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Our ref: PW/FW/2765SM
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Dear Sophie

Vehicle Crossing at 22 Thong Lane

Thank you for your enquiry with regards to the construction of a vehicle crossover at the entrance to your property at 22 Thong Lane Gravesend.

As discussed, we are shortly due to carry out repair works in Thong Lane and would be happy to incorporate your request with these works, in doing so reducing the costs to yourself and minimising any future disruption.

Having assessed the location, I can confirm that to have the works completed at a reduced rate in conjunction with these footway works, the cost will be **£3.082.22** (No VAT applicable).

As we have previously discussed, due to site topography and levels present, there are concerns that the completed gradient may make the vehicle crossing difficult to use by some vehicles, which could result in vehicle contact with either the new crossing surface, the road or the boundary line at the front of your property. By accepting this quotation you would also be accepting that neither Kent County Council or our contractor New Approach Contractors can accept any liability for any future damage caused to vehicles in its use

It should be noted that at the time of this offer the highway authority (Kent County Council) do not expect to encounter any construction difficulties during the works due to the position or depth of public utility apparatus (Gas, BT etc.). However, if this does become apparent during the works it may result in the increase to the cost due to apparatus diversionary works that may become necessary or it may not be possible to continue with the vehicle crossing works.

In this instance we will suspend the works, this will not result in any additional cost to you. We will discuss the matter with you and give guidance on the subsequent likely additional costs. At that point we can



ascertain if you wish to incur this additional cost and continue with the construction of the crossing. If you decided not to continue the original payment can be refunded and works aborted.

Please also be aware that although the footway vehicle crossing does not require planning permission, It is the owner's responsibility as the applicant to seek all planning permissions or landowner's consent that may be required for the property.

For example, If you require additional works to land within your ownership in connection with the use of an access (an area to park vehicles) then planning permission may be required, regardless of whether planning permission is required for the access.

The applicant will be solely responsible for ensuring that there are no restrictive covenants preventing access over land between the boundary of the property and the carriageway edge.

if you intend on forming an area of hard standing within the curtilage of your residential property relevant advice should be sought from your Borough Council.

If you are happy with the quotation and wish to proceed with the works, please go to the Government Approved Payment Service via the secure link sent in the email you recently received. Full instructions on how you can make your payment are within that email.

If you do not wish to proceed, please can you contact us, either by email or on the above number to inform us of your decision not to proceed so we can avoid any unnecessary delays to the works.

Should you wish to discuss your quotation or have any other concerns then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Sami Mitchell
Road and Footway Asset Engineer
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Highways, Transportation and Waste Services

