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Dear Mr Hudson

A25 Seal Road/High Street Seal proposed Traffic Regulation Order

Thank you for your letter, dated 28th October. Your objections to the proposed order have been duly recorded.

It may be helpful if I provide some background history as I am unsure from your letter if you are familiar with location; This order has been promoted by Kent Highway Services as part of a package of measures following representation from the Greatness Residents Association who have been campaigning for a safe pedestrian crossing facility from a local footpath to the residential area following a number of pedestrian casualties in recent years, mainly children.

The specific location that is causing difficulties is on the A25 at Greatness with westbound drivers being prevented from physically seeing pedestrians crossing due to the nature of the highway – a shallow summit, sweeping left hand bend and then the associated decent towards the informal crossing point with the current speed limit change atop this brow. A formal pedestrian crossing cannot be provided due to the same physical constraints including poor sight lines.

A package of measures for this location was endorsed by the Sevenoaks Joint Transportation Board in late 2009 for progression. This included relocation of the 30/40 mph speed limit terminal to a more suitable point to enable traffic to slow slightly earlier, additional pedestrian guardrails to take pedestrians further away from the blind summit, new high visibility advance warning signs and road markings. In addition to this funding has also been secured for the

provision of an interactive speed limit sign to further remind motorists of the limit in place.

I trust that this has provided some background to the proposal and KHS have a duty to consider the needs of all road users, enhance road safety and reduce casualties.

The Sevenoaks Joint Transportation Board will be appraised of your objections at the next meeting on 14th December 2010 where members of the board will give due consideration to all comments received. I would like to thank you for taking the time to write in respect of this proposed order.

Yours sincerely

Steven Noad
Transportation Engineer