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Dear Mrs Griffiths,

**HGV Traffic on the B2163**

Thank you for your letter of 9<sup>th</sup> May 2008 regarding the above. This has been passed to me from my colleague Peter Rosevear for reply.

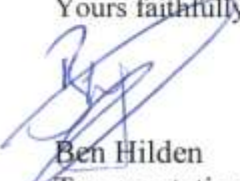
As you are experiencing, not all HGV motorists adhere to signage on dedicated carriageways creating a criminal offence by means of breaching an imposed Weight Limit. Kent Highway Services have signs erected on the B2163 at its junctions with both the A274 and the A20. The signs are European recognised signs intending to notify motorists of all European nationality.

It is common now for all HGV drivers to be directed via in car Satellite Navigation (SatNav) systems as these are deemed to be an effective way of travelling to an unfamiliar location, this can also direct drivers along routes that either already have existing restriction imposed on them of the carriageway may not be suitable for that class of vehicle.

I am currently liaising with leading SatNav manufacturers with the view to install all Weight and Width restrictions on their databases in order to identify restricted routes within the County. I have also made the Police aware of the traffic offences that are happening again on the B2163. I hope that the Police, as the enforcement authority will minimise the existing issue with the view to reducing the HGV movements on the said route.

I trust this information proves helpful, should you wish to discuss any of the above, please feel free to contact me.

Yours faithfully

  
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