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Dear Mr Porter

As you have highlighted, the interactive sign for Maidstone bound traffic has been installed but not yet connected to the electrical supply. The Ashford bound sign has no such issue as it is working from solar energy. Unfortunately we could not have this arrangement for the Maidstone bound sign, due to the amount of tree cover nearby.

The electrical connection work is awaiting approval from UK Power Networks (UKPN). Once this is forthcoming, the works can then be programmed, including the associated traffic management arrangements. Until UKPN approval is obtained, I am unable to provide a programme date.

I apologise for the delay in completing this scheme. It remains our priority to finalise this improvement at the earliest opportunity.

Yours sincerely

*Steve Darling*  
Traffic Engineer (Ashford & Swale)

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**FAO: Mr Steve Darling**  
**Traffic Engineer (Ashford & Swale)**  
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Dear Mr Darling

Following our campaign over the past two years to improve road safety at the A20/Sandyhurst Lane junction, we were pleased to see that, towards the end of September 2013, the new signage was finally installed, including two interactive 'SLOW DOWN' signs.

We are pleased to see that the sign for traffic approaching Ashford is working well, but we are very disappointed to see that the sign for traffic moving in the other direction is not

working, well over a month after its installation. It appears that it is not yet connected to an electricity supply.

With the dark winter nights already upon us, it is crucial that these road safety measures are completed as soon as possible, in order to try to reduce the number of serious accidents that occur at this notorious junction.

On behalf of the SLRA Committee, I am writing to ask why there is such a delay in completing these works and when you plan for them to be completed?

Many thanks for your help in this matter; I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards  
David Porter  
**Secretary**  
**Sandyhurst Lane Residents' Association**