

## Update to Hadlow Down Parish July 2024

I have not done a full report given we are in purdah with the General Election in less than a week at the time of writing.

I detail below an update on the outstanding action

### Speeding and Bridleway

I have received a feedback from the site visit by Assistant Director Nick Skelton. Whilst the bridleway is not within his responsibilities I had asked him to liaise with them. The feedback from Nick is mixed.

*Dear Councillor Standley,*

*As you are aware from our site meeting on 8 May 2024, we advised that we were progressing with our Speed Management Programme (SMP) which involved assessing the-current speed limits on all A and B class roads across the county.*

*The Road Safety Team have now completed a driven assessment of the A and B class road network and undertaken a desk based assessment to identify the locations that may be suitable for a lower speed limit or where additional measures may be required to improve compliance with the current speed limit. Before we can complete the prioritisation process we need to deploy Speed Detection Radars (SDR's) at a number of sites across East Sussex. As such, I am unable to advise at this stage if any changes will be made to the A272 at Hadlow Down, however I will provide you with a further update in early September once the prioritisation process is complete.*

*It is important that I also highlight that the SMP is initially a three-year programme, and due to team capacity and the lengthy process a Traffic Regulation Order takes, including consultations, we will only be able to progress around 8 schemes a year.*

*I can confirm that the Rights of Way & Countryside Team will be looking to make improvements to the 'top' section of Hadlow Down Bridleway 36 following our meeting.*

*As appropriate, and according to the ground conditions, that work will involve a contractor re-grading the rutted section of bridleway and the laying of brick and type 1 stone. Work is scheduled to take place during the summer/autumn and is dependent on a prolonged period of dry weather. The Rights of Way & Countryside Team is currently finalising the timings for our surfacing programme, but the team will update you nearer the time.*

*There are also significant areas of surface improvement needed further south along the bridleway, although due to other higher priorities around the County, we do not have the resources or funding available during 24/25 to carry out any additional improvements to this path.*

*Finally, if you are able to forward any of the complaints you have received about the bridleway to [Rights.Way@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:Rights.Way@eastsussex.gov.uk), that would be useful information for the Rights of Way & Countryside Team.*

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