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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 your Community Engagement Officer will advise this once we know what the problems are.



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Live Priorities Record

Priority	Location	Problem/Concern	What do you feel are the potential	KCC Comments (This column is to be completed by Project Manager
			solutions?	ONLY)
1.	Crossroads at Brenchley Road, Maidstone road, and Lamberhurt Road	Several accidents on the crossroads. Most of these appear to have been the result of drivers not seeing the existing signage and following SatNavs which do not recognise the crossroads and seem to plot it as a road rather than a junction. Accident on 5 th January 2025: On the 5 th January unfortunately there was yet another collision at our village crossroads. The resident coming from Goudhurst direction was hit by a car pulling straight out in front of them from the Maidstone Road (they didn't	As there have been a few collisions and near misses logged recently at the crossroads, ClIrs discussed this at our meeting on Monday evening and considered what else could be done to make the crossroads safer. One thing that was suggested was that maybe a STOP sign (plus STOP road marking) would be better than a GIVE WAY sign on the Maidstone Road, as ultimately you do have to stop completely at this junction.	28.02.25 - Yellow backed warning signs already in place which are currently being missed by drivers. HADMs data shows 2 slight and 1 damage only collision for past 3 years. SatNav use seems to be a factor as it does not recognise this section of road as a junction. Discuss further options with P&A for this junction.
		realise they had to give way). The		



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police were present but luckily no	
one was injured. The police	
reference was 05-0782.	
recent accident at the crossroads	
(where his vehicle was hit as he	
travelled through the crossroads	
from Goudhurst direction towards	
Brenchley, by a vehicle coming	
from the Maidstone Road	
direction	
The driver coming from the	
Maidstone Rd direction has	
confirmed that he had no idea	
there was a junction ahead and	
therefore did not realise that he	
had to stop or give way. It was	
lucky that the vehicle hit was a	
large, robust truck as it was quite	
an impact to the driver's side	
door.	
Further to previous emails,	
unfortunately there has been	
another accident at the	



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	crossroads last night	
	(23/02/2025) Car travelling along	
	Maidstone road following satnav,	
	both cars involved damaged.	

Historical Priorities Record

N	lo Lo	ocation	Problem/Concern	What do you feel	KCC Comments
				are the potential	
				solutions?	



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1.	Brenchley Road, layby situated at the Sprivers woodland entrance	It has been noticed recently that the		Although this does encroach into the highway this is
	woodiand entrance	recently that the number of vehicles	The second second	also a natural traffic calming measure that has seen to reduce speeds at these locations. Which leads to
	sucress datas	trying to park in this		point above if we restrict parking within the layby will
		layby has exceeded the	記載(注 みるり)	cause a displacement of vehicles.
		space available,	P SHIVES	cause a displacement of vehicles.
		resulting in vehicles	San Park	Parish to liaise with National Trust regarding
	Ä	encroaching on to the		advertising this location as 'P'- Parking (limited
		Highways creating a		parking only)
	Control of the Contro	potential danger to		F - 0 - 11
		other road users and	利用的 图 图	Appears to be Highway land but Michelle will check
	Newmonth (see 1 9 1 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	themselves.	SCHOOL STATE	with our Highway Definitions team.
	g - Baraton dates			
				14.10.22 - GM has chased Highway Def for this.
				18.01.23 - Highway Def have replied indicating the
				layby is predominantly National Trust Land. No
	Nomence			further action possible from HIT.
	Grapps			
2.	Furnace Lane - from junction with Brenchley Road	HGV accessing	HGV signs – Unsuitable	16.06.22 - Monitor HGV use with the Lorry watch
		building/local	for Heavy Goods.	scheme. Review in 6months for possible vehicle class
		developments		ATC's
				21.12.22 - TG requested results of lorry watch
				survey



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				11.01.22 - TG – there are no available results for lorry watch in Furnace Lane. 06.02.2023 - HGV signs are presently not being considered – it is understood that the PC wish to review when the Gibbet Lane/Furnace Lane development has been completed.
3.	Maidstone Road (from the crossroads north to The Foundry)	Unrestricted parking of vehicles is leading to a problem for long vehicles who do not have adequate space to pull in when vehicles are coming in the opposite direction	seeking solutions to this	16.06.22 - By restricting parking you may cause a problem by displacement of vehicles. Point below can be referenced. My comment is that the onstreet parking acts as a natural traffic calming feature, I note there is a school close by as well as park/recreation grass area Natural traffic calming with on street parking. High risk area with pedestrians. Removing the parking could increase speeds. 06.03.22 - Need to consider how much of an issue this is and who is parking here because if it's residents or parents of the nearby school, parking restrictions are unlikely to be supported at consultation. The Parish Council may wish to carry out a informal consultation to gauge support before pursing further.



