




## Highway Improvements Team working in Partnership with Downswood Parish Council Highway Improvement Plan (HIP)

**Please read before completing:**

- Your HIP is for new initiatives/measures/schemes in your community – it is NOT to be used as a maintenance log, as these MUST be logged using the online reporting tool via this link <https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem>
- Highway Improvement Plans will only be accepted if they are in this prescribed template format. PLEASE DO NOT ALTER IN ANY WAY.
- KCC is unable to guarantee that all your requests will be deliverable, but your Community Engagement Officer will advise this once they have been fully assessed/investigated.

HIP Version	Submitted by (Name)	HIP Submission Date	Record Of Meeting Dates with KCC Virtual or Face to Face	County Member	
1	Emma Hull		03.03.2026 – on site Church Road	Yes - Linden Kemkaran	
Are you an active member of the Speed Watch Scheme?		Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Are you an active member of the Lorry Watch Scheme?		No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Priority	Location	Has this issue been raised previously?	Problem/Concern	What are your objectives/ what options would you like KCC to consider?	KCC Comments
Please prioritise issues in the order of most importance	Please be as specific as possible	Y/N	Please provide details of any evidence that you have	Please refer to the Highway Information Pack. Whilst we will investigate specific requests, it is essential to be clear on what the problem is that is trying to be resolved so that we can work with you to ascertain the most suitable solution	<b>This column is to be completed by the Community Engagement Officer ONLY</b>
1.	Design of Church Road, Downswood.	Yes	We held a site meeting with KCC officers and the leader of KCC to review the areas of concern. This allowed us to see the problems first hand.	<p>The design can be broken down into 3 elements. 1. The church to Deringwood Drive incorporating the bend. Cars always cut the corner creating a danger to oncoming cars. Some form of central white lines could address this issue.</p> <p>2. From the church to 60 MPH signs by the bend (Otham end). The speed limit is 30 MPH, and a recent Speed Watch survey found an excessive number of cars speeding some up to 50 MPH. White lining or a system of cobbled give way designs could address this.</p> 	

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3. The bend at the Otham end of Church Road. This is a 60 MPH zone and vehicles cut the corner or travel around so fast that they cross over into the opposite carriageway. This is very dangerous and is an accident waiting to happen at speed.

Items 2 and 3 are actually in the Parish of Otham but item 1 does affect drivers entering Downswood. That said, we did agree that Church Road is a problem for both Downswood and Otham and that it would be best to address the all the issues together.

### 1. Bend from the church to Deringwood Drive




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## 2. Church Road 30MPH Section



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				<p>3. The Bend Otham end</p> 	
2.	Mallards Way j/w Spot Lane	No	Please see the photo	<p>This section of pavement appears to protrude into the road too far and causes many near misses with cars travelling in both directions. It really does need to be taken out. It is also dangerous to pedestrians, and you can see how cars and vans travel over the kerb.</p>	

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Mallards to Spot Lane



Spot Lane to Mallards



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				<p>This is also a pedestrian crossing point from Mallards into the Old Spot Lane and it is so dangerous. The trees need cutting back and pedestrian crossing signs need to be erected.</p> <p>Pedestrians view looking right from Mallards to Spot Lane</p> 	
3.	Roundabout, Deringwood Drive jw Mallards Way	No	Cars parking on a roundabout causing an obstruction for other traffic especially buses.	<p>This happens during the football season when games are played at Mallards Park. Cars park on the roundabout and cause an obstruction of the highway and to other traffic especially buses. The problem is getting worse. Leaflets have been provided to all drivers, but this has not worked. The local pub nearby have regular weddings and so they cannot allow their car park to be used.</p> <p>The only option left is for double yellow lines as indicted on the picture below. This would include corner protection as well as cars also block corner vision making it dangerous.</p>	

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Picture of roundabout with suggested areas for double yellow lines





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### Historical Priorities Record (to be completed by the Community Engagement Officer ONLY)

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