

## Wingham Parish Council Highway Improvement Plan Summary for the Parish Council website September 2025

HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN			ACTION PLAN <i>(Taken from February 2025 update)</i>
Priority	Location	Problem and suggested remedy by WPC	KCC Comments and actions
1	A257 from Gobery Hill to Shatterling (to boundary with Staple)	<p><b>Problem:</b> Reckless overtaking, speeding &amp; tricks. Regular road traffic incidents. Farm vehicles often overtaken when signalling and/or trying to enter from A257. Hazardous for pedestrians due to overgrown vegetation &amp; cyclists using the pavement.</p> <p><b>Remedy:</b> Double white lines to prevent overtaking. Engineering solution for Wildlife Park entrance to make safer for vehicles &amp; pedestrians including those using buses. More regular vegetation clearance.</p>	<p>Double white lines can only be installed where visibility is obscured or there is a climbing lane and so not appropriate at this location.</p> <p>Longer hazard lining could be possible but this may not make much difference. The warning sign could be moved but this will impact the farm vehicles sign.</p> <p>KCC to look at options and speak to Development Team to make sure they are aware of WPC thoughts and suggestions.</p>
2	B2046/Staple Road Junction	<p><b>Problem:</b> Property &amp; street furniture regularly damaged by large vehicles turning</p> <p><b>Remedy:</b> Appropriate signs &amp; road lining to ensure HGVs are aware of the overhanging building &amp; narrowing of the road and to move over to the centre</p>	KCC to investigate if an arrow with High Veh wording lining can be installed to encourage better positioning when taking the turn into Staple Road.
3	Watercress Lane	<p><b>Problem:</b> Single track lane, no formal passing places, too narrow for HGVs to use. Residents' driveways are being damaged. Verges are being destroyed by large vehicles pushing mud + debris onto the road + blocking gullies</p> <p><b>Remedy:</b> Permanent signs stating "unsuitable for HGVs"; "no passing places"; "access only".</p>	KCC to investigate if/what signage is appropriate.
4	A257 opposite Preston Hill junction	<p><b>Problem:</b> Vehicles mounting kerb &amp; pavement outside 116&amp;115 High St to undertake vehicles waiting to turn right into Preston Hill</p> <p><b>Remedy:</b> If bollards not possible due to width of pavement, can the kerb be raised to deter this behaviour?</p>	<p>Raising the footway is unlikely to stop motorists mounting the footway as there is dropped kerbs and may result in drainage issues. Building out the footway to accommodate a bollard is likely to have a negative impact on swept paths for Preston Hill and so KCC to investigate if a bollard can be installed on the footway given that it doesn't lead anywhere.</p> <p>Bollard is not possible here.</p>

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Parish Council review the Wingham HIP annually with KCC Highways, usually in November or December each year. KCC will generally only work on one priority per year, but depending on what is required, it may be possible to work on a second priority. If KCC decide that a request is not possible, it will be removed to the historical priorities list – see below.

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### Historical HIP Priorities completed or 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
A257 Canterbury Rd nr School Lane junction	Unsafe to cross for school, church, bus, etc. Can a crossing point be installed?	Zebra crossing unlikely to meet criteria. Pedestrian refuge island if feasible would cost in excess of £10,000. Not taken forward.
Canterbury Rd o/s church	Access to car park & rear access often blocked DYLs or dog bone to prevent this	DYL would cost in excess of £3000. Dog bone marking not feasible. Vehicles should not be parking where there are double white lines, this is an enforcement issue.
Various locations	20mph speed limit reminders - roundels and repeaters on furniture	Scheme had originally been designed to minimise sign clutter. Additional roundels installed but no further signage will be added to this 20mph scheme.
B2046 High St/ Adisham Rd Red Lion Corner to Seaths Corner	HGVs passing vehicles & damaging property. HGVs mount pavements causing damage, put pedestrians at risk. Speeding(+20mph) causes vibration + splashed water through letterbox. Very dangerous at School Lane crossing. Suggest bollards, hatched yellow box opposite South Court junction, enforcement measures	Neither yellow box or Keep clear will be installed at the entrance to Vicarage Gardens as this will only serve a purpose for a few houses. There are no engineering methods possible to alleviate HGV's mounting the footway when turning in from Canterbury Road.
Junction of B2046 and Staple Road, known as Seath's Corner	HGVs turning at junction causing damage to street furniture, verges & private property Thorough investigation by KCC Highways into a potential solution or mitigation required. At a minimum, improved signs & road lining to ensure HGVs are fully aware of	2023 KCC to investigate 1. if HGV only one-way system is possible, 2. Is there signage to encourage HGVs to use middle of the road, 3. Can bollard/s be installed on corner of 6 High St, 4. Can lining be used to encourage better positioning of vehicles. 2024 KCC to investigate if overhanging building sign could be raised so more visible to HGVs; Would changing the priority (give way on B2046) be beneficial?; Can a bollard similar to that on Nargate Street (concrete filled tube) be installed on Seaths Corner; HGV sign at entrance of Crockshard Lane may be beneficial; 2024 KCC state a bollard cannot be installed on corner of 6 High St; The overhanging building sign height will be increased to be more visible to HGV drivers; HGV sign at the entrance to Crockshard Lane will not be beneficial and won't be installed; The changing of priority on B2046 will also not be beneficial and will not be implemented.

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A257 Gobery Hill, J/W Wildlife Park & Roman Road	<p>Speeding on Roman Rd &amp; Gobery Hill; reckless overtaking; hazardous for pedestrian access/ egress to Wildlife Park &amp; bus stops; overgrown veg on footway</p> <p>Buffer zone on Gobery Hill; widening of A257 at Wildlife park to allow for central reservation &amp; possible slip road to the park; central double white lines to prevent overtaking; improved signs to indicate four ingresses on the N side &amp; two on the S side; more regular veg clearance so pedestrians can use full width of footway</p>	<p>2020 WPC liaised with WWP</p> <p>KCC asked to investigate if any future planning applications could potentially include S106 improvements for pedestrian accessibility.</p> <p>KCC to investigate request that bus stop improvements are raised at meetings. Stops not considered unsafe by KCC.</p> <p>Speed checks requested; Cllr Chandler spoke with KCC officers re bus stop Improvements.</p> <p>KCC state vegetation either side of WWP entrance belongs to WWP &amp; their responsibility to clear; vegetation by bus stop opposite belong to landowner and their responsibility.</p> <p>2022 Education campaign suggested.</p> <p>February 2024 Bus clearways installed.</p> <p>December 2024 Place into historical &amp; WPC will place as a new priority in future if required.</p>
A257 Canterbury Rd between Willow Cott. & bus stop at Mill Rd	<p>Footpath on one side only; hazardous for pedestrians crossing road to access bus stops, local amenities &amp; main village; overgrown vegetation</p> <p>Request new footpath; more regular vegetation clearance so pedestrians can use full width of footway</p>	<p>Previous requests made for footpath 2014 &amp; 2015. KCC drew up designs in 2016 &amp; consulted; funding not secured but said would follow up the following year - didn't happen.</p> <p>Resident petition supported by WPC submitted to KCC Feb 2020 but rejected.</p> <p>Footpath design carried out by KCC in 2016. Estimate cost: £24,000.</p> <p>Utilities present in grass verge. Solution: widen existing footpath on northern side by siding out vegetation and installing a dropped crossing point at desired locations.</p> <p>KCC suggest logging vegetation clearance along footpath.</p> <p>Dec 2024 Agreed to place into historical and place as a new priority in future if required.</p>

NB. Wingham HIP updated annually with KCC Highways. This document last updated: 17.09.2024