priorities Record

No	Location	Problem/Concern	What do you feel are the potential solutions?	KCC Comments
1.	Dorman Av North Nr Derwent Way	Difficulty for pedestrians crossing/poor visibility of pedestrians for drivers.	Create an illuminated, zebra crossing point on Dorman Ave N next to junction with Derwent Way	KCC Officers to carry out a site visit and will look at doing a pedestrian and traffic survey. Possible LTP Bid for future? <i>Site Visited 18/9/22 – requested PED & ATC (NC)</i> LC 17/3/23 – Ped and ATC PV2 results sent to parish and advised that they do not meet the criteria for a zebra crossing.
2.	Kings Road and Queens Road	Congestion with two-way traffic and on street parking.	One-way systems to relieve congestion	Advised parish council that this would increase speeds and may push more traffic to other roads
3.	All roads within the boundary of Aylesham and Snowdown	Cars travelling at speed through the villages	Road to be reduced in speed limit to 20mph	Speed surveys required and extents of proposed 20mph limit. Parish Council to provide locations of where they would like speed surveys carried out. Advised that they may want to look at a SID and 30mph toolkit as a first step 23/9/22 – Works order raised for roundels to be installed (KCC funded) – <i>Works completed 20.10.22(NC)</i>
4.	Holt Road	This is a major route for villages, no footpath or safe walking space for pedestrians	Addition of footpath along Holt Road.	Possibly move 40mph back to start of houses on Holt Street – No land to install a footway on bridge.
5.	Boulevard Couriers	Cars travelling at high speed along the straight stretch of road.	Addition of speed restraints	Suggested a SID – and 30mph Toolkit to parish council. KCC to carry out speed survey
	Aylesham Road, Snowdown	This is a major route for villages, no footpath or safe walking space for pedestrians and vehicles	40MPH needs moving back to just beyond the new houses on Aylesham Rd. TRO required.	20.11.23 LC – Liaise with P&A to check feasible extents of speed reduction. 13/0924 LC – As the properties do not front the road, a speed reduction is not feasible here.

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		travelling at speed		
	Boulevard Couriers, Aylesham	Cars travelling at high speed along the straight stretch of road.	Addition of speed restraints	20.11.23 LC – ATC Speed survey to be carried out to establish whether there is a speeding problem. 13/09/24 LC – Boulevard Couriers can be included in a 20mph speed limit scheme.
	Dorman Avenue South; Dorman Avenue North; Boulevard Courrieres; Cornwallis Avenue	Speed indicators to be installed at these locations.	Speed indicators to be installed at these locations.	20.11.23 LC – Information received from Traffic and Network to request SID, forward to APC. 13/09/24 LC – Location form passed onto APC to liaise with T&I Team.
	B2046	Vehicles travelling at speed, endangering pedestrians and other road users.	Reduce the speed limit on this road.	20.11.23 LC – Surrounding environment doesn't currently suit a speed reduction.