

Marden Highways Improvement Plan (HIP)

Part C – Marden Parish Council Action Plan (CLOSED/COMPLETED)

KH = Kent Highways / MPC = Marden Parish Council / MBC = Maidstone Borough Council / KCC - Kent County Council / TRO = Traffic Regulation Order

DYL = Double Yellow Lines / SYL = Single Yellow Lines

HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN – Stage 1				ACTION PLAN – Stage 2		
MPC ID	Priority	Location	Problem and suggested remedy	Cost Estimate	Funding Source	Action/Programme/Comments (Who/When)
HIP001	Completed	Pattenden Lane junction with Church Green/West End: (a) West side from just before junction with West End to Sovereigns Way entrance and into Sovereigns Way entrance; (b) East side from junction with Church Green to 2 Coronation Villas	Parked cars and dangerous junction: DYL	HIP 001, 002 & 003 £2,000	Cty Cllr Eric Hotson	Part (a) completed November 2019. Part (b) not proceeding due to number of objections
HIP002	Completed	Sutton Forge (complete cul-de-sac)	Parked cars/commuter parking. SYL	As above	As above	Completed November 2019
HIP003	Completed	Albion Road (Village Club/Tandoori to The Allens/ Roundel Way	Parked cars/commuter parking. SYL/DYL junction Sutton Forge/Albion Road, both sides	As above	As above	Completed November 2019

HIP011	Completed/ Closed	High Street junction with Albion Road (by Farm Shop)	<p>The entrance to Albion Road from the High Street is very wide and well used by people visiting the Farm Shop. Due to the new development in Albion Road and Windsor Meadow there is a lot more traffic, including HGV's using this road.</p> <p>There is also a lot of traffic movement here as the Farm shop is on an island and used by vehicles turning round. Crossing the road becomes hazardous and a pedestrian island will help with pedestrian safety.</p> <p>When a temporary island was installed at this junction for utility works there were no pedestrian or traffic issues as a result, therefore a solution would be a pedestrian island in centre of Albion Road/High Street junction.</p>		KCC	<p>KH could undertake a feasibility study at a cost of £3,000 or a free desktop study. MPC requested a desktop study in the first instance.</p> <p>20/7/20 – KCC to carry out desktop study to look at possibility of installing a pedestrian island.</p> <p>20/4/21 - KH to give MPC an estimate for a crossing point design &amp; survey.</p> <p>1/2/22 - KH to carry out site visit also check double yellow lines from Albion Road to shops.</p> <p>1/3/22 - KH checked junction and not possible due to impact on large vehicles.</p> <p>Confirmed that DYL will be extended 10m beyond junction</p> <p>Traffic island - not feasible.</p> <p>DYL - Completed June 2022</p>
HIP012	Completed	B2079 north of the railway line – bend at entrance to village	<p>A dangerous and fast bend.</p> <p>A safety assessment needs to be carried out to identify mitigation.</p> <p>MPC are concerned that the measures implemented are not effective and request a completion monitoring report</p>		KCC	<p>KCC works completed June 2020 (Chevrons, road markings and verge side bollards)</p> <p>(Ref drawing number 2021-SWKS-MA-1226-11/01)</p> <p>No traffic survey was undertaken prior to work carried out therefore nothing to compare.</p> <p>Agreed to close this item.</p> <p>Work completed - no further action required.</p>
HIP015	Combined with HIP016	Pattenden Lane – north of railway line to entrance to the Guardian Business Estate	<p>Vehicles/vans/lorries needing to access business roadways on the east side of Pattenden Lane are mounting the corner kerb and breaking up the surface which then floods in heavy rainfall due to vehicles being parked on opposite site of the road.</p> <p>DYL on Pattenden Lane opposite the Guardian estate would prevent the problem.</p>		KCC	COMBINED WITH HIP016

HIP016 (combined with HIP015)	Completed	Pattenden Lane – north of railway line to entrance to Wheelbarrow Estate	Severe problems with on road parking and on pavement parking. Dangerous for pedestrians and those with mobility needs/young children and cyclists. Parking restrictions needed		KCC	KH would visit site and request MPC to undertake an informal consultation prior to TRO being raised. KH had already raised this issue. 20/7/20 – Assessment to be carried out for waiting restrictions. 1/2/22 KCC to pursue DYL. MPC to take up illegal parking issues with MBC. 1/3/22 KH has sent MPC a DYL plan for review. 14/6/22 MPC sent letter to all businesses and residences in Pattenden Lane re DYL proposal. As a result MPC recommend SYL with restriction 9.00-5.00. 18/10/22 – TRO being submitted as a collective by KH. 7/2/23 – Awaiting outcome of TRO. May 2023 – SYL installed
HIP018	Completed	Thorn Road bend (entrance to village)	Bend close to 30mph sign at entrance to village. Notorious spot for vehicles to come off the road into the ditch, at least 5 (21/10/18; 3/12/19; 23/12/19; 2 others no date given) reported to MPC potentially due to speed of vehicles. The road is increasingly busy and is one of the main entrances to the village. The provision of gateway, red road surfacing, road roundels and dragons teeth road markings is needed	£3,000	KCC	KH to visit site and price up gateway features. Red road surfacing may not be possible at the current time due to work involved. 20/7/20 – Possibly could be funded by KCC small works budget 29/6/21 - KH advises location for gateway. MPC contacts resident who objects because the location impairs their sight line. MPC to ask KH to locate further along the road next to the 30mph sign. 16/9/21 - Works Order raised for gateway to be installed. Works completed.
HIP019	CLOSED - NO FURTHER ACTION	Sutton Court – Parking Issues	No current parking restrictions difficult for emergency vehicles and refuse lorries to access, and although fully used there is no room for additional parking spaces (and it is also unclear whether problems are caused by residents' vehicles or those seeking to avoid station car parking charges)			CLOSED – parking area belongs to Golding Homes - problem has resolved itself
HIP023	Completed	Finger posts	Refurbish 3 x cast iron finger posts and new wooden finger post at Goudhurst Road/Sheephurst Lane junction			August 2022 – 3 x cast iron signs in progress of being refurbished / new wooden post made and installed

HIP026	CLOSED - NO FURTHER ACTION	Maidstone Road/High Street junction	Bell bollards opposite side of Maidstone Road to Cornerways to protect pedestrians and properties especially from HGV's (approx. 4 per hour through this junction)			<p>11/10/22 – Added as Priority 3 on Kent Highways document.</p> <p>5/12/22 – Meeting held with Kent Highways Officers.</p> <p>Q: Where exactly is the damage occurring? Where is the conflict between pedestrians and vehicles? Can MPC provide photos of the damage to properties and kerbs?</p> <p>KH no longer installed bell bollards as they can provide extra risks to pedestrians and vehicles.</p> <p>KH investigating the installation of normal bollards on the footway – MPC may be liable for maintenance costs.</p> <p>10/1/24 – no to bell bollards – check for utilities with possible installation of wooden bollard</p>
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