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Dear Mr Ferrin

Station Road, Rainham

Thank you for your petition presented at Council on 30 July by Councillor Hewett requesting the introduction of traffic calming measures on Station Road, Rainham.

Medway Council receives many requests for traffic calming and each request is carefully considered. In order to determine which locations are the highest priority for the introduction of a traffic calming scheme, the injury accident history is considered. Medway Council continually monitors personal injury accident data supplied by Kent police to identify areas of increased risk that could be contributed to by the road layout. Road safety improvement schemes are then prioritised on their ability to prevent further casualties on our roads. Sadly the funds allocated for road safety engineering are not limitless therefore prioritisation is necessary, this means road safety engineering tackles the least safe areas first.

Analysis of the injury accident history for Station Road, Rainham has indicated that in the last three years 7 slight personal injury accidents have been recorded on this stretch of road. Of these, specifically in the area to the north of the rail line 5 accidents have been recorded, one of which could have been considered to be speed related.

A traffic survey has recently been carried out by Medway Council and the results of this have been passed to Kent police for their consideration for intelligence led speed enforcement.

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Medway Council is responsible for investigating accident problems and taking steps to reduce casualties across the whole of Medway. The road safety team has therefore reviewed the casualty reduction programme for all sites to establish if it is possible to introduce a road safety scheme at Station Road, Rainham. I regret that unfortunately with many other locations within Medway recording significant injury accident problems, it is therefore not possible to introduce traffic calming measures at this time. However, the situation on Station Road will continue to be monitored.

I am sorry this is not the response you are seeking. If you do not consider that the issues raised in your petition have been addressed, please refer to the procedure sent with the acknowledgment letter for a possible further course of action.

Yours sincerely

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Director of Regeneration, Community and Culture

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