


Boughton Aluph & Eastwell Parish Council - Highway Improvement Plan/Action Plan – Version 2.0 May 2022

HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN – Stage 1 – <i>(Parish Council to list with as much information as possible and in priority order their issues and then send to KCC contact).</i>			ACTION PLAN – Stage 2 <i>(to be completed by KCC contact and regular updates provided to the Parish Council)</i>			
Priority	Location	Problem & Potential solution (if known)	Action/Programme (Who/When)	Cost Estimate	Funding Source	KCC Comments
1.	<p>A251 within the boundary of the Parish of Boughton Aluph.</p> 	<p><i>Problem:</i> Excess speed by cars & HGV's at all times of the day and motorbikes particularly at the Weekends. The current speed limits make pedestrians feel vulnerable and effectively discourages people from using more sustainable modes of transport. It was noted that there were far more people walking and cycling during the recent COVID-19 restrictions when motorised traffic was noticeably lighter. The excess speeds also make it hazardous for pedestrians to cross the road at various points, for example where the North Downs Way passes through the village and for access to the two bus stops in Boughton Lees. The current limits also make it hazardous for road users and householders to pull into and out of private driveways.</p> <p><i>There have also been many collisions on the A251 at the entrance to Eastwell Manor Hotel and at the junctions with The Lees and Wye Road. There was also unfortunately a fatality</i></p>				

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		<p><i>on the northern exit of Boughton Lees.</i></p> <p><i>Solution:</i></p> <p><i>a. Reduce speed limits as detailed below:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>• Eastwell Towers 30mph limit to 40mph limit currently national speed limit – reduce to 40mph (coloured blue)</i> <i>• Confines of Boughton Lees currently 40mph – reduce to 30mph (coloured orange)</i> <i>• Northern exit of village from current 40mph limit to Challock - reduce to 50mph (coloured pink) inline with the majority of the rest of the A251 to Faversham</i> <p><i>b. Pedestrian Refuge Islands at the following locations:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>• In the vicinity of St Christopher’s Church thus enabling the large numbers of walkers on the North Downs Way National Trail and the congregation and users of St Christopher’s</i> 				

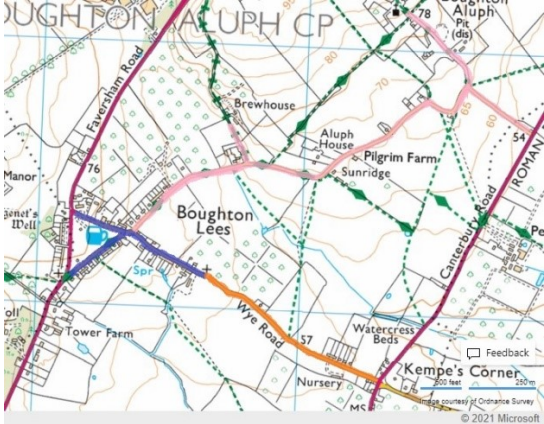
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		<p><i>Church to cross a busy road safely</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Inline with the Ashford bound bus stop adjacent to the cricket pavilion on The Green thus enabling safer access to and from the bus stop</i> <p><i>c. Suitable paint effect traffic calming</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Location to include changes of speed limit, pedestrian crossing points and junctions with other roads</i> <p><i>Residents have highlighted this over many years to the PC and also during Neighbourhood Plan consultations and questionnaires. Local KCC & ABC members are also very supportive.</i></p>				

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<p>2.</p>	<p>Roads in and around Boughton Lees and Boughton Aluph including The Lees, Wye Road, Pilgrims Way, Brewhouse Lane and Church Lane.</p> 	<p>Problem: <i>Excess speed by all types of vehicles at all times of the day. This makes it hazardous for pedestrians to cross the road at various points or indeed having to walk on the carriageway where no pavement exists, this particularly effects children accessing the unofficial school service bus stop outside the Flying Horse Public House (serving both primary & secondary schools in Wye) and also the large numbers of walkers on the North Downs Way National Trail. The current limits also make it hazardous for road users and householders to pull into and out of private driveways.</i></p> <p>Solution:</p> <p>a. <i>Reduce speed limits as detailed below:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Lees, Wye Road (A251 to Baptist Chapel) currently 30mph – reduce to 20mph (coloured purple)</i> • <i>Wye Road (Baptist Chapel to A28) currently 40mph – reduce to 30mph (coloured orange)</i> • <i>Pilgrims Way, Brewhouse Lane and</i> 				
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		<p><i>Church Lane currently 30mph & National Speed Limit – reduce to 20mph (coloured pink) and added to the ‘Kent Quiet Lanes scheme’ as part of the initiative of the Countryside Agency, supported by the Department for Transport (DfT)</i></p> <p><i>b. Suitable paint effect traffic calming</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>• Staggered junction between The Lees/Wye Road and Pilgrims Lane, designated as a ‘shared space’ for pedestrians, cyclists and other road users</i> <i>• Boundaries of change in speed limit, pedestrian crossing points and junctions with other roads</i> <p><i>Residents have highlighted this over many years to the PC and also during Neighbourhood Plan consultations and questionnaires. Local KCC & ABC members are also very supportive.</i></p>				
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3.	<p>Sandyhurst Lane and Lenacre Street within the confines of Boughton Aluph and Eastwell Parish.</p> 	<p>Note that this is to be considered along with the Highways Improvement Plan submitted by Westwell PC.</p> <p>Problem: Excess speed by all types of vehicles at all times of the day. This makes it hazardous for pedestrians to cross the road at various points or in Lenacre Street having to walk on the carriageway where no pavement exists and also for road users and also makes it hazardous for road users and householders to pull into and out of private driveways.</p> <p>Solution:</p> <p>a. Reduce speed limits as detailed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sandyhurst Lane (A251 to boundary with Westwell PC) currently 40mph – reduce to 30mph (coloured purple) Lenacre Street (Sandyhurst Lane to boundary with Westwell PC) currently 40mph/National Speed – reduce to 30mph (coloured orange) and added to the 'Kent Quiet Lanes scheme' as part of the initiative of 				
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