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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	
2	Lucy Noakes	06.03.2023	06.03.23 Virtual	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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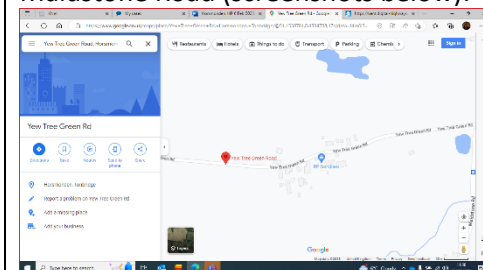
1.	<p>Yew Tree Green Road, From the bridge near to the junction with Maidstone Road (B2162) past the two sharp bends which incorporates entrances to various properties.</p> 	<p>There is no restriction on speed limit in this vicinity, even though the road is often used by heavy goods vehicles and includes 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).</p>	<p>The PC suggests a reduction in speed limit to 30mph over this section, supplemented with appropriate warning signs for the bends and narrow road.</p>	<p>Signs maybe the solution at this location. If HGVs use this route speeds will remain within the criteria PC 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.</p> <p><b>16.06.22</b> - Claire Venner to share HADMS data.</p> <p>Item to be monitored for future review for more verge marker bollards dependant on land ownership.</p> <p><b>26.10.22</b> - GM spoke to Stuart Davis regarding this item. Stuart stated some warning signs for the blind bends and section where the road narrows. DR to investigate.</p> <p><b>20.12.22</b> - CSM raised to IG, 12408900, to investigate whether we can install bend warning signs.</p>
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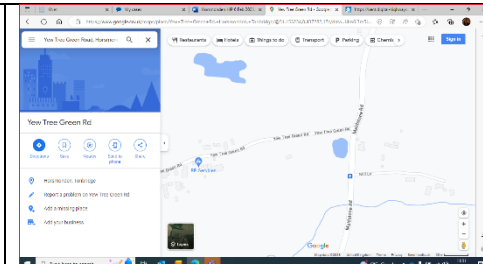
				<p><b>19.01.23</b> - TG emailed Parish Council to confirm that, in theory, it would be possible to install bend warning signs on this road. However, we will require specific locations, as there are several bends on this road. We can then examine the specific proposals and establish viability.</p> <p><b>06.03.23</b> - Parish Council confirmed that they would like a sign on the bend before RP Services and ahead of the first bend, travelling away from Maidstone Road (screenshots below):</p> 
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				 <p>ET to raise with Design &amp; Delivery and enquire as to whether a SLOW marking could be added in conjunction with the warning signs as this may reduce the need for a speed limit reduction given average speeds (ranging from 30.17mph to 32.14mph) and lack of available verge space to install 30mph repeater signs.</p> <p><b>16.03.23</b> - ET has raised this request with Design &amp; Delivery under the original reference 12408900, and will feed back to the Parish Council once the review is complete.</p> <p><b>05.07.23</b> - The Design &amp; Delivery Team has confirmed that we are happy to install warning signage and complimenting SLOW markings on the</p>
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				<p>carriageway at the below locations on Yew Tree Cross Road. Parish Council asked to confirm that they are happy with the proposals and ET will raise the job and fund.</p>  <p>Yew Tree Cross Road</p> <p><b>17.07.23</b> - Parish Council confirmed that they are happy for KCC to proceed with the proposed scheme. The Design &amp; Delivery Team have been asked to complete the design and raise the order with the contractor.</p> <p><b>Update 04.09.23</b> - The Parish Council received concerns from a resident over the location of the signage. This has been shared with the Design &amp; Delivery Team who have been asked for a copy of the drawings outlining the exact sign</p>
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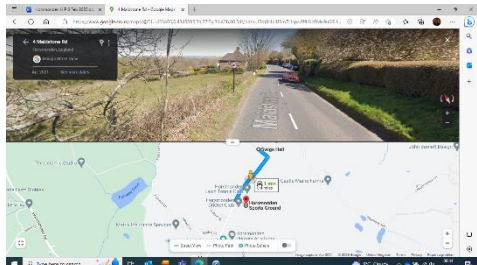
				locations that ET can share with the Parish Council.
