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To all Committee Members: You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Transport & Infrastructure Committee at the Town Hall on **Wednesday 18th September 2024** at 7.15pm to transact the business shown on the agenda below.

Members of the public and press are welcome to attend.

Any member of the public may submit a written statement of no more than 500 words relating to any item on this agenda. These must be received by 10am on Tuesday 17th September 2024 by email to deal.town.council@deal.gov.uk or post to the above address. These statements will be circulated to all present at the meeting and become part of the public record of the meeting, names will be redacted.

Laura Marney – Committee Clerk

Date: 12th September 2024

AGENDA

1	Chairperson's opening remarks	Chairperson
2	Apologies for absence	Committee Clerk
3	Declarations of interest: To receive any declarations of interest from Members in respect of business to be transacted on the agenda.	Attach 1
4	Public Participation and Statements received: For councillor information: Members of the public may make representations, answer questions and give evidence at the meeting in respect of the business on the agenda. This shall not exceed 15 minutes.	
5	The minutes of the Transport & Infrastructure Committee meeting held on Wednesday 17th July 2024 for approval and signing: Decision required.	Attach 2
6	KCC Local Transport Plan 5 Consultation – “Striking the Balance”: Decision required	Attach 3
7	Petition to DDC - 1 Hour Free Parking for Council Car Parks: Decision required	Attach 4
8	Road Safety & Active Travel Newsletter & Questionnaire: Decision required.	Attach 5
9	Committee Clerk Report: Information to note.	Attach 6
	Date of next meeting: 20th November 2024.	

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Committee members: Cllr M Walters, Cllr B Bano, Cllr M Eddy, Cllr D Parks, Cllr D Cronk, Cllr T Bond, Cllr S Brookfield and Mrs C Dubber.

Declarations of InterestDisclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI)

Where a Member has a new or registered DPI in a matter under consideration they must disclose that they have an interest and, unless the Monitoring Officer has agreed in advance that the DPI is a 'Sensitive Interest', explain the nature of that interest at the meeting. The Member must withdraw from the meeting at the commencement of the consideration of any matter in which they have declared a DPI and must not participate in any discussion of, or vote taken on, the matter unless they have been granted a dispensation permitting them to do so. If during the consideration of any item a Member becomes aware that they have a DPI in the matter they should declare the interest immediately and, subject to any dispensations, withdraw from the meeting.

Other Significant Interest (OSI)

Where a Member is declaring an OSI they must also disclose the interest and explain the nature of the interest at the meeting. The Member must withdraw from the meeting at the commencement of the consideration of any matter in which they have declared a OSI and must not participate in any discussion of, or vote taken on, the matter unless they have been granted a dispensation to do so or the meeting is one at which members of the public are permitted to speak for the purpose of making representations, answering questions or giving evidence relating to the matter. In the latter case, the Member may only participate on the same basis as a member of the public and cannot participate in any discussion of, or vote taken on, the matter and must withdraw from the meeting in accordance with the Council's procedure rules.

Voluntary Announcement of Other Interests (VAOI)

Where a Member does not have either a DPI or OSI but is of the opinion that for transparency reasons alone s/he should make an announcement in respect of a matter under consideration, they can make a VAOI. A Member declaring a VAOI may still remain at the meeting and vote on the matter under consideration.

Note to the Code:

Situations in which a Member may wish to make a VAOI include membership of outside bodies that have made representations on agenda items; where a Member knows a person involved, but does not have a close association with that person; or where an item would affect the well-being of a Member, relative, close associate, employer, etc. but not his/her financial position. It should be emphasised that an effect on the financial position of a Member, relative, close associate, employer, etc OR an application made by a Member, relative, close associate, employer, etc would both probably constitute either an OSI or in some cases a DPI.

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The Minutes of the Transport & Infrastructure Committee meeting held on
Wednesday 17th July 2024 at Deal Town Hall.

