

MAY 2022 UPDATE ON HIGHWAYS ISSUES

Since my last report in April 2022, I have reported 3 further Highway issues to KCC. This increases the grand total to date to 85.

The new reports were for: -

Replacement SLOW markings in Oad Street
Cutting back trees masking new bend sign in Oad Street
Replacing white lines on side of carriageway in Oad Street

73 of the 85 have now been dealt with either in a satisfactory manner or with a satisfactory explanation. 12, including the three above are still outstanding.

The trees covering the speed camera in Wrens Road have been scheduled to be cut back. The diseased tree in Wrens Road is under investigation. The temporary TRO covering the 30mph speed limit in Chestnut Street and Maidstone Road has been confirmed as legitimate.

Other works still to be completed include the white line renewals in Pond Farm Road and Wises Lane. The provision of a new Slow sign on the road at the entrance to Oad Street from the Borden village direction is still outstanding and has been since June 2021 which now has been made a further report, see above.

No progress has been reported on flooding issues at Danaway or at the junction of Wises Lane and the A2.

The give way markings at the junction of Washley Hill and Hearts Delight as yet have still not been provided.

Site meetings with KCC Highways to discuss the Parish wide 20mph limit and also for problems at Bannister Hill/Hearts Delight, at Oad Street and at Maidstone Road have again been requested. Please see below for more information.

Highways Improvement Plan

The Highways Improvement Plan as agreed at the last Council meeting was submitted to KCC Highways. Unfortunately, it was rejected as it was not in the correct format. KCC had changed the format of the form but failed to tell us. I will be resubmitting the form as soon as practical. They now say it will be the end of May until the Swale Project Manager is appointed, so I have asked for an early meeting

M2/Junction 5 Stockbury roundabout improvements

I have reported many times about recently vehicle accidents along Maidstone Road/Chestnut Street on the old A249 and the fact that letters have been sent by the Parish Chairman to all appropriate parties and a copy circulated to Councillors. There have been no further developments other than

the provision of signs stating that a new speed limit is now in place. As a result of comments received I have raised an issue as mentioned above as to the legitimacy of the temporary speed limit in Maidstone Road and Chestnut Street. A meeting has been scheduled for the 24th May with National Highways, Grahams and local residents I will report on this and any other developments at the meeting.

John Fassenfelt May 2022.