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2.	Maidstone Road, from the start of the 40mph (from 30mph) at the Horsmonden Sports Ground to Swigs Hall	Concerns have been raised by residents about the speed of vehicles travelling along this section of road, coupled with the lack of footway as children use the route to access bus stops to take them to school.	Look to extend the 30mph speed limit along this section of road.	<p><b>06.03.23</b> - Average speeds would imply that drivers are already driving below the desired 30mph speed limit (at or below 28mph).</p> <p>Parish Council would like a clearer overview of speeds at this location. ET to review suitable location for an ATC and to confirm with PC before arranging. KCC to fund.</p> <p><b>16.03.23</b> - 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.</p> 
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				<p><b>04.04.23</b> - 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.</p> <p><b>13.04.23</b> - ATC request form sent. ET to update the PC on dates that the survey will be on site.</p> <p><b>17.04.23</b> - ATC will be on site for seven days from 10 May 2023. Parish Council informed.</p> <p><b>21.06.23</b> - ATC results received and shared with the Parish Council for their consideration/ comment. These showed the following:</p> <p>Av. Speeds: 36mph 85<sup>th</sup> % speeds: 41.7mph</p> <p>This indicates that there is unlikely to be good compliance with a signed only 30mph but there is reasonable</p>
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				<p>compliance with the posted sign limit of 40mph.</p> <p><b>11.07.23</b> - 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. Residents also walk to the tennis club and into the village centre.</p> <p>ET has raised with Planning &amp; Advice to ask them to look into the possibility of extending the 30mph restriction in Maidstone Road, from the start of the current 40mph (at the Horsmonden Sports Ground) to Swigs Hall (ref: 12409480). ET will update the Parish Council once the review is complete.</p> <p><b>Update 17.08.23 - The Planning &amp; Advice Team has completed their</b></p>
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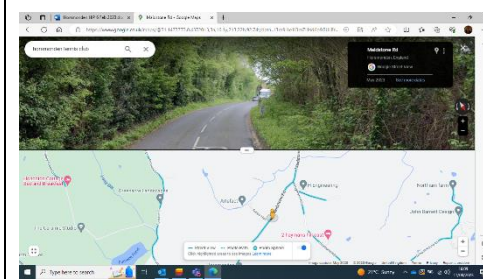
				<p>review and a detailed breakdown of the findings has been shared with the Parish Council (“Planning and Advice response - Maidstone Road, Horsmonden (12409480)”). Ultimately, KCC consider that the existing 40mph speed limit is appropriate for the location and would appear to be well observed. The location does not meet the criteria for a 30mph and is also likely to receive poor compliance judging by the results of the recent traffic survey.</p> <p>However, we appreciate that there are concerns about the lack of footway at this location. Whilst we 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.</p>
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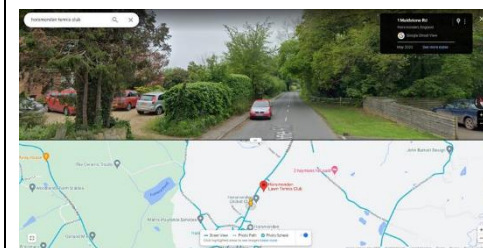
				<p>There is a footway which terminates near to the 40mph terminal sign and doesn't pick up again until the houses further up near Swigs Hall so we would look to install a sign at each end with a distance plate ("no footway for ... yards") to indicate to drivers that there is no footway here.</p> <p>Proposed locations are as follows:</p> <p>On the existing pole with 40mph repeater sign, just before Swigs Hall, from the direction of Rams Hill.</p>  <p>On the grass verge just before the start of the 40mph, leaving the village,</p>
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				<p>on the right-hand side (outside Maythorne).</p>  <p>Parish Council to confirm if they are happy with these proposals. KCC will fund.</p>
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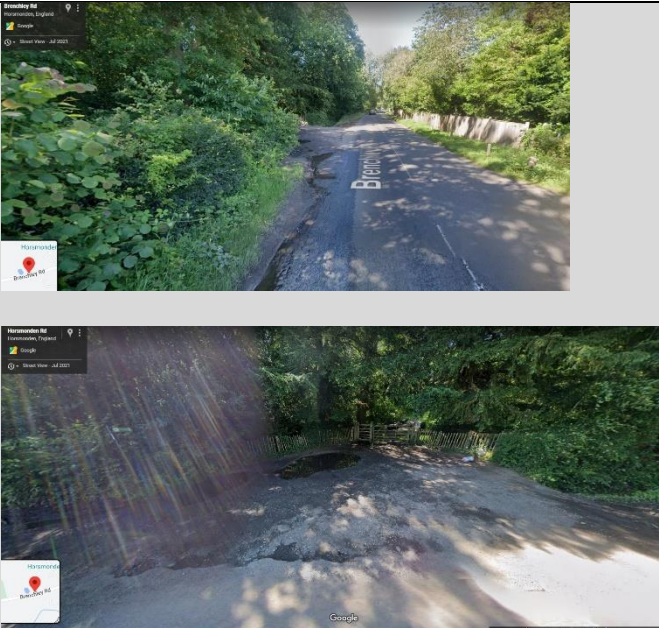