Present: Cllr M Walters (Chairperson) Cllr T Bond
Cllr B Bano (Vice Chairperson) Cllr S Brookfield
Cllr M Eddy

Officers: Mrs L Marney (Committee Clerk) Other: 1 Member of Public

MINUTES

1	Chairpersons opening remarks: The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting and read the fire evacuation procedures.	Chairperson
2	Apologies for absence: Cllr D Parks and Cllr D Cronk due to prior work commitments and Ms C Dubber (Co-opted member) due to a prior commitment.	Committee Clerk
3	Declarations of interest: Cllr T Bond declared a VAOI on item 7 (i) as he lives in the vicinity.	
4	Public Participation and Statements received: Louise Sills the Operations Manager for Stagecoach Dover Depot spoke relating to item 6.	Committee Clerk
5	The minutes of the Transport & Infrastructure Committee meeting held on Wednesday 15th May 2024 for approval and signing: Members RESOLVED: To accept the minutes of the Transport & Infrastructure Committee meeting held on Wednesday 15 th May 2024. The Chairperson duly signed the minutes. (P) Cllr M Eddy (S) Cllr T Bond. All Agreed.	Chairperson
6	Co-opted Member – Stagecoach: Following a discussion, Members RESOLVED: To accept the recommendation to have Louise Sills from Stagecoach as a co-opted member on the T&I Committee and to pass to July's Full Council meeting for agreement. (P) Cllr B Bano (S) Cllr T Bond. All Agreed.	Committee Clerk
7	Correspondence received: i) Traffic concerns London Rd & Claremont Rd: Members RESOLVED: To amend the recommendations as follows: 1. Chairperson in liaison with the Committee Clerk writes to KCC Highways regarding the number of incidents on London Road caused by speeding and ask for confirmation that these are being captured effectively and feedback response to resident. 2. Delegate authority to the Committee Clerk to request that KCC check hedges for the restricted visibility issue caused by high hedges along the stretch of London Road, from Hospital to Albert Road and feedback to resident. 3. Committee to consider adding London Road for traffic calming to our 3 rd HIP application when further information is received from KCC about crashes and site lines/visibility. (P) Cllr M Eddy (S) Cllr B Bano. All Agreed.	Chairperson/ Committee Clerk

	ii) Parking on double yellow lines - Broad Street: Following a discussion, Members RESOLVED: To accept the recommendation that the Chairperson in liaison with the Committee Clerk writes to DDC Parking Services regarding vehicles parking on the double yellow lines along Broad Street. (P) Cllr S Brookfield (S) Cllr M Eddy. All Agreed.	Chairperson/ Committee Clerk
8	HIP 2nd Application Update: Members RESOLVED: To note the information. (P) Cllr M Eddy (S) Cllr T Bond. All Agreed.	
9	Future Project Plans Update: Members RESOLVED: To note the information. (P) Cllr M Eddy (S) Cllr S Brookfield. All Agreed.	
10	Committee Clerk Report: Members RESOLVED: To note the information. (P) Cllr T Bond (S) Cllr S Brookfield. All Agreed.	
	Chairperson closed the meeting at 8.01pm	

DEAL TOWN COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM

To: Councillor M Walters – Chairperson of the Transport & Infrastructure Committee;
Committee members

From: Mrs L Marney – Committee Clerk

Date: 2nd September 2024

Subject: KCC Local Transport Plan 5 – “Striking the Balance” Consultation

Deal Town Council have received the new Local Transport Plan 5 (LTP) 'Striking the Balance' consultation, which replaces KCC's fourth plan 'Delivering Growth without Gridlock'.

It sets out a clear plan for transport in Kent which is ambitious but achievable in its aims to improve all types of journeys.

In 2023, views from residents and businesses were gathered in a public consultation on the Emerging Local Transport Plan this was brought to the Transport & Infrastructure Committee where Members **RESOLVED:** *That Members individually respond to the online questionnaire and that the Deputy Town Clerk responds on behalf of the Council with the following points:*

- *Deal town Council believes it is 'Very important' – To reduce speed limits in towns to make roads safer to help people walk and cycle and help car journeys produce less emissions.*
- *Deal Town Council supports 'International rail travel returns to Kent and there are improved public transport connections to international hubs.*
- *Deal Town Council supports 'Achieve the funding necessary to deliver a sustained fall in the value of the backlog of maintenance work over the life of our Local Transport Plan'.*

The KCC draft plan sets out proposals for improving roads and public transport in Kent, which will help them to focus their future efforts and invest funding that they can get from the government. They have designed this consultation to strike a balance between the investment needed to improve the county's economy, to make living and working better in Kent, whilst also preparing transport networks to meet the environmental challenges facing the county.

