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Dear Cllr Bernard Heyes

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON THE A2070 - ASHFORD

Thank you for your letter of 27 September highlighting the concerns of the Ashford Joint Transportation Board with reference to the A2070 pedestrian crossing. I hope you have received my interim response of the 3 October.

Further to my email of 3 October I have taken the opportunity to perform a site visit. I have observed a highly visible, signal-controlled crossing with high friction surfacing on the approaches. I also noted the presence of double signal heads to improve visibility as well as warning signs advising approaching roads users of the signals ahead.

I have also taken the opportunity to consult with Kent & Medway Safety Camera Partnership Manager, Tara O'Shea and colleagues within Highways England over your request to install red light enforcement cameras. It has been confirmed that the crossing does not meet the criteria for camera enforcement as there is no history of red light-related fatal or serious injury incidents at this location. It should be noted that where there is evidence of red light transgression but no casualty history, responsibility for enforcing the law would remain with Kent Police rather than Highways England.

Thank you for raising these concerns with me. It is always helpful to receive such feedback. In this instance I believe that everything reasonable and practical has been done by Highways England to ensure this pedestrian crossing is as safe as possible.

Yours sincerely

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