

## Councillor P W Bartlett

Chairman – Joint Transportation Board

Ward Member for Weald East

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Date: 24 July 2018

Dear Sir

### **Pedestrian Crossing on the A2070 - Ashford**

I refer to the letter my predecessor, Councillor Bernard Heyes, sent to you dated 27<sup>th</sup> September 2017 regarding the above and your reply of 11<sup>th</sup> October 2017. You will recall that the meeting of Ashford's Joint Transportation Board (JTB) in September 2017 heard elected Members express their concern at both the speed of vehicles approaching the pedestrian crossing on the A2070 and that vehicles had been witnessed as not stopping at the crossing when the lights were red. A copy of your reply to the Boards original concerns was presented for information at the JTB meeting in December 2017.

Since then I have been made aware of continued instances of this occurring and indeed a report was presented by the Ward Member for Park Farm South to the meeting of the JTB on 12th June 2018 about this issue. The report advised that since the matter had last been considered in September 2017 there had been two further crashes on the A2070 and several instances of drivers ignoring the red light traffic signals and indeed overtaking on the crossing itself. The Ward Member also advised that this stretch of road was regularly used by motorcyclists who appeared to use it for time trials. The JTB supported the concerns expressed by the Ward Member and agreed that by placing traffic cameras at this location it would prevent overtaking and speeding and reduce the risk of lives being put at risk by such irresponsible drivers.

As the new Chairman of the Joint Transportation Board I was asked to write to you again on this matter to highlight these continued concerns, particularly in view of the fact that somebody may be killed or seriously injured at this crossing if nothing is done. I would be grateful if you would reconsider this issue and look at providing enforcement cameras at this location.



I look forward to your reply.

Yours faithfully

**Councillor Paul Bartlett**  
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15 October 2018

Dear Mr Bartlett

### Pedestrian Crossing on the A2070 - Ashford

Thank you for your letter dated 18<sup>th</sup> September requesting the installation of a red light enforcement safety camera at the pedestrian crossing towards the northern end of the A2070. Unfortunately, I did not receive your previous enquiry dated July.

I have visited the site and observed the safety improvement measures Highways England has already put in place, which include high friction surfacing on the crossing approaches, additional advanced warning signs, and double signal heads to improve visibility of the crossing. I have also discussed the site with the Kent & Medway Safety Camera Partnership (KMSCP) who confirmed that cameras must be installed in accordance with strict criteria, and that these criteria are not met at this location.

In order for the criteria for a safety camera to be met there must be both evidence of offences and a history of fatal or serious injury crashes at the site in question. The crash and casualty data indicates that there have been no injury crashes of any severity at or near the crossing since the year 2000, so KMSCP will not conduct enforcement through camera technology at that location. Where there is evidence of offences but no crash record to support the installation of camera enforcement technology the responsibility for enforcing the law remains entirely with Kent Police, Highways England has no power or responsibility in that regard.

If you require any further information please contact me directly at the email address below.

Yours sincerely

## Kent County Council Combined Member Grants Scheme Application Form 2019-2020

Unique Reference Number (for office use only): <b>19-AS-51</b>	
Adults / Arts / Children / Community Centres & Public Halls / Community Safety / Education / Environment / Highways / Libraries and Archives / PROW / <u>Public Health</u> / Sports / Youth	
Multiple Application Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Number of Members Supporting: <input style="width: 50px;" type="text" value="one"/>

<b>Organisation Name:</b>	Kent Police
<b>Title of Project:</b>	Tackling noisy vehicles

**Section One: Contact details** (All correspondence will be via the primary contact)

**Primary Applicant:**

Contact name <i>(Inc. title)</i>	[REDACTED]
Position in organisation / group:	[REDACTED]
I am 18 years old or older:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Correspondence Address:	Ashford Police Station, Tufton Street, Ashford, Kent
Postcode:	TN23 1BT
Email address:	[REDACTED]
Daytime telephone number:	[REDACTED]