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	MANAGEM NO Construction Cupies		Parish Council is not looking to pursue further at this time. NFA from HIT.
	TOTAL CORP. Control Visit Apr 201		
4.	School House Lane	Residential and visitor	16.06.22 – Comments as above with parking forming
	(Between Great Baynden and Northiam Farm)	parking on the road between these points	natural traffic calming
		makes it impassable for	Monitor 2022



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	Management of the state of the	the large lorries making collections and deliveries from Northiam farm operating at the end of this road. The parking also restricts access for others especially emergency vehicles should they be required. TWBC planning cannot make any conditions or enforcement. The police do not claim any		06.03.22 - Need to consider how much of an issue this is and who is parking here because if it's residents, parking restrictions are unlikely to be supported at consultation. The Parish Council may wish to carry out a informal consultation to gauge support before pursing further. Parish Council is not looking to pursue further at this time. NFA from HIT.
5.	Speeding vehicles around Green Road	jurisdiction about this. It has been noticed by	some form of traffic calming introduced possibly the introduction of a speed limit or even	16.06.22 – Monitor possible ATC'S Ordnance survey data inconsistent. If the parish would like to fund the ATC surveys this will be £100. 14.10.22 - GM to request ATC once details received from Parish for invoicing.



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	The Table 19		confirmation form KCC	of data	21.12.22 - Speed data received 15 Dec 2022 which indicates vehicles are not travelling at excessive speed TG: N – av speed: 13.9mph (85%: 18.2mph) S – av speed: 13.8mph (85%: 17.5mph) Percentage of vehicles complying with the 30mph speed limit in both directions was 100%. 06.03.23 - ET sent Parish Council ATC results. PC to confirm if they wish to pursue changes here further given the low average speeds. Update 04.04.23 - The Parish Council agreed that this item should be moved to the "historical"
					section of the HIP. NFA for HIT.
6.	Maidstone Road (B2162), from Rams Hill to point level with the southern property boundary of Gafford's Bridge Cottages.	Currently derestricted. Traffic volume and speeds have increased significantly since the last Speed Limit Review in 2007.	speed limit to	50mph	16.06.22 - Data from 2007 to be shared with KCC. Received 28.06.22 - Filed Junction warning signage at Yew Tree Green Road/ Maidstone Road to be added to Lining refresh at Yew Tree Green Road with Highway Ops via the online fault reporting tool.



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14.10.22 - SLOW markings can be placed next to the signs, new signs cannot be installed as they are already in place. Awaiting parish comment on this. GM

20.12.22 - SLOW markings has been raised to be completed. (On Hold)

23.12.22 - HADMs data indicates vehicles are not driving at excessive speed with average speeds below 42mph and predominantly in the 30s.

Further investigation required – consider ATC surveys at locations agreed by Parish to confirm speeds of traffic. KCC will consider paying for the ATC surveys.

06.03.23 - Average speeds would imply that drivers are already driving to the condition of the road, which we would expect to see on a derestricted road, and below the desired 50mph speed limit. Installing 50mph signs could have a negative impact on speeds by increasing them as those currently driving below



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42mph may feel more inclined to drive to the posted speed limit.

Parish Council would like a clearer overview of speeds at this location. ET to review suitable locations for two ATCs and to confirm with PC before arranging. KCC to fund.

ET will also follow up with Ops re the refresh of line markings and update the Parish Council.

16.03.23 -

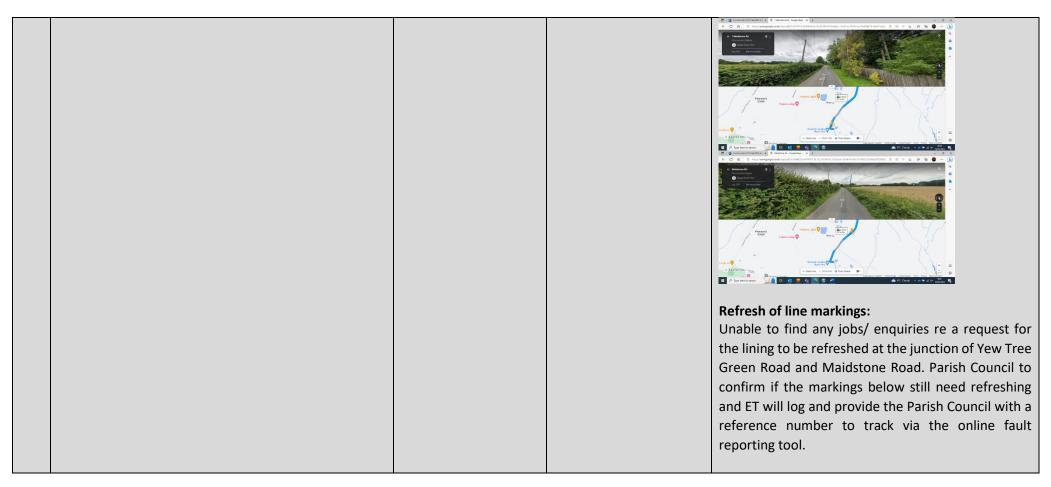
ATCs:

Two locations for ATCs proposed as below (to be attached to telegraph poles at both locations). Parish Council to confirm that these would be suitable locations to get a good indication of vehicle speeds, and ET will arrange.



