

**Preston Parish Council Highways Improvement Plan – updated by Cllr Alwyn Pidgen on 28/10/2020**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Problem &amp; suggested remedy</b>	<b>Cost estimate</b>	<b>Funding source</b>	<b>Progress update</b>
Preston Road & The Street South End	<p><i>Speeding traffic entering the village at the Southern gateway</i></p> <p>Reposition this gateway in order to slow traffic and reinforce the speed limit on entry to the village.</p>	£2765.07	Parish Council	Awaiting installation. Redesign gates and relocate to a better position together with two vertical 30mph signs, Paint a 30mh roundel on the road surface. Paint dragon's teeth markings on road to give the effect of road narrowing. Plan has been approved.
Stourmouth Road North End	<p><i>Speeding traffic entering the village at the Northern gateway</i></p> <p>Install a gateway layout that is designed to slow traffic before it reaches residential areas.</p>	Not applicable	KCC	Completed. Redesigned due to the building of Preston Grange. A red surface was laid on the road with a roundel showing a 30mph limit. Two vertical 30mph speed limit signs and a Preston sign have also been erected.
The Street	<p><i>Traffic calming</i></p> <p>Install flashing Speed Indicator devices throughout the village to slow vehicles down by making drivers aware of their speed.</p>	N/A	Parish Council	Rejected by KCC due to none of the chosen (or alternative) locations being suitable after thoroughly investigating the entire north to south section of The Street.

Court Lane & Longmete Road	<i>Pedestrian safety</i> Construct a safe area at the Longmete Road junction to allow schoolchildren and other residents to safely board/disembark buses and cross the road.	Design £1.5k Construction £10-15k	Parish	Potential for junction remodeling and re-alignment by removing the current island and creating a hard standing area for passengers.  KCC can design and construct when needed.
The Downs & The Street	<i>Pedestrian Safety</i> Install a pedestrian crossing to connect the footpath from The Downs to the new Virtual walkway opposite – leading to the Village Stores.	N/A	Parish Council	Rejected by KCC as not feasible due to insufficient space. For example the lack of a footpath on one side and a narrow footpath on the other.
The Street – Virtual Walkway	<i>Pedestrian Safety</i>	N/A	KCC/developer  As part of the section 106 agreement	Partially complete. Need to reduce the occurrence of vehicles crossing into it. Bollards were discussed and rejected by KCC on road safety grounds. A coloured/hatched surface was discussed but also rejected by KCC due to the cost of maintenance. Urgent action needed.