**Senior Contact in your organisation / group:**

The Senior Contact and Primary Applicant (above) must be different people

Contact name <i>(Inc. title)</i>	[REDACTED]
Position in organisation / group:	[REDACTED]
I confirm I am 18 years old or older:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Email address:	[REDACTED]
Daytime telephone number:	[REDACTED]



## Kent County Council Combined Member Grant Privacy Notice

**To comply with UK and EU data protection laws, Kent County Council (the Data Controller) is required to explain what personal data (information) we hold about you, why we collect it and how we use and may share information about you.**

**What data we process and why:** In order to process a KCC Combined Member Grant application, we need to collect and hold personal information about you so that we may contact you during the grant administration process, make a payment to you and monitor a project once it is completed. The information we need to administer a grant is your name, a telephone number, an office or residential address and an email address as well as your organisation's bank account details.

**How we store your data:** Your personal information will be held securely and retained electronically for seven years in line with national audit requirements, after which the information will be deleted. Your information will not be transferred outside of the European Economic Area (EEA).

**Sharing your data:** KCC will share personal information with law enforcement or other authorities, as required. KCC must protect public funds and may use personal information and data-matching techniques to detect and prevent fraud. If you provide false or inaccurate information in your application, or at any point in the life of any funding we award you, and fraud is identified, we will seek recovery of the awarded grant funding, and will provide details to fraud prevention agencies to help prevent fraud and money laundering.

For further information about data protection and your rights under the EU General Data Protection Regulation please visit [kent.gov.uk/privacy](http://kent.gov.uk/privacy).

**Which Kent County Council Members are supporting this grant application?**

**You must have discussed this application with the Kent County Council Member before submitting this form**

Cllr Paul Bartlett

### Section Two: About your organisation / group

In this section, we want you to tell us more about your organisation / group. (We will ask you about the project you want funding for in Section Three.)

<b>Organisation / Group Name:</b>	Kent Police, Ashford Community Safety Unit.	
1. Is your organisation / group a Registered Charity?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If yes, please provide your charity number:	n/a	
2. Do you have a bank account, which requires two unrelated people to authorise cheques and make withdrawals (including debit card or internet purchases and cash withdrawals)? This must be in the name of the organisation / group that is applying, unless it is a school.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Before a conditional grant offer will be paid by KCC, you will need to provide evidence that your organisation is properly constituted. Can you supply one of these documents please?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Memorandum & Articles of Association <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Governing document, constitution, Companies House registration document, or set of rules?	



## 3. What type of organisation / group are you?

Please select the options below that best describe your organisation / group:

Registered Charity	<input type="checkbox"/>	Community/Voluntary organisation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sports organisation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Church / Faith group	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not for Profit Company	<input type="checkbox"/>	Parish / Town / District council	<input type="checkbox"/>
KCC Service	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	School/College/ Pre-school	<input type="checkbox"/>	Youth organisation	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. Has KCC funded any part of your work, or commissioned or procured services from you in the last three years? (Failure to declare this could result in your grant offer being withdrawn)

Yes No 

If yes, please state the nature of the commissioned services and value of the contract or funding agreement, and the named Kent County Council contact.

The response is specific to Ashford Community Safety Unit (and not Kent Police as a whole).

5. In the past three years has your organisation / group received a previous grant from the KCC Combined Member Grants scheme?

Yes No 

If yes, please complete the information below

Project Ref/ Project Name	KCC Member Name(s)	Amount £	Date Received

(Add more rows if necessary)



6. Has your organisation / group applied to any other funding bodies for grant support for this project?

Yes No 

If yes, please complete the information below

Name of Organisation / Funder	Amount Applied for £	Amount Received £	Date Received / Anticipated

(Add more rows if necessary)

7. If you have received any other funding for this project, please state below any terms / conditions attached to that funding that KCC should be aware of when considering this application

None

8. Please explain what funding or other resources your own organisation / group is contributing to this project? This can include any volunteering hours, costed at minimum wage rate.

