

HACKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Proposed Speed Limit Changes

At the Parish Council meeting in January 2023, some changes to the current speed limits on Canterbury Hill and Calais Hill were proposed, changes which have been approved by Kent County Council (Highways) following a traffic speed survey conducted on Canterbury Hill. The Parish Council now seeks agreement from the residents of the Parish before the changes are implemented.

The proposed changes are as follows:

1. The current speed limit of 40 mph on Canterbury Hill from the Giles Lane roundabout to the bottom of Wood Hill (just beyond the Calais Hill junction) to be changed to 30 mph. There would thus be a continuous 30 mph speed limit from Canterbury into Tyler Hill all the way up to the northern edge of the village where the speed limit currently stops.
2. The 40 mph limit on the lower part of Calais Hill (from the junction with Canterbury Hill) to be changed to 30 mph so that there would be a continuous 30 mph speed limit from Canterbury Hill into Calais Hill, and up to where the unrestricted speed limit begins just past the junction with Fleets Lane.

If the proposal meets with the approval of the residents of the village, the whole of Tyler Hill would become a 30 mph zone, with no short stretches of road with a 40 mph speed limit.

The changes would involve taking down the current 40 mph signage, and putting up a few new 30 mph signs and/ or painting roundels on the road, as considered appropriate, to remind motorists that the speed limit is 30 mph. The current Tyler Hill/ Please Drive Slowly road sign with its large 30 mph notice would probably need to be replaced with a new sign without the 30 mph notice, as the road would already be 30 mph. It could also be moved towards the bottom of Canterbury Hill, so as to include all the houses on Canterbury Hill.

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