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Dear Cllr Bulman

RE: Tunbridge Wells Joint Transportation Board

Thank you for your letter dated 25 October 2016 regarding the proposed pedestrian crossing on Major York's Road.

I appreciate that the board is not satisfied with the overall outcome for this project, inevitably funding pressures do sometimes result in schemes being delayed into future years and this has been the case with regards to this scheme. Whilst it is regrettable, you will be aware that funding pressures and the reduced LTP allocation from Central Government can often result in a need to prioritise schemes leading to delays with projects commencing. Local Transport Plan funds are allocated to projects at the beginning of the financial year via a process that is based on priority scoring system. At the beginning of 2016/17, the funding situation meant that a number of schemes were held back due a reducing LTP budget and multiple competing priorities.

Whilst KCC has not been able to secure the delivery of the scheme this financial year I would like to reassure you that the Major York's Road project will be resubmitted for funding in the next financial year. I understand that the scheme has significant support from members, officers and the public and KCC will endeavour to design the scheme in readiness for its implementation in Spring 2017.

Yours sincerely

Matthew Balfour