Kent Police (Ashford CSU) will provide staffing and vehicles, logistic, intelligence and radio support to enable proactive and fixed location deployments. Staff time will be a commitment to the overall CSP priority to tackle and reduce ASB across the district. Kent Police will also provide training to use the equipment and will pay for bi-annual calibration. There will be quantifiable outcomes through a reduction in calls to Kent Police, complaints to the council and an improvement in the overall environment for the public of Ashford. Road safety will also be a key improvement through the education of drivers or removal of un roadworthy vehicles. There is no fixed end date for this project so the value of the funding will increase, provide long term returns.



### Section Three: About your project

In this section, we want to know what your project is (i.e. what you want the grant funding for), and how that project will benefit the local community and support Kent County Council's objectives.

9. 'Our focus is on improving lives by ensuring that every pound spent in Kent is delivering better outcomes for Kent's residents, communities and businesses' (Increasing Opportunities, Improving Outcomes: Kent County Council's Strategic Vision 2015-20).

Please explain how your project meets one or more of the following outcomes from KCC's strategic statement:

#### Strategic Outcome One: Children and young people in Kent get their best start in life

Increasing resilience and providing strong and safe environments to successfully raise children and young people	<input type="checkbox"/>	Keeping vulnerable families out of crisis and more children and young people out of care	<input type="checkbox"/>	Helping to close the attainment gap between disadvantaged young people and their peers	<input type="checkbox"/>
Helping to ensure all children, irrespective of their background are ready for school at 5	<input type="checkbox"/>	Helping children and young people have better physical and mental health	<input type="checkbox"/>	Helping children and young people to be engaged, thrive and achieve their potential through academic and vocational education	<input type="checkbox"/>
Supporting young people's ambitions with choices and access to work, education and training opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/>				

#### Strategic Outcome Two: Kent communities feel the benefits of economic growth by being in-work, healthy and enjoying a good quality of life

Improving physical and mental health by supporting people to take more responsibility for their own health and wellbeing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Supporting Kent business growth by having access to a well skilled local workforce with improved transport, broadband and necessary infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/>	Benefitting Kent's communities from economic growth and lower levels of deprivation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Helping Kent's residents to enjoy a good quality of life, and more people benefit from greater social, cultural and sporting opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/>	Helping to protect and enhance Kent's physical and natural environments so they can be enjoyed by residents	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Supporting well planned housing growth so Kent residents can live in the home of their choice	<input type="checkbox"/>

#### Strategic Outcome Three: Older and vulnerable residents are safe and supported with choices to live independently

Supporting those with long-term conditions to manage their conditions through access to good quality care and support	<input type="checkbox"/>	Supporting people with mental health issues and dementia to be assessed and treated earlier, and supporting them to live well	<input type="checkbox"/>	Providing access to the advice, information and support needed by families and carers of older and vulnerable people	<input type="checkbox"/>
Supporting social inclusion of older and vulnerable Kent residents	<input type="checkbox"/>	Helping more people to receive quality care at home, avoiding unnecessary admissions to hospital and care homes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enabling health and social care systems to work together to deliver better community services	<input type="checkbox"/>
Helping residents to have a greater choice and control over the health and social care services they receive	<input type="checkbox"/>				



9. Please tell us about the need for this project and how it will benefit residents in the area that you are applying.

Make sure you fully explain the need for your project and provide evidence to back this up. Describe the problems / issues you have identified and explain how your project addresses them. Please also illustrate the Social Value of your project.

Ashford Police have received a substantial number of complaints from many Ashford residents regarding vehicles with loud exhausts. Many have said their mental health has suffered as a result of disturbed sleep and a feeling that they cannot enjoy their own home because of the noise disturbances at all times of day and night.