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17.03.23 - Refresh of line markings is logged under ref. 644378. Job was completed 16.03.23 to carry out carriageway patching along with 5m of edge lining and a refresh of junction markings, triangle and centre lines. **04.04.23** - The Parish Council agreed the two proposed locations on Maidstone Road for the ATCs. ET to arrange and update the PC on dates that the survey will be on site. 13.04.23 - ATC request form sent. ET to update the PC on dates that the survey will be on site. 17.04.23 - ATC will be on site for seven days from 10 May 2023. Parish Council informed.



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21.06.23 - ATC results received and shared with the
Parish Council for their consideration/ comment.
These showed the following:
MID
Av. Speeds: 40.1mph
85 th % speeds: 46mph
NORTH
Av. Speeds: 39.3mph
85 th % speeds: 45mph
As with previous comments in March 2023, based
on the HADMS results, the average speeds from the
ATCs show that drivers are already driving to the
condition of the road, which we would expect to
see on a derestricted road, and, in the majority of
cases, far below the desired 50mph speed limit.
Installing 50mph signs could therefore have a
negative impact on speeds by increasing them as
those currently driving below 50mph may feel more
inclined to drive to the posted speed limit.



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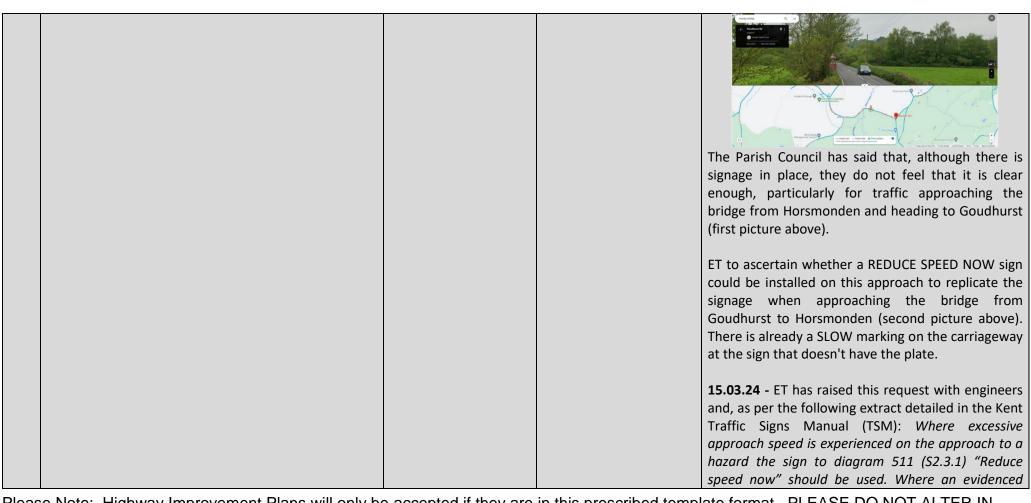
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				Update 11.07.23 - Parish Council confirmed that Cllrs have agreed that there is now no further action required.
7.	New for 24/25: Stoney Bridge, Goudhurst Road	This bridge is not technically a single carriageway as two cars can pass if they approach slowly but it is particularly narrow.	Install narrow bridge warning signs as you approach Ballard's Hill.	14.11.23 - There are already road narrows warning signs on both approaches to the bridge, as below. ET advised the Parish Council to log a report via the parish portal or on-line fault reporting tool if these signs are obscured by vegetation so that KCC's maintenance team can inspect and arrange for any overgrown vegetation to be cleared.



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safety issue and a safety assessment has indicated a need for this sign at the location, suitable remedial measures should be installed. As such, the 'Reduce Speed Now' sign should only be used where there is evidence of speeding with measured speed data or a crash record. It should not be used for perceptions of speeding. As there have been no reported damage only or personal injury collisions in the past three (of five)
personal injury collisions in the past three (of five) years at this location, and our telematics speed data indicates average speeds of 30.65mph, this site would not qualify for a 'Reduce Speed Now' sign.
ET's suggestion is for the Parish Council to log a report via the parish portal or on-line fault reporting tool if the existing signs are obscured by vegetation and the SLOW marking on the eastbound approach is faded so that KCC's maintenance team can inspect and arrange for any overgrown vegetation to be cleared and road markings to be refreshed.



