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Dear Ms Williams

Petition for street lighting – School Lane, Bean

I am writing in response to your petition submitted to the Dartford Joint Transportation Board on 22 June 2010, which has been forwarded to Kent County Council to provide a reply.

I have been advised that this issue has been raised on a number of occasions previously and that the matter has been given careful consideration. I understand that the matter was taken up by your previous local MP, Dr Howard Stoute earlier this year and a full response was provided in March 2010 outlining KHS' position. I have also been advised that this has been followed up by a number of telephone conversations and e-mail correspondence with various officers from KHS.

I have to advise that, as previously stated, the scheme would be a low priority for inclusion in the programme of Integrated Transport schemes and therefore the decision still stands that the scheme will not be taken forward.

I understand that the Parish Council has been involved in trying to resolve the issue and Kent County Council's street lighting manager, Sue Kinsella, has assisted by providing an outline design to light the footway in School Lane. The Parish Council has not yet confirmed whether the scheme is to go ahead, however, this would need to be funded by either the school, the Parish Council, or through some other form of funding. The ongoing maintenance of the proposed lighting must also be taken into consideration, as the Parish Council would be responsible for the maintenance and energy costs.

I note that a suggestion was made that you contact your local County Councillor, Jeremy Kite, to see if he would be willing to use the Highway Member Fund available to him to assist with the installation of lighting, however, to date, no request has been received from Mr Kite. If you wish to pursue this funding option, Mr Kite can be contacted on 01474 707380 or email jeremy.kite@kent.gov.uk



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I regret that this may not be the answer that you were seeking and I hope you will understand that KHS has to allocate funding to schemes in a fair and transparent manner. Unfortunately on this occasion the proposal does not meet the criteria to be taken forward under the Local Transport Plan for Kent.

I am sorry that KHS is unable to assist with your request at this time.

Yours sincerely

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