There are many petitions about the issue and a simple internet search reveals the magnitude of the impact these noisy cars cause on communities. The issue has also been subject to a community trigger.

The issue is recognised at government level and a prototype noise camera is being trialled in some areas, though not in Ashford.

At present Ashford Police cannot prosecute drivers for excessively noisy exhausts because we have no equipment to measure noise to the evidential standard required to succeed in court. We have to date responded to complaints by identifying offending vehicles and giving words of advice to the drivers. Unfortunately this has not been very effective in stopping the issue.

We are asking for funding for a Decibel Meter to enable Police to measure the noise produced by the vehicles to an evidential standard so we can seek a prosecution in appropriate cases. This purchase will be a first for Kent leading to the education of drivers and vehicle owners and escalation to prosecution where appropriate. It reinforces current ASb legislation, regarding the Anti Social use of motor vehicles. The actions will send out a strong message and demonstrate partnership working



10. When will the project start? State month and year. <b>We do not offer retrospective funding without exceptional prior agreement</b>	01/02/2020
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11. Will your project be completed within six months from receipt of your grant? <b>If No, please explain why below</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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There will be 6 months of planned activity targeting relevant vehicles followed by ongoing attention to the issue during normal patrolling and reports received. Outcomes will be quantifiable through a reduction in reports to Police and Council.

#### Section Four: The cost of your project

In this section, we want to know how much grant funding you want and how it will be used.

12. What is the total cost of your project?	<b>£2533</b>
13. What is the total amount of grant funding you are seeking from KCC Members in this application?	<b>£2533</b>

14. Please complete this table with details of your total project spend

Breakdown of Spend	Total Cost (£)	Amount Applying to KCC (£)
Decibel Meter	£2533	£2533
	£	
	£	
	£	
	£	
	£	
	£	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£2533</b>	<b>£2533</b>

(Add more rows if necessary)

#### VAT

You may need to pay VAT on purchases you make as part of your project; you must only include VAT in the amount you request from us if you cannot claim it back from HMRC



**Section Five: Other information**

In this section, we want to know how your organisation / group will publicise the project, and if there is anything else that we should know about the project.

15. Please use the space below for any other information that is relevant to this application (eg confirmation that any necessary planning / landlord permission, or delegated authority, is in place/details of relevant policies in place e.g. safeguarding policy/DBS checks).

It is not possible to quantify accurately the cost to Kent Police of this project. Ashford CSU will invest considerable time identifying vehicles and dealing with the drivers. Officers will be appropriately trained.

16. If your application is successful, please explain what publicity is planned, and how you will give recognition of the support provided by KCC and the local County Member(s) in relation to this project.

Monthly newsletters from all Ashford PCSOs will contain updates of the project. We will use twitter to publicise the project and results. We will feedback to Ashford Borough Council and potentially local news feeds with outcomes. The project fully supports the Ashford CSP priority to tackle and reduce ASB across the district.

17. Do you need a copy of the KCC logo to use in your publicity?

Yes

No

**Section Six: Declaration and agreement**

- I confirm that I am authorised to sign this application on behalf of the organisation/group. The information provided in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge.
- I agree that the organisation/group will adhere to up-to-date safeguarding policies relating to any work with children, young people and/or vulnerable adults.
- I understand that, if any false or inaccurate information is provided in this application, or at any point in the life of any grant funding awarded, or if any fraud is identified, the County Council will actively seek recovery of the grant, and will provide details to fraud prevention agencies, to prevent fraud and money laundering.
- I agree that the organisation/group accepts, and will abide by, the full terms and conditions and the monitoring requirements of the Kent County Council Combined Member Grants Scheme (as set out in the Guidelines).
- I confirm that I have read and understood the Privacy Notice in Section One of this application form.
- I agree that a summary of the project and the funding awarded can be published on the KCC website.

