

Wingham Parish Council Highway Improvement Plan Summary for the Parish Council website April 2024

HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN			ACTION PLAN
Priority	Location	Problem and suggested remedy by WPC	Comments and actions taken so far
1	Junction of B2046 + Staple Rd, known as Seath's Corner	Problem: HGVs turning in/out of junction causing damage to street furniture, verges and private property Remedy: Thorough investigation by KCC into possible solution +/- or mitigation. At a minimum, improved signs/road lining to ensure all users aware of narrowing/difficulty to make safe turn	WPC produced dossier of evidence sent to KCC Highways Cabinet member requesting action. KCC to liaise with their teams to look at possible HGV one-way system; possible signs to encourage HGVs to use middle of road; possible bollards outside 6 High St; possible lines to encourage better positioning of vehicles
2	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) KCC asked to chase 'Keep Clear' lining
3	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. Bus Clearways installed February 2024
4	A257 Canterbury Rd nr School Lane junction	Problem: Unsafe to cross. School children regularly cross to/from school and to access church/coaches for trips. Remedy: As now in 20mph zone is a crossing point possible?	KCC state a zebra crossing is not possible, but a pedestrian refuge island may be feasible at a cost in excess of £10,000. At their March 2024 meeting, WPC agreed would still prefer a crossing and did not support a pedestrian refuge at a cost to the Parish of over £10K.
5	Canterbury Rd o/s St Mary's Church	Problem: Access to church car park + rear access regularly blocked by parked vehicles Remedy: DYs or dog bone to prevent vehicles blocking access	KCC state DYs would cost in excess of £3000. KCC note vehicles should not be parking where there are central double white lines, this is an enforcement issue, therefore dog bone marking not recommended or feasible.
6	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 & Dec 2023: No further action agreed currently.

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Previous HIP Priorities completed/removed:-

Preston Hill junction with A257 High Street	Peak time congestion; speeding; HGVs mount island + pavements; hazardous for pedestrians	KCC won LTP funding to redesign junction. Completed November 2023
Wingham High Street	Speeding/high volume of traffic; HGVs causing vibrations; unsafe for pedestrians.	20mph zone 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 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 completed September 2022
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 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. Wingham HIP updated annually with KCC Highways. This document last updated: 4.04.2024