

**ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORT & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
AGENDA ITEM 62(c)ii**

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Chief Executive
Brighton & Hove City Council
Grand Avenue
Hove

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Dear Geoff

Road Safety Measures for Mile Oak Rd

I am submitting the following Letter under Council Procedure Rule 23.3 to be included on the agenda for the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee meeting of 20th March 2018.

This specifically relates to the part of Mile Oak Rd from the Chalky Rd junction down to Brasslands Drive.

This stretch of road has been of concern to residents for many years now. My predecessor, Bob Carden, raised this issue from time and time and my current colleague, Cllr Gilbey, has also expressed concern regularly.

As you will see from the attached photos, there is a slight hill and a bend which obscures the line of sight for drivers approaching both from the southern part and the northern part of this section of the road. You will also see that there are cars and vans are parked on the eastern side of the road which effectively only allows for one lane of traffic/one vehicle to progress at a time through the road.

This means that cars, vans, buses or motorcyclists will often speed up the road, whether from the northern direction or from the south, in the hope of avoiding traffic coming from the opposite direction. This is done without the benefit of actually seeing if anything is heading their way from the opposite direction due to the hill and the bend in the road. If a vehicle is heading in their direction than you often have a situation where a driver then has to back up for some distance as there are often no passing points until after vehicles have left their parking spaces on the east side of the road as the day progresses. You will also often get a near collision as two drivers only spot each other at the last second.

It is only pure luck that there has been no serious or fatal accident in this incredibly dangerous part of our local highway. A motorcyclist was recently badly injured coming out of one of the small estates onto this part of the road and this issue is the most frequent concern I am contacted about by local residents.

This Letter is accompanied by two petitions. The first, an online petition, has attracted 351 (as at 2nd March) signatures at <https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/urgent-action-on-mile-oak-road-traffic-safety> and the second, a paper petition, will be presented at the committee meeting.

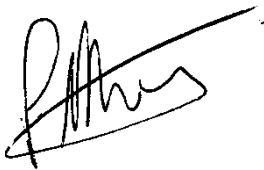
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Can I ask that the Council's Road Safety Team (or whatever team is responsible for this type of work) conduct an urgent safety and traffic assessment on this stretch of road with a view to quickly implementing whatever measures are possible and deemed appropriate in the short term i.e. passing spaces. This would then also allow for consideration of what other measures could be implemented to deal with this problem on a permanent and lasting basis.

I have also been contacted by a number of residents in Brasslands Drive who have a really dangerous right turn out of their road on to the Mile Oak Rd. This is at the bottom of the stretch of road referred to above and, as you'll see from the last photo, can often mean that they are turning on to the main road completely blind.

I would, of course, be happy to meet with the team on site and assist in any way I can.

Yours

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Atkinson', written over a horizontal line.

Cllr Peter Atkinson
North Portslade

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Driving south up from the Chalky Rd junction. Photo is misleading as there would normally be a solid line of parked cars and vans on the left (gas works so people not able to park)



Heading up towards the brow of the hill



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Looking north towards the brow of the hill



Turning right out of Brasslands Drive

