

Councillor Angela Harrison
Chair of Swale Joint Transport Board
Swale Borough Council
Swale House
East Street
Sittingbourne

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Dear Angela

Safety improvements in the area of the junctions of Dark Hill/Davington Hill and Stonebridge Way/Curtis Way in Faversham

We are writing to you as Chair of the Swale Joint Transportation Board to ask that the Board take up the concerns of residents in our ward about the safety of pedestrians and other road users near the junctions of Dark Hill/Davington Hill and Stonebridge Way/Curtis Way in Faversham.

We would specifically like KCC officers to make a site visit in order to talk to residents about their concerns and to identify some officer time to develop some solutions to the safety problems in this area.

Residents have been campaigning for safety improvements in this area for over 10 years. In 2015 a teenage girl was hit by a vehicle near the Bull Inn and two cyclists have been knocked off their bikes in the last seven years.

Over the Christmas period residents reported on social media that an old lady had been knocked over while trying to cross the road and there was also a collision between a van and a sport utility vehicle which resulted in severe damage to the van and it having to be towed away.

Since being elected as borough councillors we have:

- Raised this issue with Anthony Hook, our County Councillor, who has lobbied officers and the KCC cabinet lead over making pedestrian safety improvements
- Secured the support of Faversham Town Council for the referral of the issue of pedestrian and road users' safety in the area to the Swale Joint Transport Board
- Convened a small working group of local residents who have identified the main safety problems in the area and developed a set of options for how

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safety in the area could be improved. These proposals are attached as a separate document.

- Launched an online petition for local residents to express their support for action being taken at this location, which almost 150 people signed within 24 hours of it going live
- Lobbied Mike Knowles, SBC's Engineering Manager to instruct contractors to repaint yellow lines in line with existing traffic orders, which has now happened

As a next step we are proposing to undertake a survey of pedestrian movements in order to gather evidence about the best location and solution for an intervention which makes it easier for pedestrians to cross the road. To help improvements move forward as quickly as possible we would request that this matter is added to the Transportation Board's work plan and that KCC and SBC officer support is made available to explore the issues we have raised and to propose practical solutions.

Yours sincerely

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