

Results of Traffic & Road Safety Consultation held in Boughton Aluph, Saturday 5 November 2016

Comments received

Speed Limits

40mph speed limit on A251 from Kennington to Challock roundabout seems sensible.
Reduce speed limit from Sandyhurst Lane to village to 40mph as well as reducing other speeds.
Speed limit should be 30mph on Faversham Road from village to Eastwell Towers.
I am disabled and very scared of crossing A251 because of speed of traffic. Speed limits are my concern.
Speed limit reductions - how to force drivers to comply? Roundabout at Kempes Corner - long overdue.
My biggest concern is the speed of all vehicles passing on the A251 through the village.
I live on the Wye side of Kempes Corner and so the local Boughton Aluph roads do not affect me as much. Harville Road needs a speed limit.
Thank you for all the work have put in to help the village in this matter - it must be considerable and we are very grateful. Reduced speed limits will not work without police intervention. Kempes Corner junction is like "Russian Roulette".
40mph speed indicator sign adjacent to the bus stop Ashford bound is in the wrong place. Needs to be moved back so is before junction of A251 and Wye Road.
20mph speed limit all along Pilgrims Way.
Waiting to turn into my drive - may car was written off by a speeding van driver. Speed on Faversham Road causing a danger getting in and out drive.
20mph speed limits around the Green difficult to enforce. Needs to be done by mechanical means.
Can 20mph speed limit be extended for the whole length of Pilgrims Way? It is a recreational lane without anywhere to safely pass or be passed.

Wye Road

Many of these are nuisances rather than road safety issues. But the section from Bay Tree Cottage to Touchwood must be tackled. A shared space might work but not between Bay Tree Cottage and the A251 since it isn't dangerous.
Narrowing the road to a pinch between the Forge and Fairview is vital. The building out of the kerb by a foot or so outside Fairview would both protect Fairview and narrow the road to be wide enough for tractors but one car width at a time. This would complement the proposed building out outside the Forge.
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Petition is regarded as one letter I believe. Would the raised table junction idea work at Wye Road/The Lees. Talk to Adrian Coles about Spanish village road traffic light idea - interesting. Excellent exposition - clear, easy to read. Lots of committee members to help with queries.

Pinch points between Pilgrims Way and Baptist Chapel. Serve both as parking and footpath and slow traffic. Priority traffic. Roundabout preferred at Kempes Corner.
Need a stop sign, not give way at junction of A251 and The Lees. Shared space can be confusing to drivers and pedestrians.
Rumble strips at junction of The Lees and Wye Road. Also when entering residential section of Wye Road after Baptist Chapel.
Some type of warning sign (e.g. SLOW - JUNCTION AHEAD) for traffic coming up Wye Rod approaching The Lees junction would be helpful. Upgrading of pavement along A251 towards Goat Lees to enable it to have dual pedestrian/cycle path function (rail probably needed) would effectively open access to Ashford for cyclists.
Consider a pinch point on Wye Road just below The Lees/Pilgrims Way junction (toward the A28).
Cars parked outside Baytree Cottages close to the junction of Wye Road and The Lees almost always cause a problem at this junction.
Speed bumps would forcibly slow the traffic at the junction of The Lees and Wye Road.
Junction of The Lees and Wye Road - Parked cars are a problem. Move the white line to keep vehicles more to the left.
Install a warning sign "SLOW - HIDDEN JUNCTION AHEAD" for traffic coming up Wye Road approaching the junction with The Lees.
Reinstate kerb and road width on Wye Road outside Forge boundary by Fairview. Create a pinch point by restablishing narrower road.
A pinch point at the top of Wye Road to slow traffic?
Slight build out of kerb corner by Fairview to protect Fairview and narrow to pinch the Wye Road.

Kempes Corner

If it would be feasible, I would like the following to be considered: traffic island or calming near Kempes Corner; signage at Kempes Corner as a gateway to the village such as "please drive carefully through our village". Traffic lights preferred at Kempes Corner.
As a resident of Kempes Corner, I naturally think that this is the most dangerous area in the village. The junctions are hazardous, as are entering and existing one's own gateway. This, in my view, is due to the increased volume of traffic and increasingly aggressive driving on the A28 plus, of course, speeding, despite the presence of the reactive signs, which are widely ignored. Some 5 years ago, meetings were held to discuss the problems on the A28. At the time, I believe that the idea of junction control by both traffic lights and roundabout were discounted. The first because of the rural location and the second because of limited space. In any case, the residents of the locality DO NOT WANT this solution. If there is a solution at all, I would suggest removing the largely useless reactive signs and introducing speed cameras. Regarding the problems around the Green, would it not be better to introduce a one-way system? I would suggest a clockwise system, turning left as one meets the Green from Wye Road (Kempes Corner) direction, which would obviate the dangerous junctions at that area.
To make the Kempes Corner junction safer for Wye Residents and Boughton Residents, a camera would <u>SOLVE</u> all the <u>problems</u> .
Investigate redesign of Kempes Corner - see if owner will agree to land being used to increase visibility.
Regarding Kempes Corner, the automated warning lights <u>do not</u> help. Drivers still speed and impatience is very noticeable. Traffic lights/roundabout not the answer. Speed cameras perhaps the only answer.
What about a roundabout at the Kempes Corner cross roads?
Reduce speed limit on A28 to 30mph close to Kempes Corner junction?
Traffic lights on every end of each road at Kempes Corner?

Possible further options:- 1. Village signage at Kempes Corner with gates "Boughton Aluph - please drive carefully". 2. Road markings publicising speed limits across the road at Kempes Corner, at the Green, Faversham Road. 3. Traffic islands at Kempes Corner.

Over the years option 6 (traffic control at Kempes Corner) has been discussed and found to be too expensive. It would also create problems for residents with vehicles "backing up" waiting for the lights to change. Even Wye Parish Council agree that a camera would resolve all the problems.

Other

Existing weight limits and speed restrictions are ignored daily. Visual changes such as raised surface, alternative colours, village gates etc are very important to reinforce restrictions. Too many vehicles including HGVs use Wye Road to cut through from A28 to A251.

I would suggest the placement of electric gates closing off the green as one space and the Wye Road, Pilgrims Way as separate. Each resident is given a number of recognition unit for their car and have access as parent all other traffic is blocked from using the road for access. This operates in Sevenoaks and works well.

Option 3 is the easiest to fix. Just needs someone to stop parking close to the junction of The Lees and A251. Have you thought about taking land at Kempes Corner from the old farm on the left to give better visibility from Boughton? I don't think junction control will be possible. A shared space is too urban for our village.

Very grateful for all the work you have into this. I would like some more forceful road signs to prevent heavy lorries using the roads around the green. "Except for Access" is ambiguous.

Parking restrictions would make the junction of The Lees and Faversham Road safer. Cars parked close to the junction make it very difficult to navigate.

Regarding White Hill issues, as mentioned we have an individual problem associated with the location of "Whiteladies" and historic increase in traffic volume, size of vehicles and vehicle speed.

Well done and good luck.

Brilliant presentation - thanks.

Thanks and congratulations to those involved in the detailed and professionally presented information.

Congratulations on a brilliant presentation.

A copy of the event presentation and questionnaire are available at www.parishplan.uk/traffic-plan.

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