Name:

Position in the organisation:

Signature: (or print name if returning by email)

Date:

19.12.2019

Please return this form to:

**Member Hub Support Officer email:**  
KCC Combined Member Grant Scheme,  
Kent County Council  
Member's Desk, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent. ME14 1XQ



## For Office Use Only – Combined Member Grants Scheme Agreement Form

Subject: Allocation of Combined Member Grants – 2019 - 2020

District: Ashford

## Application details

Organisation / Group: Kent Police

Project: Tackling noisy vehicles

Amount requested: £ 2533

## FOR COMPLETION BY THE LOCAL KCC MEMBER:

I would like to support this project and would like to recommend a grant of:

£ 2533

OR I do not wish to support this project for the following reason:

Reason(s):

I am aware of a disclosable pecuniary interest (DPI) or other significant interest (OSI) relating to this application. Please tick/delete as appropriate.

Yes  No 

If Yes, please state the nature of the interest(s) below.

Nature of Interest(s):

## Recommendation by the Local KCC Member:

I (have declared above) / (do not have) any disclosable pecuniary interest (DPI) or other significant interest (OSI) relating to this application. I recommend and agree the above allocation from my delegated KCC Combined Member Grants scheme and the community benefit that it will bring in my Division / District / Kent (as set out on this application form):

Member's signature:

Date:

9-1-20

Name:

Division:

Ashford Central

## For completion by the Member Hub Support Officer (MHSO):

I am aware of a disclosable pecuniary interest (DPI) or other significant interest (OSI) relating to this application. Please tick/delete as appropriate.

Yes  No 

If Yes, please state the nature of the interest(s) below.

Nature of Interest(s):

Name &amp; signature:

Date:

7/1/2020

Comment/Referred to

Manager: Yes  No 

Countersignature if MHSO declares an Interest:

Date:

## Cabinet Member / Senior Officer approval:

I approve the allocation of £ 2533 under the KCC Combined Member Grants scheme

Signature:

Date:

10 January 2020

Name:

Position within KCC:

Member Hub Team Leader



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# Ashford District

## Speed and Noise Issues

Wednesday 04<sup>th</sup> November 2020

1100 to 1200hrs

Via TEAMS

Chair – Inspector 9012 Jason Atkinson – Ashford Community Safety Unit

Attendees

**Alison Oates** – ABC Community Safety and Wellbeing Manager; **Cllr Mike Angell** – KCC and Chair of Joint Transportation Board; **John Craigen** – Highways England (HE) Road Safety; **John Farnaby** – HE (Area 4) road safety specialist; **Tara O’Shea** – KCC Speed & Road Safety partnerships manager; **Sue Weston** – Kent Police Speed Enforcement partnership; **Claire Harris** – KCC Safer Roads for Kent; **Colin Evans** – Highways England Regional Road Safety manager; **Sgt Kate Reed, PC Josh Hammond, PC Jon Voss** – Kent Police

Inspector Atkinson provided an overview of the issues.

Followed by Cllr **Mike Angell** regarding the Community Impact of both speed and noise, predominantly around the A2070 (Bridgefield) and other new developments. There is an historic legacy to the A2070 when it was handed over to Highways England. MA raised the issue of vehicles being involved in serious and fatal accidents and referred to ‘crash map’ statistics and potential engineering solutions or speed cameras. He also mentioned IAMS (road smart) and the speed limit / road safety signage and asked if it was appropriate.

**Colin Evans** explained that HE have no responsibilities, post construction, in relation to acoustic dampening requirements and associated products (fencing). This sits with local authority planning and the developers and should be part of the construction phase. He confirmed the signage on the A2070 was up to the required specifications and the road was subject to the national speed limit. In terms of work and the possible upgrades or installation of speed detection equipment (average speed cameras), these are considered and planned during 5-year cycles with budget not always easily accessible outside these cycles. With the correct research, survey work, feasibility studies – financial support could be found to support any project with road safety being the paramount consideration.

Recent studies around the A259 (Kent and Sussex) have followed the route back with the A2070 being found to be part of the route cause, i.e. an arterial route to the A259 towards Sussex.

