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Dear Mike

Priory Road/Priory Row junction, Faversham

Thank you for your letter.

I recently visited the site at school leaving time and noticed that many cars park in the bell mouth of Priory Road. However it was noted that most congestion occurs along Priory Row leading up to the main school entrance. Analysis of the last three year Personal Injury Crashes up to 30 September 2006 revealed that there were no recorded PICs at this junction or in its vicinity over this period of time. On the basis of the above it would seem unlikely that Kent Highway Services could justify funding for a scheme at this location.

It would appear feasible to widen the footway outside the church to reduce the extent of carriageway providing a minimum carriageway width of 5.5m and a 6m radius at the junction of Priory Road and Priory Row. There is a gated access on the existing junction radii but I'm not sure whether this is for vehicular access.

Any road narrowing to this bell mouth would as a consequence disperse parking to other areas which may aggravate congestion in the area. This would need to be assessed as part of the overall traffic management in the area. The school should be encouraging, through their School Travel Plan, journeys to school by means other than a car. Albeit it was raining heavily at the time of my site visit.

Any works by a third party to alter the existing publicly maintained highway will require a Section 278 Agreement under the Highways Act 1980 to be entered into between KCC and the other party. This will require a full Technical and Safety Audit to be carried out and all costs involved met by the other party.

I trust the above is of help to you but please contact me if you wish to discuss the matter further.

Yours sincerely,

Steve Huckle
Transportation Engineer

