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Dear Ms Sparkes,

**Re: Westbere Parish Plan – A Vision for Westbere (Westbere Parish Council 2011)**

Thank you for your letter dated the 20<sup>th</sup> August 2014 regarding safety issues in Westbere.

Kent County Council (KCC) receives many requests for new highway works and substantial cuts in Government funding mean we have to prioritise what works can be delivered with the limited funding available. New measures which are deemed as safety critical form the priority. This is assessed by analysing the personal injury crash record for the past three years in order to establish whether there is a pattern of crashes which could be addressed by the measures in question.

Having checked the crash record for the area in question, there is not a pattern of related crashes and as such funding cannot be prioritised to advance the recommendations of the Westbere Parish Plan.

At present, the proposed housing allocations being put forward in the emerging Local Plan for Canterbury District are considered in the strategic sense only, so these would not currently specify what mitigation measures would be required to accommodate these developments on the highway network, should they eventually be included in the Adopted Local Plan. Once accepted as allocated sites, and progressed through to the planning application stage, the highway matters will be considered in detail with the submission of a Traffic Impact Assessment. This will examine the existing highway network and what impact the traffic generated by the development site will have on it, including a review of accident data to see whether existing issues are likely to be compounded. At that time we will be in a position to recommend what measures may be necessary to mitigate the effects of the additional housing, and provide safe access routes to it.

Thank you for bringing this to the attention of KCC. Please rest assured that we take this matter very seriously and as part of our annual Casualty Reduction Programme, we will continue to monitor the safety record in the area.

Yours sincerely

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**David Hall**  
Deputy Director of Highways, Transportation & Waste