



**Schemes Planning and Delivery Team working in Partnership with
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HIP Front Cover

| HIP Version | Submitted by (Name) | HIP Date | Record Of Meeting Dates with KCC Virtual or Face to Face | Please list below the funding Opportunities/Sources for HIP initiatives/Measures | |
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| 1 | Hayley Roberts | 30/04/2024 | 25.04.2024 | County Member, Parish Precept Donation, LTP bid | |
| 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? | |
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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.

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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) |
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| 1. | Broomfield Road | Broomfield Road is becoming increasingly busy. Accidents have increased and with the upcoming road closures this will make the problem worse. Councillors feel it would be beneficial to make this road a 30mph zone. 40 tonne trucks and coaches. | Slower traffic. Less accidents on blind bends. Easier and safer for residents to access driveways. Speedwatch could potentially be able to monitor the road with the lower speed limit. Given the Leeds road closure for six months could be useful due to increased traffic. Ban on 40 tonne truck and coaches using the road? | <p>09/05/23 - Avg speed throughout Broomfield is 19.4mph, a 30mph limit may actually raise speeds. (according to telematics)</p> <p>3 reported accidents within the last 5 years, no pattern to them.</p> <p>Speed survey will be needed to determine whether there is a problem with speeds and what could be done. No streetlights so we are limited in our options.</p> <p>16/05/23 – GM to order speed surveys once locations confirmed with Parish. Contact made with streetworks to enquire about HGV diversions for upcoming Leeds closure.</p> <p>15/08/23 - Survey found avg speed of 26mph and around 80% of vehicles are already going below 30. A 30 limit may increase speeds, as you are then essentially telling drivers it is safe to drive at 30.</p> <p>We think a better option would be to investigate whether there are any warning signs that could be installed to highlight any specific hazards, such as a single track lane sign or any tight bends.</p> |

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| | | | | <p>20/10/23 - PC mentioned the ATC was not in the best location, as was right before a tight bend. GM has ordered a new one, at the agreed location outside of Upper Street Cottage. For info, there are 18 properties in Broomfield, a church and a handful of businesses.</p> <p>PC have requested single track lane signs at the jct with the A20 and the removal of the “village hall” direction sign, as despite the HGV signage, they are still experiencing HGVs on a regular basis and believe this sign may help. The village hall sign request is because it is a redundant sign and adds to signage clutter.</p> <p>07/12 - P&A recommendation is to remove the blue HGV sign at the junction and replace the advance signs with advance weight restriction signs. Unfortunately was a no for single track lane sign here, as drivers wouldn’t have enough time to see it.</p> <p>30/04/24 - Scheme to replace signs on A20 sent to designers.</p> |
| 2. | Broomfield and Kingswood | 30 mph signs need renewing – many can not be seen and others are faded or damaged. Speedwatch are being advised every session that there are no signs to show it is a 30 mph. | Renew signs. Change smaller signs to larger signs. Paint speed limit on road. | <p>16/05/23 – GM has made contact with Operations team regarding the missing terminal sign. A job has been marked as complete for this, but photos of the completed work has been requested.</p> <p>Speed survey to be ordered alongside ones for Broomfield when locations agreed. Then Planners to investigate extra 30mph roundels.</p> |



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| | | <p>Kingswood Village sign with 30mph on has still not been replaced. Main problem areas: Wents cross roads, Duck Pond Lane and Broomfield Road areas.</p> | | <p>15/08/23 - We advise that any faded or damaged signs are reported via the online tool for repair.</p> <p>No survey ordered for here so far, but happy to once locations have been agreed, which can help to inform whether we will install some extra roundels. Please note, none can be installed where there is street lighting.</p> <p>20/10/23 - PC noted there are no repeaters on Ulcombe Hill after the terminal and have requested a set of repeaters before the crossroads.</p> <p>The give way signage on Chegworth is the blank triangle. Could this be replaced with the sign that has text?</p> <p>07/12 - The current gateway set up on Chegworth Rd isn't technically correct, so best to leave it as is, otherwise it would need to be removed.</p> <p>We can install a repeater on Ulcombe Hill though.</p> <p>30/04/24 - Repeater passed to designers.</p> |
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| <p>3.</p> | <p>Road signs along Lenham Road</p> | <p>Although there is a big 30 mph sign when travelling towards Kingswood from Lenham at the start of the zone, if you are emerging from Chegworth Road or coming from Ulcombe, there is no indication to clearly show that if you turn towards Kingswood, you are in a 30 mph area. There is little 30 mph signs a little way on and somewhat grubby 30 mph markings on the road, but no big sign. Having a better set up could reduce speed of many vehicles coming into the village from the East.</p> | <p>Travelling out of the village towards Wents Garage – placing a sign similar to Platts Heath with a red background saying 'YOU ARE ENTERING A ZONE WHICH HAS A NEW SPEED LIMIT' or words to that effect.</p> <p>Present sign the other side of the Sports Field currently states 'THANK YOU FOR DRIVING CAREFULLY'. This could have the effect of a driver believing he/she has left the 30 mph zone and it is now 60 mph. Would it be worth taking this sign down?</p> | <p>09/05/23 - Ulcome Hill entry:</p>  <p>Chegworth Road entry:</p>  <p>More info required regarding the sign opposite the sports field, as this is on the gateway as standard. P&A can investigate more roundels. Have the grubby ones been reported to Ops?</p> <p>16/05/23 – Overgrown veg by 30mph sign on Chegworth Road has been reported to Ops, Ref: 12409334.</p> |
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| | | | | <p>Planners to investigate some extra roundels along Lenham Road and gateway improvements. Ref: 12409335</p> <p>14/06/23 - Item raised on lists to get an extra repeater installed on Lenham Road, just west of the aforementioned crossroads.</p> <p>15/08/23 - Completion date of this job is 02/10, plan sent to PC</p> <p>20/10/23 - PC requested a feature at the gateway on Lenham Road. Could we install some roundels here? Can we paint a slow next to the children crossing signage by the gateway too?</p> <p>07/12 - We can install some roundels by the gateway</p> <p>30/04/24 - Roundels passed over to design team. Designers to also cost up refresh of existing roundels for the PC to pay.</p> |
| 4. | Pavement on Charlesford Avenue | Pavements are slanted and lean to one side. This results in pedestrians walking in the road. | Request for investigation and costing of repair work. | <p>Advised to raise an enquiry for Highway Steward to assess and provide costings</p> <p>09/05/23 - Has this been reported to Ops? Maintenance issues fall outside the remit of the HIP, more than happy to help report this.</p> |



