

Wingham Parish Council Highway Improvement Plan Summary for the Parish Council website

February 2023

HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN			ACTION PLAN
Priority	Location	Problem and <u>suggested</u> remedy by WPC	Comments and actions taken so far
1	A257 Gobery Hill, junction with Wildlife Park & Roman Road	Problem: Speeding; overtaking; hazardous pedestrian access to Wildlife Park & bus stops; overgrown vegetation on footway. Remedy: Buffer zone; widen road at park for central reservation & possible slip road; central double white lines; improve signs to indicate exits; more regular vegetation clearance.	KCC Officer investigated: potential s106 improvements; potential bus stop improvements; hedge maintenance. A257 Traffic Group met with Kent Police to discuss speed enforcement on the Roman Road. Speed checks carried out by Kent Police. Meeting organised end February 2022 to discuss and agree way forward. Education campaign discussed with KCC as no physical measures possible, but not taken forward. Nov 2022 – KCC chasing bus clearways for two bus stops o/s Wildlife Park. Otherwise no other progress.
2	Preston Hill junction with A257 High Street	Problem: Peak time congestion; speeding; Large vehicles mount island + pavements; hazardous for pedestrians Remedy: Re-model junction: reduce island size; increase width of footway o/s 113-114 High St; install triangular pinch to slow down/guide vehicles entering Preston Hill.	KCC working with WPC on design for junction to potentially include parking restrictions. Further work and consultation required. November 2022 KCC to look at possible funding for possible junction improvements to improve safety for pedestrians and slow traffic entering Preston Hill from High Street.
3	B2046 High St/ Adisham Rd from Red Lion Corner to Seaths Corner	Problem: HGVs passing, damaging property. HGVs mount pavements, damaging service covers, pipes, putting pedestrians at risk Remedy: Bollards. Yellow box junction, forcing vehicles to stop & not wait opposite South Crt, enabling larger vehicles to pass each other	KCC looked at yellow box junction – requires consultation with Kent Police & traffic survey. November 2022 KCC will not install yellow box as not appropriate but will install KEEP CLEAR marking (KCC to fund)
4	A257 Canterbury Rd between Willow Cottage & bus stop at Mill Rd	Problem: Footpath on one side only; hazardous for pedestrians; overgrown vegetation. Remedy: Install new footpath; regular vegetation clearance.	Previous requests made for footpath 2014 & 2015. KCC drew up designs 2016 & consulted but funding not secured. Resident petition supported by WPC submitted to KCC Feb 2020, but rejected by KCC. KCC estimate costs to install footpath £24,000 based on KCC 2016 design. KCC to investigate utility services. Nov 2022 No further action agreed currently.

Previous HIP Priorities removed at 25.1.22 & 29.11.22 meetings

Wingham High Street	Speeding/high volume of traffic; HGVs causing vibrations; unsafe for pedestrians.	20mph zone due to be completed February 2022
C'bury Rd j/w Wingham High St; B2046 to Seath's Corner.	Speeding traffic entering village from the South along B2046; property damage; large vehicles unable to pass; hazardous for pedestrians.	20mph zone due to be completed February 2022
A257 Canterbury Rd Wingham Bridge	Inadequate fencing; subsiding bridge; damage to footway & carriageway	KCC have identified a scheme to make the bridge and carriageway safe. Work to commence soon.
Preston Hill: Wenderton Lane junction to just after Ashen Tree Cottages	Speeding traffic in both directions; hazardous for pedestrians & residents.	Reduce a section of NSL to 40mph to create a buffer zone when entering the existing 30mph. Work due to be completed February 2022
Watercress Lane	Diverted traffic using lane in error; speeding; hazardous for residents; no footway.	Edge of carriageway markings added along extent of houses fronting the carriageway

NB. HIP updated annually with KCC Highways. Last update: 3.02.2023