KCC are seeking feedback from residents, businesses and stakeholders to help finalise the plan.

No final decisions have been taken. KCC will consider the feedback they receive during this consultation and use it to support the remaining work they need to do to finalise the plan and vote as a Council on whether to adopt it.

The KCC Emerging Local Transport Consultation questionnaire and supporting documents can be found using the link www.kent.gov.uk/ltp5 or by scanning the QR code provided on poster attached.

The consultation closes on 8th October 2024.

Recommendation: Due to the large number of questions and content requested on this consultation, members to complete the questionnaire individually online using the link/QR code provided.

Decision required: Members to consider the above recommendation.

Local Transport Plan

Public Consultation



Have your say!

We have a new ambition for the future of travel in Kent. Over £400 million was invested in transport to deliver our previous Local Transport Plan. Help us understand your priorities for where we invest in the future.

Find out more and have your say at

kent.gov.uk/ltp5

Consultation closes 8 October 2024

For queries or to request hard copies of the consultation material, please email ltp5@kent.gov.uk or phone **03000 416595**.

For any alternative formats; email alternativeformats@kent.gov.uk or call **03000 421553** (text relay service number **18001 03000 421553**). This number goes to an answering machine, which is monitored during office hours.



SCAN ME!



DEAL TOWN COUNCIL
MEMORANDUM

To: Councillor M Walters – Chairperson of the Transport & Infrastructure Committee;
Committee members

From: Mrs L Marney – Committee Clerk

Date: 4th September 2024

Subject: DDC Petition: 1 Hour Free Parking for Council Car Parks – Request for Support

Deal Town Council have received the following correspondence below regarding a petition which is requesting support, the petition was set up by Cllr Daniel Friend (Sandwich & Woodnesborough District Councillor) and a volunteer as part of an initiative launched by Sandwich Is Open, which is a small local organisation that spreads awareness of the local area.

“Recently we have launched a petition on the Dover District Council's website. This is to secure one-hour free parking for Dover District Council car parks. A link to the petition is included at the end of this email. To summarise, we have included the below explanation:

“We the undersigned petition the council to consider implementing a policy to offer 1 hour of free parking in all Council-owned car parks. We believe that this initiative will encourage more residents and visitors to frequent local businesses, thereby stimulating our local economy and fostering a vibrant community atmosphere. By reducing the financial burden of parking, we can make our town centres more accessible and appealing to everyone, ultimately benefiting local businesses and the community as a whole. Thank you for considering our request.

Offering 1 hour of free parking in Council-owned car parks can have a significant positive impact on our local economy. It would make shopping locally a more attractive option, drawing more customers to our high streets and supporting small businesses. This increased footfall can lead to higher sales volumes, boosting business revenues and potentially leading to job creation. Furthermore, it can enhance the vibrancy and vitality of our town centres, making them more enjoyable places to visit and live near. This initiative could also reduce congestion and pollution in our town centres as people may be less inclined to drive further afield for their shopping needs. Overall, this simple change could bring substantial benefits to our community.

On reaching 20 signatures a valid petition, once the closing date has passed, will be referred to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for consideration in accordance with the Council's adopted Petition Scheme. The Petition Organiser will be advised the date of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee where the e-petition will be received and will have up to 10 minutes to present their e-petition to the members of the Committee.”

The petition will run until 30th September 2024. At the time of writing, we are at 343 signatures. The more we can achieve, the greater our chances of success.

We would be pleased if you wish to discuss this at your next parish council meeting, potentially with the view to endorse this petition and to encourage members of the public and councillors to sign it. If you decide to do so, please let us know.

