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Dear Mr Bartlett

Pedestrian Crossing on the A2070 - Ashford

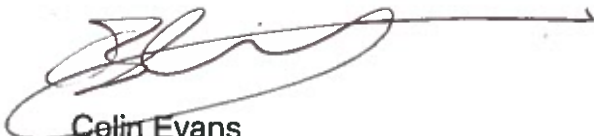
Thank you for your letter dated 18th September requesting the installation of a red light enforcement safety camera at the pedestrian crossing towards the northern end of the A2070. Unfortunately, I did not receive your previous enquiry dated July.

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



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