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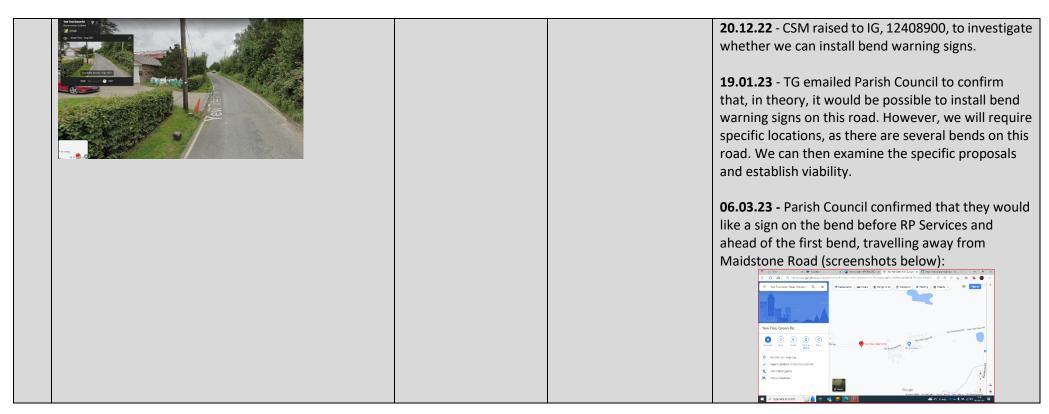
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8.	Yew Tree Green Road, From the bridge near to the junction with Maidstone Road (B2162) past the two sharp bends which incorporates entrances to various properties.	There is no restriction on speed limit in this vicinity, even though the road is often used by heavy goods vehicles and includes a very narrow bridge (only wide enough for one vehicle at a time), several entrances to residential properties, and two sharp bends (making entrances and exits blind).	The PC suggests a reduction in speed limit to 30mph over this section, supplemented with appropriate warning signs for the bends and narrow road.	are looking at. Advanced warning signs could be the answer to keep drivers aware of bends etc. I note the verge marker posts are hidden by vegetation Can be reported on the online reporting tool. 16.06.22 - Claire Venner to share HADMS data. Item to be monitored for future review for more verge marker bollards dependant on land ownership. 26.10.22 - GM spoke to Stuart Davis regarding this item. Stuart stated some warning signs for the blind
	un Farting "** " W R	exits blind).		item. Stuart stated some warning signs for the blind bends and section where the road narrows. DR to investigate.



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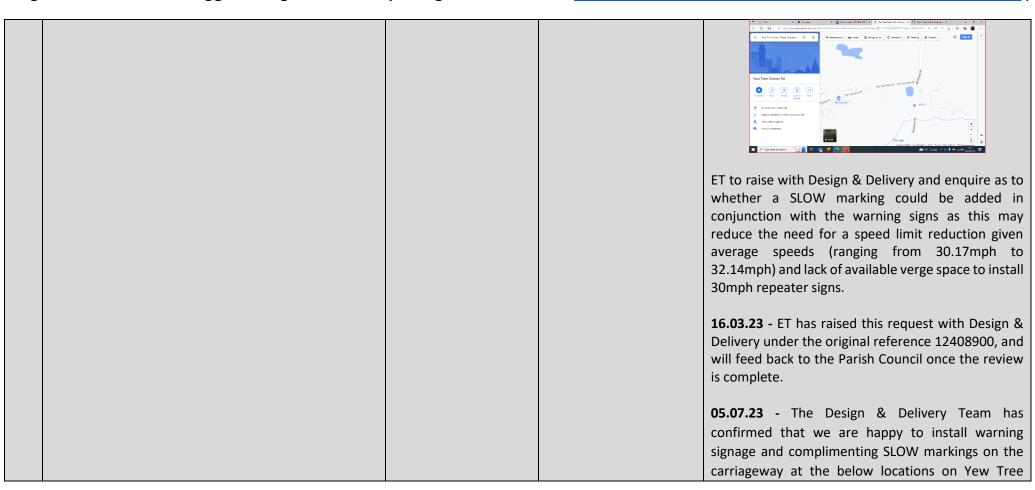
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Cross Road. Parish Council asked to confirm that they are happy with the proposals and ET will raise the job and fund. 17.07.23 - Parish Council confirmed that they are happy for KCC to proceed with the proposed scheme. The Design & Delivery Team have been asked to complete the design and raise the order with the contractor. **04.09.23** - The Parish Council received concerns over the location of the signage. This has been shared with the Design & Delivery Team who have been asked for a copy of the drawings outlining the exact sign locations that ET can share with the Parish Council. 02.11.23 - ET suggested moving forward with the newly proposed location of the signage and will



