

In 2007, when the Borough Green Bypass was lost because its planning permission had lapsed, Paul Carter spoke to a packed meeting in Borough Green Village Hall to give his personal apology, and gave a personal pledge to ensure funding towards a new planning permission.

It slowly became apparent that there was no funding source to actually build the bypass, save massive housing development, which would have defeated the object, and to which all the Parishes were united in opposition. This is when the Parish Alliance began, between Platt, Wrotham BG and Ightham, and together we drew up a 9 point plan (att) to try and achieve the traffic calming in the villages that had not been implemented in the past. The first step was the Speed Survey (att)

The plan developed over several years, KCC bit the bullet and the first works began earlier this year, narrowing the main A25 and removing the white lines, an experiment by KCC. There will be further speed surveys afterwards, with a view to using this type of scheme elsewhere.

The second phase begins at the end of August, and will comprise Traffic Light controlled pedestrian crossings at the Recreation Ground on the A25, and outside the Station on the A227 Wrotham Rd. Both Wrotham Sec School and Platt Primary School will have school time flashing 20mph speed limits.

The 30mph limit on the A25 Maidstone Rd will be extended at Platt to the east side of Askew Bridge, to use the Z bend as a "natural speed reducer".

The 30 mph limit on Sevenoaks Road will be extended westward towards Darkhill, so that it will now include all housing within the limit. This will use a new village gateway constructed jointly by KCC and Borough Green PC.

The existing national speed limit at this point will be replaced with a 40mph back to DarkHill roundabout. Currently traffic can quite legally drive past some Borough Green homes at 60mph. There has also been significant resurfacing, and more to come.

In addition, two of our local HGV operators, Robert Body Haulage, and H+H Celcon, are working with KCC to install new Speed Indicator Devices on the western approach to Borough Green from Sevenoaks, and the southbound approach to Wrotham and Grange Park schools. These have funding pledged, but location etc is still under discussion. Our new KCC Councillor Harry Rayner has been heavily involved in the process.

St Mary's Platt and Borough Green 9 Point Traffic Plan 2009

1. Zebra Crossing A227 adjacent Henry Simmonds. Upgrade to Pelican
2. Zebra Crossing A25 adjacent Recreation Ground. Upgrade to Pelican
3. Courtesy Crossing High St adjacent Natwest. Upgrade to Zebra
4. A25 Askew Bridge to Darkhill, A227 Wrotham School to BG High St installation of 30mph repeaters
5. A25 Extensions of 30mph zone to include all housing at Darkhill & Askew.
6. A227 Western Rd Jct A25 new traffic management to slow traffic at junction (realignment, mini roundabout, Traffic Lights ?)
7. A25 Platt/BG Boundary: road marking improvements 30mph
8. Pelican crossing A25 Platt Parish (this may come from developer).
9. KHS to identify and implement other minor traffic management schemes to slow traffic on both A roads. (road marking, dragons teeth, etc)

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