Link to e-petition on Dover District Council's

website: <https://moderngov.dover.gov.uk/mgEPetitionDisplay.aspx?ID=62&RPID=37563533&HPID=37563533>

Thank you for taking the time to consider this petition"

Recommendation: The Chairperson of the Transport & Infrastructure Committee in liaison with the Committee Clerk responds to campaign group stating DTC's support for this petition.

Decision required: Members to consider the above recommendation.

DEAL TOWN COUNCIL
MEMORANDUM

To: Councillor M Walters – Chairperson of the Transport & Infrastructure Committee;
Committee members

From: Mrs L Marney – Committee Clerk

Date: 5th September 2024

Subject: Road Safety & Active Travel Newsletter & Questionnaire

Deal Town Council have received the attached Newsletter from the KCC East Highways Improvement Team, this also includes a short questionnaire that they would like completed.

In the Summer of 2022 Kent County Council restructured their Road Safety & Active Travel Group (RSATG) to provide dedicated Community Engagement Officers within the Highway Improvement Team. They have been eager to improve how they communicate with Parish and Town Councils and County Members.

They have created their first quarterly newsletter; designed with the latest news to help Parish and Town Councils and County Members discover first-hand the important role that they play and the benefits of engaging with KCC through the Highway Improvement Plan (HIP) process.

The next KCC Road Safety & Active Travel newsletter will be published at the beginning of October 2024 looking back over the summer quarter (July-September).

KCC would like our feedback and any thoughts or suggestions as to what Parish and Town Councils and County Members would like to see in future issues.

The questionnaire can be found online using the following link: [Have your say \(office.com\)](https://www.kentcc.gov.uk/your-say/office.com) . However, due to this being a brief questionnaire the 8 questions are listed below:

KCC Road Safety & Active Travel Newsletter Questionnaire - Have your say

In the Road Safety & Active Travel group we value your feedback and would love to hear from you if you have any thoughts or suggestions as to what you'd like to see in future issues. Please complete this brief questionnaire which will allow us to ensure that our newsletters are providing you with the information that you would like to see.

- 1. How would you rate the overall content of the newsletter (1 star = poor / 5 stars = excellent)*
- 2. Which sections or articles did you find most interesting or valuable?*
- 3. Were there any sections or articles that you found less interesting or valuable?*
- 4. Was the length of the newsletter appropriate? Yes – No – Not Long Enough*
- 5. Was the newsletter visually appealing and easy to navigate? Yes – No.*

6.If you have answered 'No' to question 5, please tell us what we could do better in the next issue to make the newsletter more visually appealing and/ or easy to navigate.

7.What topics would you like to see covered in future issues?

8.Are there any other comments that you would like to make on either a specific article or section, or on the newsletter as a whole?

Recommendation: Members to agree collectively at the meeting to answers to the above short questionnaire and delegate authority to the Committee Clerk to send results to KCC.

Decision required: Committee members to consider the above recommendation.

ROAD SAFETY & ACTIVE TRAVEL NEWSLETTER

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County
Council
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ISSUE 1 (APRIL – JUNE 2024)

WELCOME

At Kent County Council (KCC) we are always keen to improve how we communicate with our customers. In the Summer of 2022 we restructured our Road Safety & Active Travel Group (RSATG) to provide dedicated Community Engagement Officers within the Highway Improvement Team.

We are committed to working alongside Parish and Town Councils and County Members in reviewing your highway improvement requests, giving a voice to the communities that you represent.

This is our first Road Safety & Active Travel Group quarterly newsletter and has been designed to keep you up to date with the latest news from the Group and to help you discover first-hand the important role that we all play for Kent communities and the benefits of engaging with us through the Highway Improvement Plan (HIP) process.

MEET THE TEAM HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS TEAM

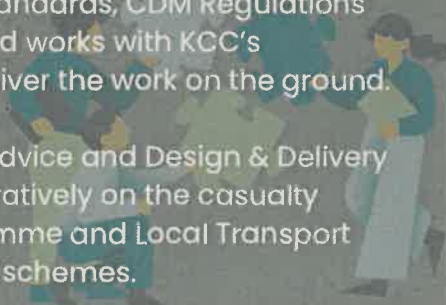
The Highway Improvements Team is split into West Kent and East Kent, with three different, but interconnected, work streams making up each team:

Community Engagement – works closely with County Members, Parish and Town Councils on all aspects of their Highway Improvement Plan.

