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**Date:** 13 August 2021 at 15:26:10 BST
**To:**
**Subject:** **RE: Railway Bridge**

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Dear Mr Hale,

I hope you’re well, and thank you for organizing the Village Visit for us and attracting so many residents in Reedham. I have had a chance to sit down with Mr Mayhew and discuss his next steps. I will follow the order of your points for ease:

1. **Lighting** – Mr Mayhew is a part of the All Party Parliamentary Group for Dark Skies, and is therefore passionate about ensuring we keep light pollution to a minimum, if we do have to accept any at all. He has written to Network Rail to request to discuss this with them further and see what they can to do reduce these lights, or the impact coming from them.
2. **Car Park** – This is clearly a difficult issue, and he will write to them and ask that they consider this charge, in light of the discussion in Reedham. This is an issue they are unlikely to change, so we probably need to explore mitigation options for how we can address and live with this, without causing undue stress from commuters exploiting free parking opportunities. With this in mind, what would residents be willing to support to prevent commuters parking outside their homes? Would double lines be appropriate, or would these prove unpopular? Could the Council look to explore ‘residents only’ parking options, and would these be popular?
3. **Railway Bridge**– Mr Mayhew has written to the County Council to ask what is being done about this – following on from the engineer contacting them. We will ensure any response is returned to you so that our approach can be agreed on by yourself before we respond to the County Council.

Thank you again for being patient. I wanted to sit down and discuss this properly with Jerome and he has been enormously busy with finishing his village visits over the last fortnight. Is there a Parish Council meeting in September or early October that Mr Mayhew can be invited to so he can discuss the responses he receives from Norfolk CC and Network Rail?

Yours sincerely,

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Jerome

Firstly thankyou for visiting Reedham on Friday i hope you found your visit worthwhile

Following comments about the station and Bridge i am emailing confirmation of our concerns.

1. Lighting in the car park is seen by many in the village to be very bright, when you consider that we have no other street lights in the village and do not wish to have any.

2. Charges for the Station car park. This along with the lighting came out of the blue. Was planning permission not needed?

The effect of charging is that nearby roads take the parked cars and not the car park, also some villagers now drive to Norwich and take park and ride or drive to Acle and take the bus(using bus passes).

It would be interesting to see if use of the train has been affected by this change.

3.More important is the state of the road bridge leading to the Ferry. It is in very poor condition.

In the past we have been visited by network rail to voice our concerns, but nothing gets done.

Basically the sides of the bridge are made of corrugated iron which is in a poor state of repair and we believe an accident waiting to happen. On the last visit the Network rail engineer agreed the condition was not good and he promised to talk to Norfolk County Council to find a way forward, we have chased for an answer to no avail.

I have seen other bridges in Norfolk (West Runton) that have been made single track using traffic lights and barriers. This may be one solution to this problem.

We are concerned that someone is waiting for an accident to happen before action is taken.

Your Help would be much appreciated.

David Hale

Reedham Parish Council Chair

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