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Dear Barbara,

Over the past few days I have been in touch with a number of residents across Wateringbury who are concerned about potential works to take place at the village crossroads. As you will be aware, this is a traffic, pollution and speeding hotspot due to the volume of cars which rely on the crossroads each day. In the past few months there has been a significant effort by volunteers to make improvements which benefit the village, not least the installation of the living wall. Despite this Wateringbury remains the most polluted part of Tonbridge and Malling.

Residents are deeply concerned that a potential development in Yalding, to be determined by Maidstone Borough Council, also includes a significant financial contribution towards works at Wateringbury crossroads. However, in late 2019 a very similar scheme was rejected based on the severe impact this would have on residents in the village.

I would appreciate it if you could address the position of Kent County Council in relation to improvements at Wateringbury crossroads. Specifically, why Kent County Council considers it appropriate to ask for and accept contributions for a scheme which has been rejected, with no other plans brought forward either.

I look forward to hearing back from you, and have also approached Maidstone Borough Council about the planning application in question.

*Best wishes,*  
*Tom Tugendhat*

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