

Good afternoon

My apologies for not responding sooner.

KCC Highways continue to monitor the impacts on the local area and will continue to work with local district and county councillors to assist with the traffic issues in the area. In reality there are very few options available. Signage is in place to show the diversion for through traffic. Local restrictions are in place to reduce the impact on key routes. Sadly, with the lack of enforcement and drivers ignoring signage, there is little more KCC Highways can do in those areas. Traffic Surveys would tell us very little new as we already are well aware of the impact on the local roads and the community. I will pass your concerns to the relevant officers that deal with traffic surveys to see if they have a different opinion, however they were involved when the road was first closed to look at alternative, such as making one way streets etc. In addition, if you wish to log an enquiry at

<https://webapps.kent.gov.uk/KCC.KHSFaultsGIS.Web.Sites.Public/Default.aspx> this will be logged with the correct team and you will have a direct contact with the correct team.

Regards

Toby

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Good afternoon Toby

Following the recent updated road closure notice for the A226 (Galley Hill Road), released by the Highways Team from KCC, the Town Councils Planning, Major Development, Transport and the Environment Committee discussed this information at a meeting on the 20 November 2024.

The Committee wished to express its dissatisfaction with the lack of new measures being considered to support traffic in the area, given the additional closure for a further 36 months.

The Town Council would wish to request that KCC investigate conducting traffic surveys of the Town to better understand the impact this is having, and then use this information to consider more suitable approaches to improving traffic flow for all road vehicles including public transport.

The Committee look forward to receiving your response.

Many thanks in advance.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Harding

**261/24-25. TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF A226 GALLEY HILL ROAD.**

On 10 April 2023 a portion of the northern edge of the Swanscombe Quarry collapsed causing a landslide. It led to a lot of chalk and other materials falling to the quarry floor, onto business premises below.

Further to the recent Temporary Road Closure Notice from KCC advising that the road would be closed for a further 36 months, members considered the impact this additional closure would have on local residents and businesses alike.

It was agreed that correspondence be sent to Toby Howe, Strategic Resilience Manger, Highways & Transportation, KCC, to express that the Town Council are dissatisfied with the lack of new measures being considered to support traffic in the area, given the additional closure for a further 36 months. The Town Council would wish to request that KCC investigate conducting traffic surveys of the Town to better understand the impact, and then use this information to consider more suitable approaches to improving traffic flow for all road vehicles including public transport.

**Recommended:** That correspondence, as detailed above, be sent to KCC.