Planning & Advice – provides technical advice for HIP priorities, determines the feasibility of schemes being requested and advises on alternative options where a desired scheme may not be possible.

Design & Delivery – designs schemes to meet Kent's highway standards, CDM Regulations and DfT policy and works with KCC's contractors to deliver the work on the ground.

Both Planning & Advice and Design & Delivery also lead collaboratively on the casualty reduction programme and Local Transport Plan (LTP) funded schemes.



USEFUL LINKS

- [KCC Fault reporting tool](#)
- [KCC led consultations](#)
- [District Council services](#)
- [Kent Police reporting tool](#)
- [CrashMap UK](#)
- [DfT's Setting local speed limits](#)
- [Planned roadworks](#)
- [School travel plans](#)
- [Lorry Watch](#)
- [Community Speedwatch](#)
- [Kent & Medway Safety Camera Partnership](#)
- [Kent Road Safety](#)



DID YOU KNOW? 20MPH ZONE/LIMITS

At KCC we receive a large number of requests for the implementation of 20mph speed restrictions and we appreciate that, when installed in the right place at the right time, they are an important measure in improving road safety.

However, any speed reduction through signage alone should not be seen as a tool to address an evidenced speeding issue. The Department for Transport (DfT) has recently updated their guidance on '[Setting local speed limits](#)' which now states that traffic authorities should only introduce 20mph limits and zones in the right places and ensure any such measures are targeted and not introduced as a blanket measure. This is because over-use of inappropriate speed limits risks undermining public acceptance which could impact compliance of 20mph speed limits where they are most needed, such as outside of schools and in residential areas where there is generally a high proportion of vulnerable road users.

Government guidance on the implementation of 20mph schemes states that successful 20mph limits and zones should be self-enforcing and Kent Police do not support new 20mph speed limits unless the existing average speed of vehicles is 24mph or less as they do not have the resources to enforce 20mph sites with poor compliance.

A reduction in the posted speed limit through signage alone is unlikely to make any discernible difference. As such, KCC have to consider this when designing new speed limits. We have to balance the benefits of slower speeds alongside that of compliance. The decisions are always locally determined and an individual assessment is required by considering the existing average speeds to see if they are likely to be suitable.

In some circumstances, where average speeds are between 24-28mph it may still be possible to consider a reduction, but some form of traffic calming (innovative or traditional) would need to be installed to better ensure reasonable compliance.

For details on the site requirements and typical costs of a 20mph limit or zone please refer to pages 9&10 of your Highway Information Pack. Where existing speeds are too high for a 20mph speed restriction to be self-enforcing, and/or traffic calming is not possible, we will work with elected bodies on what other measures we may be able to introduce to address the concerns being raised.

LOOKING BACK

In each issue of the newsletter we will give you an insight into the work that the Highway Improvements Team have delivered as a result of our close working relationship with Parish & Town Councils and County Members.

Between April 2023 and March 2024 we carried out **188** HIP reviews across Kent resulting in the delivery of **23** Parish Council funded schemes and **94** schemes funded from KCC's HIP budget.



2023

THIS QUARTER IN NUMBERS

Between April and June 2024, the Highway Improvements Team has carried out the following work in conjunction with Parish and Town Councils and County Members across Kent:

Parish/Town Council and County Member meetings - **77**

Number of HIP/Parish funded schemes delivered - **23**

Total value of KCC funded schemes (HIP budget) delivered - **£48,875**

Total value of Parish/ Town Council funded schemes delivered - **£20,364**

PRESTON HILL/HIGH STREET, WINGHAM – LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN (LTP) SCHEME

A Parish Council in Dover had raised concerns about the junction of the High Street and Preston Hill via their Highway Improvement Plan. The concerns were vehicles driving at excess speed at the junction, large vehicles mounting the traffic island which resulted in damage to street furniture and there were concerns for pedestrians crossing here. There was also a property at the junction where several instances of damage had occurred to the property and a highway wall.