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| | | | | <p>16/05/23 – Chased up with JW to see where she got with this.</p> <p>15/08/23 - Advice is to log this on online fault tool to see if maintenance team will carry out the work, as this seems like a maintenance issue at first. We can potentially investigate this if maintenance do not feel this is for them.</p> |
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Historical Priorities Record

| No | Location | Problem/Concern | What do you feel are the potential solutions? | KCC Comments |
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| 2 | Various | We have many elderly residents using wheel chairs and motorised chairs to get around the village. | In order of priority the following junctions would really benefit from a dropped kerb: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ashford on the west side crossing into Charlesford at the north side. • Cayser at the junction with Charlesford. • Elder Close at its junction with Chestnut Drive | Inspected on 21 May with Parish Clerk – All 3 locations are not felt to be safety critical. There are lots of vehicle crossings where mobility users can cross and not busy locations. No further action |
| 3 | Parking between the yellow markings on the road opposite the village hall and the junction with the Lenham Road. | Dangerous Parking. Dangerous as cars driving towards the Lenham Road have to go onto the opposite side of the road to pass the cars and if cars are turning from the Lenham Road into Gravelly Bottom Road they are not aware that you are there and there is an accident waiting to happen. | | Inspected with Parish Clerk on 21 May with Parish Clerk – Not deemed a safety issue but will continue to monitor. Parish Clerk will request that the vehicles park further back from the junction. No further action |
| 4 | Lenham Road – from Gravelly Bottom Road towards the sports field | Access to Sports Field for pedestrians. | Request to extent the footway. Investigated in 2011/12 – Plan and costings sent | Land registry to be carried out – completed Private property – Not a KCC issue |

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| | to the sports field entrance | | | |
| 5 | Pavement on right hand side of Charlesford Avenue as you walk towards Ashford Drive, between the Village Shop and Ashford Drive | This pavement is very uneven, and a resident recently fell and broke her wrist. | Request for this pavement to be looked at and necessary repairs made. | |
| 6 | Stretch of Broomfield Road alongside Oakdene, ME17 3NY | Oakdene is sited at a blind spot in Broomfield Road and the owner has advised that he fears they may be a serious accident at that point in the road if something is not done. | Resident has suggested that the road is widened at this point and has advised that he would be willing to give up part of his land to improve the situation. Please could a Highways Steward come out and assess this point in the road. | 19/4/2021 – Checked crashes and none recorded at this location Would require a Deed of Dedication to take over the land. KCC do not support. |
| 1. | Chevron at the junction of Duck Pond Lane and Chartway Street | Sharp, blind corner resulting in accidents and vehicles going into hedges. | Request for a chevron sign to be installed to warn drivers. | Site visit due 25 th February 2022. 28.02.2022 - Jennie visited the site at Chartway Street and Duck Pond Lane on Friday and will arrange for an additional chevron to be installed. Please note that KCC will fund this but it will have to be after April when our new budget is available. 09.06.2022 – email sent to chase Jennie/Highways. 08.07.2022 – email received from Claire Venner – sign has now been ordered and the contractor has 90days to complete this work. COMPLETE |

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| 1. | Cayser Drive | Flooding which in turn is leading to potholes and debris on road and footpaths. | Blocked drain perhaps – need to be unblocked properly and damage to road and footpath rectified. | Has this been reported to Drainage? 16/05/23 - PC to share enquiry numbers for GM to chase up. |
| 1. | Various: Chartway Street and Broomfield Road | Potholes | Repair | Has this been reported to Ops? 16/05/23 - PC to share enquiry numbers for GM to chase up. |
| 4. | Single Track road signs | Large vehicles using Broomfield Road, despite signs on A20 and Pitt Road. This is resulting in traffic issues with cars having to reverse a considerable way to enable larger vehicle to pass using private drive ways as passing places. There are no other authorised passing places, only mud inserts created by vehicles having nowhere else to go which are now being | 9 Single track signs are requested: 4 on the junction of Broomfield Road with the A20 1 at the junction of Cayser Drive and Broomfield Road 2 – one at each end of Pitt Road 1 at the junction of Duck Pond Lane and Chartway Street 1 at junction of Gravelly Bottom Road and the Glenham Road | Met PC 21 May to discuss. The junction is very well signed and no additional signage is felt necessary. Will continue to monitor – No further action at present Meet with Sue Laporte and Martin Taylor-Smith, 13.08.19 PC advised they should seek permission to erect a single-track sign on the Leeds Castle land at the junction of Broomfield Road and A20. PC to fund cost. Complete. KCC Highways to ascertain who owns the land on Broomfield Road on the left-hand side as you drive towards Kingswood just passed the Leeds Castle back entrance where the road narrows – KCC advised this is Leeds Castle |



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| | | fenced off by farmers to protect the land. In addition there has been an increase in the number of accidents on Broomfield Road | | |
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