**Mike Angell** raised the issue of bends on the A2070 and the number of crashes over the last seven years which totalled 203. Colin Evans explained the usual criteria was to review 3 years of data.

**John Craigen** was invited to explain available funding and handed over to **John Farnaby** who is now responsible for Area 4 which encompasses the areas being discussed. JF explained that the A2070 and A259 are going to be subject to speed surveys which in turn inform a safety package with recommendations for solutions. This incorporates a feasibility study for any additional requirements to enhance road safety with funding bids required at each stage. This is a set process and has to follow a value management criterion. The funding must be bid for, becomes available before surveys are

started. There are no deviations from this process irrespective of how much funding is required. Staff are very willing, but the process can be slow.

Colin Evans explained that he liaises with Kent Police RPU Safer Roads and they were planning days of action (Sunday being the favoured day). This was postponed but planning will resume.

**Tara O'Shea** explained the fundamental priorities were dealing with and reducing speed and noise. Her engineering background underpins that roads are not inherently dangerous, it's those who use them who create the dangers. There is an ongoing educational need to speak to all age groups. She works closely with Safety Camera Partnership and confirmed that average speed cameras produce a 99.9% level of compliance so are therefore very effective. She and colleagues deliver annual educational programs including drink / drive campaigns, motorcycle safety with aims and objectives around changing drivers' habits. The Fatal Four are the priority with speed being the one given greater focus.

**Claire Harris** represents Safer Roads in Kent delivering annual campaigns in collaboration with Tara and wider partners. This includes Sussex, schools, young people and younger drivers. She was especially interested in local liaisons with PCSOs and (incoming) school's officers to exploit all educational opportunities.

**Alison Oates** confirmed her support for the educational and partnership approach. She highlighted Safety in Action and its important inputs and requested all available material from Claire Harris so it could be circulated to a wider partnership group.

**PC Josh Hammond** – question regarding the possible installation of double white lines to prevent overtaking on the A2070, specifically into and out from residential areas. **Colin Evans** responded stating that this was a good idea, safety-based measure which would require a feasibility study. The progression of this is to pass details to a relevant expert to consult around fatal and serious injury matters where 'everything can be considered'. The aim would be to reduce KSI incidents, classed as a cheap & simple fix however the use of double white lines must be necessary. **PC Hammond** reasoned that the lines would stop / dissuade overtaking and excess speed which in turn could reduce levels of vehicle noise.

**Cllr Angell** touched on the subject of noise and confirmed that all new developments, subject to KCC planning involvement, would be subject to 20mph speed limits. This would be incumbent on the developers and / or local authority in conjunction with noise suppression measures.

**All participants** talked about education and the absolute necessity to deliver this at various levels; schools, young drivers and older drivers alike. The use of social media is important with the clarity of messages vital.

**Road Safety Week** commences on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020 with the focus on speed using the tagline 'No need to Speed'. Concerns around the lockdown period were raised in relation to excessive speed and poor standards of driving. Sue Weston confirmed KPs Speed detection work would be ongoing throughout the latest lockdown period. CSU would also be planning in some bespoke operations to tackle speed and noise in specific locations. The Road Safety area is one where Colin Evans and Tara O'Shea confirmed ongoing work with Kent Police. Some deployments were planned with PS Grant Steele and this will go ahead when feasible, supported by Ashford CSU, Special Constabulary and others. Previous plans could not go ahead.

The meeting concluded confirming that work was in hand with surveys and feasibility studies going ahead. These are not affected by current budgets with Colin Evans confirming that priorities determine

expenditure and that funding was always available. Inspector Atkinson offered support via Chief Inspector Sparkes in terms of a letter (if required) where Kent Police outlined their support and requirements to achieve long term, sustainable solutions with the overarching aim to improve road safety, reduce speeds and improve the quality of life for Ashford residents.