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	continue to liaise regarding the reasons behind the
	locations identified.
	This is now resolved, and the job has been passed to
	KCC's contractors.
	02.01.24 - ET confirmed to the Parish Council that
	this job is part complete with the signs having now
	been installed in the correct locations. SLOW
	markings to be installed in January subject to
	weather conditions.
	24.01.24 - ET contacted the Parish Council to let
	them know that, whilst the SLOWs on Yew Tree
	Green Road have now been installed, the relocated
	bend warning sign has been installed too close to a
	water meter. Our contractors have been instructed
	to remove it asap and we are looking at alternative
	locations for installation so it will be brought back to
	the depot for now pending reinstallation at a more
	appropriate location.
	appropriate location.
	20.04.24. The most/size book some size of the little
	29.01.24 - The post/sign has been removed and it has
	been confirmed that no damage has been done to



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the water meter. The Design & Delivery Engineer wil return to site to ascertain where we can relocate the sign (chased for an update 15.03.24).
20.03.24 - The Design & Delivery Engineer has returned to site and has identified the below location for the sign to be re-erected (back of verge). An order will be raised for the start of the new financial year (shared with the Parish Council 21.03.24).



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				16.04.24 - An order has been raised for the new location as above. Parish Council informed. Update 12.06.24 - Sign now re-installed and this job is complete.
9.	Lamberhurst Road (B2162), from end of 30mph restriction to the junction with Ruck Lane.	Currently derestricted. Drivers drive too fast making it dangerous for those using the AGA buildings (including HGV's) and entrance to small side lanes in this vicinity. Very poor sight lines on the bend by the Spelmonden Road	speed limit to 40mph from end of 30mph restriction to junction with Ruck Lane.	KCC small works. 14.10.22 - Planning & Advice to investigate warning signage on all 3 approaches to the Spelmonden/Lamberhurst jct. GM



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junction with a rec	ord 09.12.22 - P&A could not find suitable locations for
of accidents.	the signs to be situated. Junction warning signs are
	also not usually used on roads of this nature.
Issue is mainly cau	sed
by vehicles waiting	g to 06.03.23 - HADMs data shows average speed of
turn and driv	vers vehicles travelling on this section of 60mph road is
approaching th	ese already below the desired speed limit of 40mph and
stationary vehi	cles there is no record of injury related crashes in the last
from behind with li	ttle three years.
advance warning t	chat
they are there.	Average speeds would imply that drivers are already
	driving to the condition of the road which we would
	expect to see on a derestricted road. It would be
	difficult to install 40mph repeater signs due to the
	lack of available locations anyway, however this
	could also have the added negative impact on speeds
	by increasing them as those currently driving below
	40mph may feel more inclined to drive to the posted
	speed limit.
	KCC advice would be that this road is not suitable for
	a reduction in speed limit.
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	Also raised at the meeting was a request for horse
	warning signs. There are no stables nearby, but
	warning signs. There are no stables hearby, but



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	concerns were raised by a resident regarding cars speeding past whilst out riding.
	ET explained that unfortunately it would be difficult to install signage at this location due to available verge (as above) as all signs must be installed a minimum of 450mm from the edge of the carriageway.
	If the Parish Council is able to provide details of accidents/ near misses we may be better able to consider the problem and therefore possible solutions.
	15.03.23 - The Parish Council confirmed that they are aware of at least one accident at this spot, and will provide KCC with the details, as soon as they have them.
	25.04.23 - The Parish Council provided information on a recent crash on Lamberhurst Road, just after the Spelmonden Road junction via email (and again 22.06.23 and 26.06.23), along with further concerns
	over use by HGVs. Passed to Design & Delivery for their comment on any possible solutions/ ideas for
	this location (ref. 12409281).



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05.06.23 - The Design & Delivery Team has reviewed this site and the concerns raised, which revolve around two separate issues. The HGV movements, whilst frustrating, is not something that we are able to prohibit or restrict as this is a B road, and so these vehicles are permitted to use the route. There are also legitimate access needs in the village which would stop us being able to prevent the use of this road. With regard to the recent incident, we are unable to carry out any work as a result of this crash until we are in possession of a police report, if one is made available, that indicates the highway to be a significant contributory factor. This is because we could implement changes that would a) not have prevented the incident and b) could actually have a detrimental impact. We have not received a police report to date, which may be because the severity of the incident was not classed as 'serious' or fatal. We will therefore be



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unable to ascertain the full facts of the incident, including any contributory factors, until we receive updated crash data from Kent Police. **16.06.23** - The Parish Council requested that a speed survey (ATC) be conducted on Lamberhurst Road between the junctions with Spelmonden Road and Marle Place. ET proposed the below location which was agreed by the Parish Council. ATC request form sent, and the Parish will be informed of the date the survey will be on site as soon as we have it. 19.06.23 - ATC will be on site for seven days from 23 June 2023. Parish Council informed.



