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Our ref: 27170/1699058
Ask for: Vicki Williams
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Dear Graham

Re: Local Sustainable Transport Fund Bid

I am writing in support of Kent County Councils bid to the Local Sustainable Transport Fund. My officer's discussions with you have resulted in proposals that we are particularly keen to achieve.

As you are more than aware Thanet has some deep seated deprivation issues which it is striving to overcome. The improvement of our transport links is a high priority and the bid proposals for station access and onward journey enhancements at Margate and Ramsgate Stations would be very welcome.

A successful LSTF bid could provide Station Travel Plans for Margate and Ramsgate stations which would manage travel generated at, and between stations, with support for walking, cycling, public transport and car sharing and coordinating groups to deliver better connectivity between stations and the travellers destination.

The Turner Contemporary opens in Margate on 16th April and this will stimulate the regeneration of Margate with a significant increase in visitors to the town. Accessibility by rail is crucial.

With the recent High Speed Rail Link reducing journey times to London, Ramsgate is becoming a significantly more attractive option for commuters and for businesses looking for new locations in an attractive environment.

Improvements at Margate and Ramsgate stations to make it easier for people to reach their destinations in Margate or Ramsgate will contribute significantly to the success of the regeneration initiatives that are being carried out. Full support, therefore, is given to the bid proposed by Kent County Council which would, if successful, facilitate these improvements.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Samuel".

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