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Dear Mike

Eastchurch Primary School

Thank you for your letter dated 6 August 2013.

There are two issues here: highway improvements that were progressed in conjunction with the planning application for the new school; and any further improvements that can be promoted by Kent County Council Highways & Transportation from this point forward.

In terms of the former, the highway improvements that are currently in place were agreed and approved by KCC's Planning Applications Committee on 11 May 2010, including the provision of a suitable crossing point. The planning report noted that it would be appropriate for the school to consider the provision of a school crossing patrol at this location, as a part of its School Travel Plan. It was also noted at this time that the proposals did not include a reduction in speed limit to 30mph outside the school.

This was accepted by the committee, due to the road environment not lending itself to a 30mph restriction.

Turning to the current situation, you will no doubt be aware that we can only promote new safety improvements in response to a recorded history of crashes. There are other localities where we are already picking up road casualties outside schools (the Isle of Sheppey Academy being one such local example), and we must target our resources at these locations first and foremost.

With regards to the resignation of the Road Crossing Patrol, has a replacement been considered? This is a matter for the Education Learning and Skills Directorate and I would suggest the school contact their Area Education Officer, David Adams, on 01233 898559.

If alternative funding comes forward then I am sure that highway officers will be more than happy to assist with identifying the best ways in which those funds can be spent.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Brazier', written over a red horizontal bar.

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