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05.07.23 - ATC results received and shared with the Parish Council for their consideration/ comment. These showed the following:
Northbound Av. Speeds: 34.3mph 85 th % speeds: 39.9mph
Southbound Av. Speeds: 33.7mph 85 th % speeds: 39.7mph
07.09.23 - The Parish Council reviewed the data provided by KCC on 5 th July following the ATC. Whilst they do continue to receive emails from residents regarding issues on the Lamberhurst Road, the Parish Council agreed that, given the speed data received, there is no reason to keep this item on the current HIPs. NFA for HIT.
26.01.24 - Following a more recent request from the Parish Council to revisit the possibility of installing signage relating to the narrowness of Lamberhurst Road, specifically between Marle Place



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	Road and Spelmonden Road, whilst the road does not narrow enough (as it has centre lines and edge of carriageway markings) to qualify for 'road narrows' warning signs, KCC have proposed the following alternative measures: Refresh edge of carriageway and centre lines Refresh SLOW at existing 'wide vehicles' sign Put the existing warning signs at 2x locations (shown below) on grey backing boards to improve visibility:
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Complement the existing bend warning sign just south of Marle Place Road with a SLOW marking and install a grey-backed tractor warning sign with 'wide vehicles' plate to replicate signage on the southern approach Awaiting comments from the Parish Council following the Council meeting on the 5th February. 07.02.24 - The Parish Council confirmed that, whilst they remain of the view that the road should qualify for narrow road signage, they are happy to go ahead with the alternative measures as suggested above and will continue to monitor. ET has passed the scheme to the Design & Delivery Team and will keep the Parish Council up to date with scheme progression.



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21.03.24 - The Parish Council noted that a Solar Farm is being built off of Maidstone Road in the Summer and HGVs will be directed along Lamberhurst Road. ET has made the Design & Delivery Team aware to see if the signage scheme can be installed before that time to assist with the extra HGVs using this section of narrow road. 19.04.24 - Works have been ordered for completion within the next 90 days. Parish Council updated 26.04.24. 27.06.24 - Work complete early June. Parish Council updated. Update 21.11.24 - Following a request by the Parish Council to complete a further safety assessment of this location, the Principal Engineer has reviewed the B2162 Lamberhurst Road. between Marle Place Road & Spelmonden Road, including carrying out a site visit.



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		In terms of a traffic safety risk assessment, as requested by the Parish Council, the only appropriate process would be a road safety audit. However, this wouldn't be applicable here, as audits are only carried out on recently implemented highway schemes or where there is a collision history as reported to Kent Police. The eyewitness accounts and photographic evidence of recent incidents from residents don't appear to have been reported to Kent Police (or at least weren't passed onto us by Kent Police; perhaps because they were damage only) as there are no recorded personal injury collisions or damage only incidents recorded for this section of road for the
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		because they were damage only) as there are no
		recorded personal injury collisions or damage only
		incidents recorded for this section of road for the
		last three years (current data is available up to 30
		June 2024). Even going as far back to 1 January
		2010, there is just one recorded incident relating to
		vehicles passing each other (damage only in 2018).
		Lack of any collision history does not preclude us
		from doing anything (where solutions can be
		found) but does explain why we would not
		conduct a risk assessment at this location.
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In this instance we are limited by the site constraints and the Principal Engineer has confirmed that we have exhausted all realistic options available to us. To clarify these are outlined below:
Restricting HGVs use of the road — Lamberhurst Road is a B-class road and therefore the major route in the area, so the most suitable for HGV traffic. It also appears typical of an evolved highway network road, with some sections narrower than other. Whilst frustrating, we are unable to prohibit or restrict HGVs using the B2162 and, regardless, there would need to be an access exemption as there are legitimate access needs in the village which would stop us being able to fully prevent the use of this road.
Installing signage relating to the narrowness of this section of Lamberhurst Road – this we have done and we completed a scheme in early June 2024 to refresh the edge of carriageway and centre lines, refresh the SLOW



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	at the existing 'wide vehicles' sign, and complement the existing bend warning sign just south of Marle Place Road with a SLOW marking and install a grey-backed tractor warning sign with 'wide vehicles' plate to replicate signage on the southern approach.
	 Widening the road – the only way to solve the problems you have here is to widen the road. There is a centre warning line with road studs and edge of carriageway markings present, suggesting that the road is at least 5.5 m wide, and this section of road has recently been resurfaced and the bank sided out a little to make the road a little wider. We're unlikely to be able to widen this further as the publicly maintainable highway appears to cover just the carriageway in places and even where it does extend into the verge, this is not by very much, meaning that road widening is not a realistic option.