No	Location	Problem/Concern	What do you feel are the potential solutions?	KCC Comments
1.	Brenchley Road, layby situated at the Sprivers woodland entrance	It has been noticed recently that the number of vehicles trying to park in this layby has exceeded the space available, resulting in vehicles encroaching on to the		Although this does encroach into the highway this is also a natural traffic calming measure that has seen to reduce speeds at these locations. Which leads to point above if we restrict parking within the layby will cause a displacement of vehicles.

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		<p>Highways creating a potential danger to other road users and themselves.</p>		<p>Parish to liaise with National Trust regarding advertising this location as 'P'- Parking (limited parking only)</p> <p>Appears to be Highway land but Michelle will check with our Highway Definitions team.</p> <p><b>14.10.22</b> - GM has chased Highway Def for this.</p> <p><b>18.01.23</b> - Highway Def have replied indicating the layby is predominantly National Trust Land. No further action possible from HIT.</p>
2.	Furnace Lane - from junction with Brenchley Road	HGV accessing building/local developments	HGV signs – Unsuitable for Heavy Goods.	<p><b>16.06.22</b> - Monitor HGV use with the Lorry watch scheme. Review in 6months for possible vehicle class ATC's</p> <p><b>21.12.22</b> - TG requested results of lorry watch survey</p> <p><b>11.01.22</b> - TG – there are no available results for lorry watch in Furnace Lane.</p>


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				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.	<p>Maidstone Road (from the crossroads north to The Foundry)</p> 	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	The Parish Council are seeking solutions to this problem	<p><b>16.06.22</b> - By restricting parking you may cause a problem by displacement of vehicles. Point below can be referenced. My comment is that the on-street parking acts as a natural traffic calming feature, I note there is a school close by as well as park/recreation grass area</p> <p>Natural traffic calming with on street parking. High risk area with pedestrians. Removing the parking could increase speeds.</p> <p><b>06.03.22</b> - 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 pursuing further.</p> <p>Parish Council is not looking to pursue further at this time. NFA from HIT.</p>

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4.	School House Lane (Between Great Baynden and Northiam Farm)	Residential and visitor parking on the road between these points makes it impassable for		<b>16.06.22</b> – Comments as above with parking forming natural traffic calming  Monitor 2022


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		<p>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 jurisdiction about this.</p>		<p><b>06.03.22</b> - 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 pursuing further.</p> <p><b>Parish Council is not looking to pursue further at this time. NFA from HIT.</b></p>
5.	Speeding vehicles around Green Road	<p>It has been noticed by residents of Green Road that a number of cars and vans are driving around the village green at speeds that are too high for the conditions.</p>	<p>Residents would like some form of traffic calming introduced possibly the introduction of a speed limit or even sleeping policemen.</p> <p>ATC carried out – no excessive speeding shown. Awaiting confirmation of data form KCC</p>	<p><b>16.06.22</b> – Monitor possible ATC'S</p> <p>Ordnance survey data inconsistent. If the parish would like to fund the ATC surveys this will be £100.</p> <p><b>14.10.22</b> - GM to request ATC once details received from Parish for invoicing.</p>

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					<p><b>21.12.22</b> - Speed data received 15 Dec 2022 which indicates vehicles are not travelling at excessive speed TG:</p> <p>N – av speed: 13.9mph (85%: 18.2mph) S – av speed: 13.8mph (85%: 17.5mph)</p> <p>Percentage of vehicles complying with the 30mph speed limit in both directions was 100%.</p> <p><b>06.03.23</b> - ET sent Parish Council ATC results. PC to confirm if they wish to pursue changes here further given the low average speeds.</p> <p><b>Update 04.04.23</b> - The Parish Council agreed that this item should be moved to the “historical” section of the HIP. NFA for HIT.</p>
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.	Suggestion to reduce speed limit to 50mph over this section		<p><b>16.06.22</b> - Data from 2007 to be shared with KCC. Received 28.06.22 - Filed</p> <p>Junction warning signage at Yew Tree Green Road/ Maidstone Road to be added to</p> <p>Lining refresh at Yew Tree Green Road with Highway Ops via the online fault reporting tool.</p>

