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Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, and Member for Tonbridge Division  
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Dear Michael,

Please find enclosed a copy of a petition, along with a detailed explanation of the issue, from 218 residents of Edenbridge regarding the safety of the junction of the B2026 Main Road, Hilders Lane and Hillcrest Road. You may have already been alerted to this by Kent County Council (KCC) Highway Officers, following prompt action by local County Councillor Peter Lake when the petition was received.

You may be aware of the sad accident that occurred at the junction a couple of weeks ago, which resulted in a driver needing urgent hospital treatment. I know that KCC bases its priorities for road safety measures on the accident record at junctions and notwithstanding the merits of this policy, I would be keen to ensure that appropriate measures are taken to address the issues raised.

The topography of the area means that some natural features, such as the brow of the hill north of the junction, can introduce more risk into safe driving through the area. This means controlling speed is especially important. I would be grateful if you could identify whether KCC will be able to introduce any schemes which will reduce speed at this junction, allowing safer access to and from Hilders Lane and Hillcrest Road.

Furthermore, there are practical improvements within the request that I would be grateful if you could consider, such as the streetlight at the junction of the B2026 and Hillcrest.

I look forward to hearing how KCC will help ensure safer roads in this part of Edenbridge. I have copied this letter to the local County Councillor, Peter Lake, and look forward to hearing back from you.

*Best wishes,*

*Tom Tugendhat*

**TOM TUGENDHAT**

CC:

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