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10.	Maidstone Road, from the start of the 40mph (from	Concerns have been	Look to extend the	06.03.23 - Average speeds would imply that drivers
	30mph) at the Horsmonden Sports Ground to Swigs Hall	raised by residents	30mph speed limit along	are already driving below the desired 30mph speed
		about the speed of	this section of road.	limit (at or below 28mph).
		vehicles travelling		
		along this section of		Parish Council would like a clearer overview of
		road, coupled with the		speeds at this location. ET to review suitable location
		lack of footway as		for an ATC and to confirm with PC before arranging.
		children use the route		KCC to fund.
		to access bus stops to		
		take them to school.		16.03.23 - Location for ATC proposed as below (to be
				attached to 40mph repeater sign). Parish Council to
				confirm that this would be a suitable location to get
				a good indication of vehicle speeds, and ET will
				arrange.
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				04.04.23 - The Parish Council agreed the proposed
				location for the ATC. ET to arrange and update the
				PC on dates that the survey will be on site.



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13.04.23 - ATC request form sent. ET to update the
PC on dates that the survey will be on site.
17.04.23 - ATC will be on site for seven days from 10 May 2023. Parish Council informed.
21.06.23 - ATC results received and shared with the
Parish Council for their consideration/ comment.
These showed the following:
Av. Speeds: 36mph
85 th % speeds: 41.7mph
This indicates that there is unlikely to be good
compliance with a signed only 30mph but there is
reasonable compliance with the posted sign limit of
40mph.
11.07.23 - The Parish Council confirmed that Cllrs
still feel that a speed reduction to 30mph in this
area is justified as there are several houses on this
stretch of road and no pavement, and children use
this stretch of road to walk to the bus stop.



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would be unable to look into installing a footway here, there is opportunity to install some "pedestrians in road" warning signs, with complementing SLOW markings on the carriageway. There is a footway which terminates near to the 40mph terminal sign and doesn't pick up again until the houses further up near Swigs Hall so we would look to install a sign at each end with a distance plate ("no footway for ... yards") to indicate to drivers that there is no footway here. Proposed locations are as follows: On the existing pole with 40mph repeater sign, just before Swigs Hall, from the direction of Rams Hill.



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On the grass verge just before the start of the 40mph, leaving the village, on the right-hand side (outside Maythorne). Parish Council to confirm if they are happy with these proposals. KCC will fund. 03.10.23 - Parish Council has agreed the following locations: Northbound – near to Maythorne. Southbound – as per Design & Delivery team's advice. ET passed to the Design & Delivery Team 03.10.23 (chased 02.01.24 and 26.01.24 - currently going through checking and approval). **08.03.24** - Design is complete but we are waiting on our contractors for traffic management (TM)



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				requirements. Contractors are requesting a road
				closure as this is a bus route and used by HGVs.
				20.03.24 - We have heard back from our contractors
				regarding TM, and they have confirmed that the
				SLOW markings will require a road closure in order
				to provide a safe area to work. ET has confirmed that
				we are happy to proceed with the full scheme
				including SLOWs and the closure is in the process of
				being arranged (shared with the Parish Council
				21.03.24) (chased 18.04.24).
				17.06.24 - These works will be going ahead on 13
				September 2024. Parish Council updated (SOWN
				sent out w/c 26.08.24).
				Update 17.09.24 - Job complete.
11.	Cage Lane	The Parish Council has	Install "unsuitable for	19.07.24 - ET discussed this with the Planning &
		been contacted by a	HGV's" signage.	Advice Team and they advised that the 'unsuitable
		parishioner who has		for HGV' signs are advisory only and would make
		raised concerns		little difference given that drivers can already see
		regarding the		the narrowness of Cage Lane when turning into it
		increased number of		and are choosing to do so anyway. It's a relatively
		large vehicles that are		short section of road with a straight alignment so,
		using Cage Lane as a		



