# Highway improvements in your area



### THE STREET, ACOL

#### What are we planning to do?

Kent County Council will be making adjustments to one of the sets of speed cushions in The Street, Acol located near Dilnot Lane,

#### When will the work start and how long will it take?

The work is programmed to start on **Monday 14 February 2022** and will take one week to complete.

#### How will we carry out the works and how will it affect you?

In order to give our contractor a safe area in which to carry out the work, it will be necessary to close The Street between Plumstone Road and Dilnot Lane for the duration of the works. The diversion route will be via Minster Road, Spitfire Way, Manston Road and Acol Hill.

Access to properties will remain.

Due to the nature of the works, there will be some unavoidable noise and disturbance whilst they are taking place. We will of course endeavour to keep any noise and disturbance to a minimum and please accept our apologies for any inconvenience caused. No night time work is proposed.

#### Why do we want to do this work?

The current speed cushions near Dilnot Lane are positioned in such a way that larger vehicles find it hard to 'straddle' the speed cushions, leading to increased noise and vibration for local residents.

We are proposing to move the speed cushions approximately 15m to the north (towards Birchington) to where the road is straighter giving vehicles more space and time to 'line up' their approach. The wall on the west side of the road is also further back from the edge of the carraigeway, providing more space for larger vehicles to pass over the cushions effectively.

In addition to this, a slightly narrower speed cushion is to be used to further reduce instances of noise and vibration for adjacent properties.

#### Keeping you and our staff safe

We want to complete the works as quickly as we can and without causing you too much inconvenience. So please respect our workers' space and safety by driving carefully and slowly through the roadworks. Feedback from our workers shows that too many drivers go too fast through roadworks. Everyone is entitled to a safe workplace and our staff work next to moving traffic and risk injury every day to maintain and improve the highway for everyone.

#### Please keep this leaflet safe in case you need to contact us

For further information or to find out more about what we do please visit our website <u>www.kent.gov.uk/highways</u> where you can also report a fault on any of our roads across Kent. You can find us on Twitter @KentHighways. If you have a problem during the works or need to contact us in an emergency you can call us on 03000 41 81 81. We often ask residents to fill in a short feedback survey that we will post through your door after we have completed our works so please help us by filling this in and sending it back freepost. You can also do this survey on line at <u>www.kent.gov.uk/roadworkssurvey</u>.

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