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Dear Sir

Pedestrian Crossing on the A2070 - Ashford

I refer to the letter my predecessor, Councillor Bernard Heyes, sent to you dated 27th September 2017 regarding the above and your reply of 11th 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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