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10th January 2011.

Dear councillor McIndoe,

I am writing to you to express my growing concern with regards to the number of serious accidents accumulating on Peachville road.

As I am sure you are aware, the road to which I am referring is extremely busy and during rush hour is susceptible to considerable traffic congestion. It is also situated next to Selwood Middle school, which fills me with trepidation. As a parent, I am sure you will find it easy to empathise with my anxiety towards the safety of ~~the~~ <sup>our</sup> children; ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~however~~ it has been brought to my attention that this road is the catalyst for the majority of serious injuries amongst young children in Frome.

I am aware and appreciative of the fact that the current

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economic climate poses difficulty in spending money on extra facilities; however, I do strongly believe that the safety of our children is priceless. I am not suggesting that a new road is put in place ~~as~~ when stretching the <sup>already</sup> existing facilities could be just as effective.

To create a safer passage for children to and from school I believe it would be beneficial to create a pelican crossing in a close radius of the school itself. ~~and if this is not possible~~ ~~would like to see a trial of the already suggested precautionary traffic lights in attempt to ease congestion~~ A pelican crossing would ~~also~~ create jobs, benefiting the wider community as well as the young people, although they must remain the priority. If this suggestion is not possible, I would like to see a trial of the <sup>collaboratively</sup> ~~already~~ suggested traffic lights in attempt to ease congestion and slow irrational drivers.

This brings me solidly onto the already widely accepted tool of speed cameras. Neighbouring communities have already adopted such techniques and have seen a significant fall in road traffic related accidents. If a speed camera was positioned just outside the school, I believe this would be warning enough to unruly drivers who frequently exceed the 30mph limit already in place. If an accident involving a child takes place at 30mph, it ~~sign~~ greatly reduces the chance of injury, ~~and~~ making speed cameras

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a worthy area of finance.

lastly, I would like to suggest schemes in schools to educate young children in basic road safety skills. There is only so much you can do as a parent to prepare your child for school and I believe a scheme to help keep children safe is a necessity and I was shocked to learn <sup>that</sup> they do not already take place. I believe a road awareness proficiency test should be introduced to ensure our children are equipt with the basic skills to navigate busy roads efficiently. I believe to eliminate such accidents, action much be taken.

Yours faithfully,

M. Warde

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