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Dear Mr Hope

As you are aware your letter and petition, addressed to the Chair of the Swale Joint Transportation Board on 12 August 2016, have been passed to Kent County Council (KCC).

Thank you for taking the time to put together this petition and bringing these concerns to the attention of Swale Borough Council and KCC.

The petition asking "to enforce traffic calming measures along the A2 through the village of Teynham" has been considered by my officers, along with the requests you have personally made for speed limit reductions and Safety Cameras on the A2 at Teynham.

KCC Highways, Transportation and Waste (HTW) receive many requests for traffic calming / speed reduction measures, and as such all requests must be prioritised. This is especially important at the current time due to the economic climate and the reduced budgets which are available as a result. The main method of prioritisation is analysing the personal injury crash record for the past 3 years of available data to assess if there is a pattern of crashes which could be addressed by engineering methods.

As set out in KCC's Road Casualty Reduction Strategy it is vital that death and injury on Kent's roads continues to be tackled as effectively as possible by all agencies involved. In this strategy, which can be found at [www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/road-safety/road-casualty-reduction-strategy](http://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/road-safety/road-casualty-reduction-strategy), you will be able to see how KCC will work with its partners using education, engineering and enforcement to continue to ensure its roads are as safe as they can be while acknowledging our financial constraints.

The two dreadful road traffic crashes, that took place on the A2 at Teynham earlier this year, are still subject of investigation by Kent Police and the Kent Coroner. We will need to await the outcome of these enquiries to establish if there is a need for any further engineering measures to be introduced on the A2 at Teynham.