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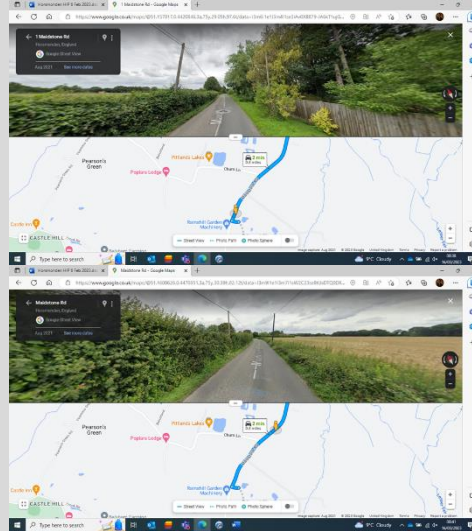
				<p>those currently driving below 42mph may feel more inclined to drive to the posted speed limit.</p> <p>Parish Council would like a clearer overview of speeds at this location. ET to review suitable locations for two ATCs and to confirm with PC before arranging. KCC to fund.</p> <p>ET will also follow up with Ops re the refresh of line markings and update the Parish Council.</p> <p><b>16.03.23 -</b></p> <p><b>ATCs:</b></p> <p>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.</p>
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				 <p><b>Refresh of line markings:</b> Unable to find any jobs/ enquiries re a request for the lining to be refreshed at the junction of Yew Tree Green Road and Maidstone Road. Parish Council to confirm if the markings below still need refreshing and ET will log and provide the Parish Council with a reference number to track via the online fault reporting tool.</p>
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				 <p><b>17.03.23</b> - 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.</p> <p><b>04.04.23</b> - 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.</p> <p><b>13.04.23</b> - ATC request form sent. ET to update the PC on dates that the survey will be on site.</p> <p><b>17.04.23</b> - ATC will be on site for seven days from 10 May 2023. Parish Council informed.</p>
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				<p><b>21.06.23</b> - ATC results received and shared with the Parish Council for their consideration/ comment. These showed the following:</p> <p>MID Av. Speeds: 40.1mph 85<sup>th</sup> % speeds: 46mph</p> <p>NORTH Av. Speeds: 39.3mph 85<sup>th</sup> % speeds: 45mph</p> <p>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.</p>
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				<b>Update 11.07.23 - Parish Council confirmed that Cllrs have agreed that there is now no further action required.</b>
7.	<p>Lamberhurst Road (B2162), from end of 30mph restriction to the junction with Ruck Lane.</p> 	<p>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 junction with a record of accidents.</p> <p>Issue is mainly caused by vehicles waiting to turn and drivers approaching these stationary vehicles from behind with little advance warning that they are there.</p>	<p>Suggestion to reduce speed limit to 40mph from end of 30mph restriction to junction with Ruck Lane.</p>	<p><b>16.06.22</b> Claire Venner will initiate warning signage near to Spelmonden Junction. Possible funding from KCC small works.</p> <p><b>14.10.22</b> - Planning &amp; Advice to investigate warning signage on all 3 approaches to the Spelmonden/Lamberhurst jct. GM</p> <p><b>09.12.22</b> - P&amp;A could not find suitable locations for the signs to be situated. Junction warning signs are also not usually used on roads of this nature.</p> <p><b>06.03.23</b> - HADMs data shows average speed of vehicles travelling on this section of 60mph road is already below the desired speed limit of 40mph and there is no record of injury related crashes in the last three years.</p> <p>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</p>

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				<p>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.</p> <p>KCC advice would be that this road is not suitable for a reduction in speed limit.</p> <p>Also raised at the meeting was a request for horse warning signs. There are no stables nearby, but concerns were raised by a resident regarding cars speeding past whilst out riding.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
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				<p><b>15.03.23</b> - 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.</p> <p><b>25.04.23</b> - The Parish Council provided information on a recent crash on Lamberhurst Road, just after the Spelmonden Road junction via email (<i>and again 22.06.23 and 26.06.23</i>), along with further concerns over use by HGVs. Passed to Design &amp; Delivery for their comment on any possible solutions/ ideas for this location (ref. 12409281).</p> <p><b>05.06.23</b> - The Design &amp; Delivery Team has reviewed this site and the concerns raised, which revolve around two separate issues.</p> <p>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.</p>
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				<p>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.</p> <p>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 unable to ascertain the full facts of the incident, including any contributory factors, until we receive updated crash data from Kent Police.</p> <p><b>16.06.23</b> - 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</p>
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				<p>the below location which was agreed by the Parish Council.</p>  <p>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.</p> <p><b>19.06.23</b> - ATC will be on site for seven days from 23 June 2023. Parish Council informed.</p> <p><b>05.07.23</b> - ATC results received and shared with the Parish Council for their consideration/comment. These showed the following:</p> <p>Northbound Av. Speeds: 34.3mph 85<sup>th</sup> % speeds: 39.9mph</p>
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				<p>Southbound Av. Speeds: 33.7mph 85<sup>th</sup> % speeds: 39.7mph</p> <p><b>Update 07.09.23 - The Parish Council reviewed the data provided by KCC on 5<sup>th</sup> 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.</b></p>
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