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Brighton and Hove City Council

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Dear John,

Road Safety – St. Peter’s School.

Please could this letter be placed on the agenda of the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee for its meeting on 26th November 2013.

Could the Chair of this committee tell me why in spite of an 800-name strong petition, and having heard from both parents and teachers at St Peter’s School, that we are still no closer to getting either formal crossing facilities or a lollipop person for the junction between Church Road, North Street and St Peter’s Road. When the nearby St Nicolas School, like St Peter’s, was also expanded, there were a number of pavement improvement works and a traffic island installed to improve the safety of the school walking route. Why did this not take place with St Peter’s?

Since the last committee meeting where that petition was presented, there has been another near miss where a young pupil at the school narrowly avoided being hit by a car. Following the incident, the school’s headteacher along with the board of governors have called for urgent action to be taken. With the school set to expand significantly in the coming academic years this issue is set to become even more pressing. This latest incidence will not show up on the road safety data the Council uses to assess where road safety improvements are needed as they only record actual collisions as opposed to the near-misses we are seeing at St Peter’s School.

We all care deeply for the safety of our young children. So could the Chair of the committee bring some common sense into the process and improve the crossing facilities for St. Peter’s School as opposed to rigidly sticking to a tick box exercise on a council form?

Yours sincerely

Councillor Alan Robins

Labour Transport Spokesperson.