

Rob Gibbs

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To: Rob Gibbs
Cc: Louise Bareham
Subject: Rob, please table this email at next weeks AT committee

Subject: Town centre illumination/Cycle lane request

Hi, Ben,

I relocated to my home town of Faversham in April to care for my elderly parents and had the pleasure of meeting you during canvassing in Athelstan Road.

My Mum and several of her friends have asked me to contact you to see if there is a possibility of improving the illumination of the key passageway linking the Alexander Centre with Bank Street central car park. There are an increasing number of evening functions attended by pensioners at the Alexander Centre (to the town's credit) but the experience of negotiating this narrow passageway with a boisterous pub nearby and unsatisfactory lighting can be somewhat intimidating for them. Perhaps you could kindly give this some attention since the expenditure would be modest and the benefits much appreciated.

Ben, I would like to draw your attention to a potentially more serious issue which would undoubtedly involve more than one agency but I am optimistic you and your colleagues could effectively start the ball rolling on. My partner and I urge that urgent attention is given to the provision of a safe cycling lane linking the A2 base of the Ashford Road to the new ALDI/Premier Inn/ongoing residential hub. I was shocked at how busy and potentially dangerous this stretch of road is becoming leaving cyclists with limited options at a time when cycling is to be encouraged. The thunderous volume of traffic is likely to become greater with new homes springing up like mushrooms but cycling along the pavement is unhelpful for pedestrians and precarious for cyclists in the winter months since the pavement is prone to mud and ice (last winter it was barely safe to walk on the pavement opposite Premier Inn for these very reasons let alone whilst dragging suitcases up from the station).

We appreciate your time.

With all good wishes,

Colin Bourner

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