

Faversham Transport issues

Dear Andrew

Helen met Matthew Balfour and Roger Wilkin the other Friday to discuss various transport issues. In particular, Helen had been approached by a number of Faversham constituents – some of whom sit on the JTB - who have been working hard to identify ways to improve road safety for all users in Faversham. This includes promoting a 20mph speed limit throughout Faversham and introducing new pedestrian crossings in particular places of need, for example where there are lots of school children crossing.

Helen is keen to support these ideas and understands that there is a Joint Transport Board tonight at which the group are presenting further on the issues. Helen has asked me to forward you the following statement which was included in an article in the Faversham News last week:

“I want our roads to be safer, particularly for pedestrians. Faversham as a town should be really good for walking, with its compact centre and lots of paths and alleyways. Yet I am often approached by constituents who feel unsafe walking - or cycling - because cars are going too fast and there aren't enough safe places to cross the road. Parents with small children and older people are most worried, as you'd expect, but there have been accidents affecting fit and healthy adults too. So I welcome the 20's Plenty proposal to slow down traffic across Faversham.

As well as making roads safer, slowing traffic down can help reduce congestion. It seems counter-intuitive, but going slower means you can get to your destination quicker.

I'm also urging KCC to look into suggestions for more pedestrian crossings, particularly in places where we know lots of school children cross the road like The Mall.”

She is unable to be at the meeting this evening, but would like to extend her support for the proposals outlined for Faversham.

One of the actions stemming from the meeting with KCC was to invite officers from KCC to visit the town to talk this through in person and see first-hand where some of the hotspots are. It would be good if you were able to come along and I'll include you in the emails when we are looking for a date.

Best wishes

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