

REPORT TO BURHAM PARISH COUNCIL 24th June 2024

By the Tonbridge and Malling Borough Councillors for

**Aylesford North and North Downs Ward
Councillors Dave Davis, Alex McDermott and Roger Dalton**

WOULDHAM ONE WAY SYSTEM

1. A week ago, the TMBC/KCC Joint Transport Board (JTB) considered the experimental Wouldham One Way system which affects traffic movement thorough Burham and the users of our local road network.
2. The excellent work done by Wouldham PC and yourselves was drawn to the meeting's attention.
3. In the meeting, Dave Davis and Andrew Kennedy (our two members on JTB), whilst welcoming the significant improvement in effects of traffic flows through Wouldham, did put a marker down that a considerable amount of traffic had been moved onto School Lane, Pilgrims Way and Knowle Road. Also that it had influenced traffic movements on Rochester Road, Scarborough Lane and Church Street.
4. The point was made by both councillors, that these were all difficult rural roads, with bad safety records that were now a main source of traffic from the Medway towns.
5. Both our councillors made the start of the case, that all roads North of Burham to Borstal should now be restricted to 40 mph and where possible traffic calming should be bought in.
6. This was outside the scope of the motion on the agenda but the meeting felt we had a good case.
7. To pursue this, we will require the active support of both parish councils. Please could you consider this at future meetings and in liaison with your TMBC and KCC councillors.
8. The recommendation from JTB to the KCC Cabinet member for highways, on the Wouldham High Street experiment, is that it should become a part of the permanent traffic system. The KCC Cabinet member for highways will now make the final decision on this recommendation which has support from the highway officers in KCC.