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cut through to avoid the crossroads. This is a very narrow road which is completely unsuitable for large vehicles.	although it's narrow, it's easy to see what's at the other end before committing to using it. ET asked if the Parish Council has any more detail as to the extent of the problem. For example, what is the safety concern relating to the increased number of large vehicles using Cage Lane, does the ratrunning occur more in one direction than the other and what sort of numbers/ frequency are we looking at? O4.09.24 - The Parish Council noted that "the resident who raised this issue uses a mobility scooter and her only access onto Cage Lane is through the archway, which is part way along from the block of houses. Visibility is apparently limited when executing this manoeuvre and given the narrow width of the road leaves no room for avoiding any large vehicle which may suddenly appear. The pavement is also very narrow, so she is unable to use this with her mobility scooter and is left with no choice but to use the road. We are told
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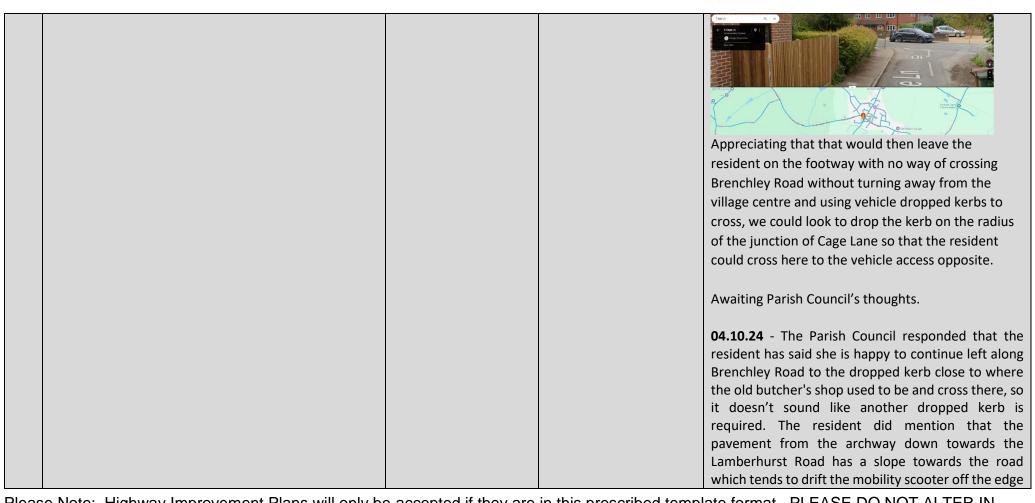
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Cage Lane to access Brenchley Road rather than use
The Parish Council asked if a width restrictor could be introduced so that only cars can use this road but
ET highlighted that the issue with physically reducing the width of the road further is that that would also stop fire engines, ambulances and bin
lorries from accessing Cage Lane. 17.09.24 - ET visited Cage Lane with her manager to review what barriers there were on site to the
resident being able to use the footway. The Parish Council previously mentioned that the resident feels the footway is not wide enough for their mobility
scooter, but it appears to be ap. 1.5m wide which is above the minimum requirement of 1.2m. It does narrow where the private hedge has overgrown the fence (see below), but we could request that the
landowner cuts that back to their boundary so that a reasonable footway width is maintained along its full length.



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	so she would not use it even if she could get the		
	scooter onto it on leaving the archway, hence why		
	she uses the road when travelling in that direction.		
	The fundamental issue still seems to be the use of		
	Cage Lane by HGVs and the resident is still talking		
	about signage to discourage that happening. Parish		
	Council requested that unsuitable for HGV signage is		
	reconsidered.		
	11.10.24 - Following a catch up with the Planning &		
	Advice Team, as previously stated, given the		
	'unsuitable for HGV' signs are advisory only, they are		
	unlikely to make any discernible difference given		
	that drivers can already see the narrowness of Cage		
	Lane when turning into it and are choosing to do so		
	anyway.		
	ET noted that the more pressing issue is that people		
	are seemingly unable to use the footway provided;		
	the ideal solution would be for the resident not to		
	have to use the road at all. The Planning & Advice		
	Principal Engineer is going to go out to site next week		
	to check the gradient of the footway. If it is outside		
	of Department for Transport (DfT) standard, then it		
	may be that we can reprofile the footway to remove		
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		any slope so that the resident no longer has to travel
		in the road. ET will update the Parish Council
		following this.
		Update 25.10.24 - ET informed the Parish Council
		that both the West Kent Highway Improvements
		Programme Manager and Principal Engineer from
		our Planning & Advice Team visited the site, and
		they have advised that the footway gradient
		measured at around 8%. This complies with
		Department for Transport (DfT) Inclusive Mobility
		guidance, which recommends 1:12 as the absolute
		maximum (general rule).
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		Both were of the opinion that there is limited action
		that we could take here to resolve the concerns of
		the resident but we can report the overgrown
		hedge to KCC's maintenance team to increase the
		width of the footway if the Parish Council would
		like. We are unlikely to be able to reduce the
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		number of HGVs using Cage Lane, especially if they
		struggle to turn left at the crossroads.



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