

Kings Hill Parish Council - Highway Improvement Plan

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HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN – Stage 1 – (Parish Council to list with as much information as possible and in priority order their issues and then send to KCC contact).			ACTION PLAN – Stage 2 (to be completed by KCC contact and regular updates provided to the Parish Council)			
Item	Location	Problem & Potential solution (if known)	Action/Programme (Who/When)	Cost Estimate	Funding Source	KCC Comments
1.	Discovery Primary School, Discovery Drive, Kings Hill, Kent, ME19 4GJ	There is a problem with school children crossing the road safely outside the school. Kings Hill Parish Council would like a zebra crossing situated on Discovery Drive	<i>KCC to arrange site visit during school drop-off or pick-up to assess traffic flows / pedestrian crossing movements. This shall inform whether a formal traffic survey or other measures may be justified</i>	<i>TBC</i>	<i>TBC</i>	<p><i>We visited site on 25.02.20 during school drop off time. It was evident that many drivers are already naturally stopping and giving way for pedestrians who are waiting to cross. Approaching vehicle speeds were observed to be low and pedestrians were seen crossing to and from the school without difficulty. There are numerous traffic calming features on the road which appear to be effective in reducing vehicle speeds to an appropriate level for the surrounding environment. There are also good footway links to multiple informal crossing points which are spread out along the road to cater for the numerous pedestrian desire lines. The school also has its own one-way system for parent / carer access.</i></p> <p><i>All requests for formal pedestrian crossing facilities such as zebra crossings must be reviewed and prioritised. As you know, one of the factors we use is the recent personal injury collision data. I am pleased to advise that there have been no recorded incidents here within the last three years (up to 30.09.2019). Formal crossings must also be justified in terms of the potential conflict between pedestrians wanting to cross the road and vehicles travelling past. Again, our observations on site suggest that the degree of conflict is not high enough to justify further investigation by KCC at this stage. If however the parish council are interested in funding traffic surveys to better understand pedestrian crossing demand, vehicle speeds and numbers please let me know and I'll arrange a quotation for you at the appropriate time. (FYI – please be advised that all traffic surveys are currently suspended until further notice due to the impact of Covid-19).</i></p> <p><i>We also noted that all approaches to the school have warning signs and other accompanying</i></p>

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						<i>features. There is the potential to add 'SLOW' road markings at these locations which I would be happy to pay for or upgrade the warning signs to include flashing amber lights (which I can quote you for).</i>
2.	Milton Lane, Kings Hill, ME194HX	Installation of bollards on the side of the road to deter pavement parking	<i>KCC to discuss matter with operations / enforcement teams</i>	TBC	TBC	<i>We are concerned that installing footway bollards will restrict the available footway width, displace parking and place an on-going maintenance burden on our operations team. As a first action, in other locations we are trialling putting notices on vehicles which are causing problems through inconsiderate parking. We would be happy to try this approach here and see if it helps alleviate the issue.</i>
3.	Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, ME19	Some workers in the commercial area arrive by bus and on foot and there is nowhere for them to safely cross. This will be compounded if residential properties built in this area	<i>KCC and Parish Council walked the site and confirmed that there are suitable footway links leading to and from the bus stops and appropriate informal crossing points. Site to be reassessed in line with future development</i>	N/A	N/A	<i>No further action at this current time</i>
4.	Gibson Drive, Kings Hill – Outside the Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council	Installation of pedestrian/puffin crossing due to this area being dangerous to cross. Also, when there are high levels of traffic the vehicles do	<i>KCC to arrange site visit to assess traffic flows / pedestrian crossing movements. This shall inform whether a formal traffic survey or other measures</i>	TBC	TBC	<i>We visited site during the afternoon of 25.02.20, with very little pedestrian crossing movement observed. We did notice that one of the bus stops does not have a link between the existing hardstanding and footway behind the verge. We have queried this with our public transport team to understand if this is causing difficulties for passengers using the stop and are waiting to hear back. We've checked the collision history here and are pleased to report that there have been no recorded incidents involving pedestrians. As per item 1, our observations on site therefore suggest that the degree of pedestrian versus vehicle conflict is not high enough to justify further investigation by KCC at this stage in terms of providing a</i>

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5.	Greenways at the end of Tower View. Kings Hill	Installation of a controlled crossing at the end of Tower View. There are many residents walking in this area into the centre of the development and vice versa and a controlled crossing would help with traffic management	<i>KCC to arrange site visit to assess traffic flows / pedestrian crossing movements. This shall inform whether a formal traffic survey or other measures may be justified</i>	TBC	TBC	<p><i>We visited site on 25.02.20 during school pick-up time, with very little pedestrian crossing movement observed. Vehicle flows were generally light and speeds low, with ample gaps in the traffic when pedestrians did cross. There are chicane build-outs acting as traffic calming measures on one approach, with the other approach being just off a roundabout junction. The layout also allows pedestrians to wait in the central refuge area if required, meaning that they do not have to make the crossing in one go. Again, we have checked the collision history here and are pleased to report that there have been no recorded incidents.</i></p> <p><i>As per items 1 & 4, our observations on site suggest that the degree of pedestrian versus vehicle conflict is not high enough to justify further investigation by KCC at this stage regarding formal pedestrian crossing provision. If however the parish council are interested in funding traffic surveys to better understand pedestrian crossing demand, vehicle speeds and numbers please let me know and I'll arrange a quotation for you at the appropriate time (again - please note caveat regarding traffic surveys and Covid-19).</i></p>

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