The crash data was reviewed and analysed and it did not meet our criteria to fund changes at this location. An outline design and cost estimate was sent to the parish council to reconfigure the junction layout but was too costly for the parish council to fund, so a bid was submitted though the Local Transport Plan funding stream. The bid was successful and the works were completed in November 2023.

The overall cost of the scheme was £117,000.

The works included widening the footway outside the property and realigning the junction by relocating the traffic island. The photos show the road layout before and after completion of the scheme.

Since the scheme has been implemented, there have been no damage only or personal injury crashes reported. This is a really good example of Parish Councils and the Community Engagement Team working together to get the right result.



COLLABORATION

Whilst the Highway Improvements Team (HIT) are dedicated to delivering as many feasible Parish/Town Council and County Member promoted schemes as possible, it is also true that simply by being on a Highway Improvement Plan (HIP), with community support and/or with a funding stream identified, does not guarantee that an engineering measure can be identified or delivered.

Not only are we restricted by what is legally, physically and technically possible, sometimes there are just no measures that HIT can deliver that will resolve the concerns of the communities you represent.

However, we are not content to leave it there and we work across the Road Safety & Active Travel Group, for example with the Road Safer User Behaviour team, as well as with wider Highways & Transportation colleagues, and externally with Kent Police, the District & Borough Councils etc.

Looking at the issues together we are able to benefit from other teams' knowledge, experience and resources to find the most suitable solution where there is one. In each newsletter our aim is to give you an example of how we work collaboratively in order to provide the best service to Kent's residents via their elected representatives.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT SPEEDING

Unsurprisingly, speeding is one of the main causes of concern that HIT receives when discussing HIP priorities with Parish/Town Councils and County Members. The first thing your Community Engagement Officer will do is review current average speeds at the location in question. Often this shows that speeding is a perception, rather than an evidenced issue.

However, where there is evidence of speeding (Kent Police consider this to be where average speeds are above the enforcement speed limit of 10% + 2mph), HIT will first consider what engineering measures may be possible to improve compliance with the posted speed limit.

It should be noted that reducing the speed limit of a road is not considered to be an effective way of reducing speeding, however there may be other schemes that we can consider such as the installation of village gateways, upgrading of existing speed terminals, addition of new repeater signs (not allowable on a street lit 30) or installation of physical traffic calming (not possible on unlit or A and B classified roads).



In cases where no physical engineering measures are suitable, HIT considers how we can address the behavioural aspect of speeding, and works collaboratively both internally and externally to determine other solutions that would set residents mind at ease. This could include:

Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) – An alternative to the fixed electronic sign, HIT work with KCC's Traffic Operations Team to offer a SID scheme to help tackle concerns of speeding.

SIDs are non-permanent moveable signs. They comprise of a single SID unit used in rotation across multiple fixed poles within existing 30mph zones as a driver education tool.



Proposed sites are assessed on an individual basis and a minimum of three posts are required per SID, with a bracket for each, to a maximum of five sites per sign in order to retain overall effectiveness.

SIDs are currently not available for use in 20mph speed restrictions, however KCC's Traffic Operations Team is looking into trialing new signs which are sensitive enough to pick up lower speeds, so this may be something that we can offer in the future.



Toolkits – HIT works with our Safer Roads colleagues to offer a number of resources to support Parish and Town Councils to encourage compliance of 20 and 30mph speed limits.

It provides the tools, assets and information needed to successfully communicate this message and consists of posters, car stickers, bin stickers and road banners.

More information can be found on-line at <https://kentroadsafety.info/what-we-do/speed/>

SpeedWatch – Working with Kent Police, and operating at carefully selected sites on roads in 20mph, 30mph and 40mph speed limits, a group typically of three Community SpeedWatch (CSW) practitioners/volunteers monitors the speed of passing vehicles using a portable speed indication device.

Details of vehicles travelling at or above nationally-specified thresholds (25+, 35+ and 46+mph) are recorded and reported. The registered keepers of vehicles observed repeatedly of 'high-end' speeding anywhere in Kent in the previous 12 months are then sent advisory letters by Kent Police.



