

## Draft reply to Kent Highways (PC Meeting 8.3.22 Item 11)

Thank you for your email dated 17<sup>th</sup> January regarding the Little Chart Highways Improvement Plan (HIP).

1. Little Chart Parish Council has consulted with residents by leafleting over 100 properties with the 'Little Chart Flyer' newsletter.
2. 13 direct responses were received, all in favour of the 20mph zone replacing the current 30mph.
3. Most were in favour of a 40mph buffer zone to the north of Little Chart village.
4. Verbatim comments include:

*"We live ... at the northern end of the village and we have been concerned for a long time about the speed of some of the vehicles that pass our house...It's a 60 limit here but the road is narrow and we regularly use it on foot so I don't think 60 is appropriate for this part of the road. We would like to see a limit, possibly a 40 limit, introduced starting somewhere between the junction with the Pluckley-Charing road and where the houses start. The limit should continue to wherever the 20 limit starts on The Street."* (respondents 1 &2)

*"My wife and I consider a 20 mph speed limit proposal for The Street to be a sensible step towards a safer neighbourhood, with safer roads. We consider the proposal "from The Swan to a point past Calehill" to be the obvious boundaries, and would suggest the precise point past Calehill be judged by the point with furthest visibility from further up the road. This might be midway between Calehill and Hurstford Lane, or even close to Hurstford Lane."*(respondents 3&4).

*"Thank you so much for looking into the road safety issues through the village. With more cars and seemingly more diversions this is a real issue. ...We would suggest that the restrictions start at Home Farm, or thereabouts, and finish at The Swan."* (respondents 15&16) –

(NB the comments have been edited for anonymity and relevance)

5. In addition, the Parish Council has taken advice from its HIP Committee, consisting of four Councillors and three residents / volunteers.
6. Please can you forward the design fee request/invoice as specified in your email, to me as Clerk, here, at your earliest convenience.
7. Once the scheme design statement has been prepared, with construction cost estimates, and considered by the Parish Council, it would be helpful to set an agreed timeline for performance and payments.
8. Little Chart Parish Council intends to consult residents further by using the scheme design documents. These may be distributed for this purpose in print or electronically.
9. I can confirm that in its 2022/23 budget agreed last November Little Chart Parish Council has allocated £10,500 to the Highways Improvement Plan, and intends to seek match-funding for the plan delivery, as it did with the Swan Lane Village Gateways scheme.