

**ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORT & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
AGENDA ITEM 38(c)i**

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Dear Geoff,

We are submitting this letter in accordance with procedural rule 23.3 for inclusion in the agenda of the upcoming Environment, Transport and Sustainability Committee for consideration.

As members are likely to be aware parts of Withdean ward are semi-rural with wooded parts and roads that grew out of old rural lanes. As a consequence there can be winding roads which can have blind bends which cause problems for motorists and pedestrians alike.

In particular Withdean Road is one such an example. It is a main route for road and pedestrian traffic from north to south for residents travelling to either Westdene Primary or the Stanford schools. Both schools strongly encourage non-motorised forms of travelling to school in their School Travel Plan and walking is a popular choice for many parents.

However there are numerous blind bends and the narrow pavements frequently change sides meaning pedestrians have to cross several times. To help mirrors have been installed and we have asked the Council to consider installing further mirrors to help pedestrians.

Unfortunately in reply we have been advised that the aforementioned mirrors have not been regulated by the Council and neither is there are a policy being developed to regularise and facilitate further installations.

We do appreciate that there are many demands on officer time. However we also believe that this is something that, whilst minor, can have a tangible impact on the residents of this city, in addition to the residents of the ward we represent.

We would urge the committee to develop a policy for this as soon as practical.

Yours sincerely,

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Councillors for Withdean ward