Parish/Town Council's would need to contact Kent Police, at speedwatch@kent.police.uk, to discuss where you would like to operate Speedwatch in your community; they will be able to run through the site risk assessment process and training for operators.

KCC may be able to assist with the funding of the equipment so please speak to your Community Engagement lead if you are interested.



Targeted road safety campaigns – Where there may be a pattern of collisions that have been attributed to a behavioural issue, such as vehicles not stopping at a STOP junction, HIT can work with the Safer Roads Team to produce a targeted road safety campaign to address the behaviour we would like to change.



RUNNING HORSE ROUNDABOUT, MAIDSTONE – CRASH REMEDIAL MEASURES (CRM) PROGRAMME

The Highway Improvements Team's core responsibility is the analysis of Crash Remedial Measures (CRM) sites across Kent and the identification of engineering solutions that will have a positive impact on collision numbers at that location.

The Running Horse Roundabout, which links the M20 with the A229 Chatham Road, in Maidstone is one of the busiest roundabouts in Kent. There have been 13 personal injury crashes reported to us in the past three years, making this junction a key priority for work to reduce injuries on the public highway. The figure for the past five years is 29.

As a result, an innovative design was produced to adapt the roundabout into a new '[Turbo Roundabout](#)' in a bid to lessen crashes and bust congestion on one of Kent's busiest routes.

Unlike normal roundabouts, Turbo Roundabouts require drivers to choose the direction they plan to travel in before entering the roundabout. Lanes are separated by coloured markings and lines preventing motorists from switching lanes whilst on the roundabout circulatory. As well as increased lines and coloured surfacing, engineers changed the signage on the approaches to the roundabout in all directions to raise awareness of the new style.

This project was delivered in May 2024, finishing ahead of schedule, and already driver behaviour has adapted to the new layout with vehicles being observed entering and travelling around the roundabout in a slower and more disciplined way.

Kent's newest Turbo Roundabout has already received national industry recognition and our very own Design & Delivery Principal Engineer, Chris Koningen, has been asked to present at the next annual conference of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT) in September.



HAVE YOUR SAY

We value your feedback and would love to hear from you if you have any thoughts or suggestions as to what you'd like to see in future issues. Please complete this brief questionnaire which will allow us to ensure that our newsletters are providing you with the information that you would like to see.

[Have your say - Microsoft Forms](#)

DEAL TOWN COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM

To: Cllr M Walters – Chairperson of the Transport & Infrastructure Committee, All Committee members
From: Mrs L Marney – Committee Clerk
Date: 10th September 2024
Subject: Committee Clerk Report

Please see below update for information only.

DTC 2nd HIP Application Update

The Committee Clerk contacted the Kent County Council East Highways Improvement Team at the end of August asking for an update on our 2nd Highways Improvement Plan application that was submitted and accepted.

KCC have replied with the following response:

I'm sorry there is no update on this yet.

For a good month or so, my colleagues in Planning & Advice work on identifying and how to remedy Crash Remedial Measures sites and so our HIP/parish work has had to take a back seat for a while.

They are back to it now and our HIP requests are in the system, and I will update you as soon as I have more information.

The Committee Clerk aims to bring an update to the next Committee meeting.

DTC's 3rd HIP Application

Deal Town Council's third Highways Improvement Plan application needs to be submitted in May 2025 to the Kent County Council East Highways Improvement Team.

Just to make the members aware, the Committee Clerk will be bringing this item back to the T&I meeting in November for members to submit feasible concepts with exact locations to be included in our third application.

KCC recommend that the HIP should have no more than 10 items on it and be sent in priority order.

Best Foot Forward Project Update

Best Foot Forward begun on Earth Day in March and will run until Cycle September – as of 6 September we have pledged to remove more than **130 kilos** of CO₂e emissions (or **523 miles** - that's the equivalent of driving from Deal to Blackpool...and back again!)

On social media, Best Foot Forward has reached 2,824 people and received 3,171 impressions. The majority of people signed up at the beginning of this campaign, but people have engaged periodically as posts on social media were published (see below).

Five people have won free e-bike hire thanks to Hut 55 and the last winner will be picked at September's Full Council by the Mayor.

