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Dear Mohammed Miah

**Re: Streetlighting Garforth Street**

I am writing to you on behalf of the Coldhurst ward Councillors and the Council in response to a number of correspondence you have sent via email (including a petition) regarding street lighting and community safety in the alleyway at the rear of Garforth Street.

Since you submitted a petition about this issue to the Council (2nd December 2018) you have received a written acknowledgement from Constitutional Services clarifying that your petition has been received and that the relevant service will be in touch in due course when the issues raised by the petition have been examined and considered. You also received an email acknowledgement from Councillor Jabbar acknowledging receipt and that your petition would be given due consideration.

A meeting of the ward Councillors and the relevant services is taking place to discuss the petition and you will receive a written response in due course.

Whilst I appreciate that you are concerned about this issue, I would ask that you refrain from sending further unreasonably persistent emails about this matter to the Councillors.

I want to take this opportunity to clarify that this issue has been raised by ward Councillors on behalf of local residents over the past few years and has been given serious consideration.

In looking into this issue on behalf of the residents the Councillors have:

1. Requested a design scheme and cost for street lighting in the alleyway to the rear of 154 to 200 Garforth Street
2. Requested an estimate for alleygating the rear of 154 to 200 Garforth Street
3. Met with Council Officers from Streetlighting, Community Safety, and the District office
4. Met residents on site to discuss the issues on at least 2 occasions over the past 3 years
5. Arranged and facilitated a meeting between local residents and the Coldhurst Police team to discuss crime and community safety
6. Funded the installation of 2 alleygates between 176 and 178 Garforth St

In August 2018 the ward Councillors, District Executive chair, and I met with yourself and a number of other local residents on site and spent two hours in the evening discussing the

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issues and explaining the options that have been looked at and why streetlighting in this location has not been viable.

We also clarified to yourself that this area is not eligible for streetlighting under the PFI streetlighting contract as it is an alleyway and classed as a secondary route. The PFI streetlighting contract is to replace and maintain existing streetlighting in the borough.

Council Officers have responded to, or are in the process of responding to, 7 Freedom Of Information requests from yourself seeking information in relation to this matter about streetlighting, previous decisions, and funding.

As mentioned above you will receive a response to the petition in the near future.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Zaiem Khan", written over a horizontal line.

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