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Dear Parish Clerk

Re: Important information related to a new strategy consultation and welcoming a new officer

I would like to take this opportunity in providing you with a couple of pieces of key information that I would like you to share with the committee and your parishioners.

Cycling and Walking Strategy 2019 – 2029 consultation

The Cycling and Walking Strategy will be a key part of the wider aim of improving overall sustainable transport within the borough is concerned.

The Cycling and Walking Strategy 2019 – 2029 has six main aims:

- To provide and improve the cycling and walking network
- To increase cycle parking around the borough
- Maintaining the existing cycling and walking network
- Focusing on safer cycling
- Promoting cycling and walking in the borough
- Increasing opportunities for cycling and walking tourism

As part of this draft, the council is consulting with key stakeholders including Parish and Town Councils. The link for further information can be found at

www.ashford.gov.uk/your-community/consultations/cycling-and-walking-strategy-consultation/

Active Communities Partnership Officer – Claire Norman

The council has a new full time engagement officer whose task will be; working closely with rural areas in the borough to meet a number of objectives; including:

- Researching the current offer of positive activities
- Plugging those gaps and potentially providing solutions through programmes and events

- Supporting the workforce
- Supporting funding bids

The officer will be in contact in due course.

If you would like to discuss further, please do not hesitate in contacting me.

Yours faithfully/sincerely



Simon Harris
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