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Dear Mr Preston

A20 Maidstone Road j/w Sandyhurst Lane, Ashford – road safety

I refer to your letter of 29 January 2011, highlighting safety concerns and requesting highway improvements at the above junction. I have now completed my initial investigation.

There have been four personal injury crashes at this junction in the last three years. Of these, I consider that at least two and possibly three of these crashes could potentially be addressed by improvements to the traffic signs and road markings of the junction. However, there is not a significant enough pattern of crashes to justify a larger scale scheme such as traffic signals and/or a lower speed limit.

I will therefore put a scheme proposal forward for traffic signs and road marking improvements, as a contender for funding from the 2012/13 Casualty Reduction Measures budget. Subject to a successful outcome, draft proposals will subsequently be drawn up and shared for public consultation.

Yours sincerely

Steve Darling
Traffic Engineer (Ashford & Swale)