

# Agenda 18 b A374 Road Safety

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(including reply from Cllr Tivnan BEM)

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**Subject:** A374 Road Safety

To the Torpoint County Council Authority.

I have just had a chat with Tina Morris regards who to speak to on an issue I have with the Road A374 and its MAJOR inadequate condition and I have since reported it to the Cornwall Road authority on there online form but I also wish to get this in front of the necessary persons to make this issue clear to all and that I feel strongly that something needs to be done as quickly as possible to make safe what I consider a very dangerous road state.

Below is the reference's and statement I have given in my report to CCRA

Reference: **W2163252**

Issue: **Defective Road Surface (Not Potholes)**

Issue Details: **Defective Road Surface (not potholes)**

Town: **ANTONY**

"I have cycled this road once from Torpoint to Antony and a little bit after and have to say it is the worst road surface I have every ridden on and I would say in fact is extremely dangerous to cyclists. I not only was jarred almost continuously as I cycled along it I had to cycle very slow so I didn't fall off with the jarring it was giving me. If I speeded up I actually couldn't see the road properly as my head was being shaken so much and I found all my concentration was on just staying on.

I see a few very small sections have been resurfaced but this gave me a false sense of security and within seconds I hit the bad surface again and had to break to go very slow. This also made me aware and quite dangerous to other road users and I felt very exposed and as I felt i was almost out of control found myself wishing I was able to turn off this road right away. It however is the main artery into what is one of the county's most beautiful areas to cycle around and I am sure many cyclists come this way for the first time from over the borders as I did but what a welcome it was. I feel this road should be a lovely smooth ride and welcome to the county rather than one that says otherwise!! PLEASE FIX IT ASAP so we can enjoy this welcome to your county.

PS spoke to a guy at my local bike shop today who comes down that road to work most days and he says he has the pain similar to whip lash in his neck after riding it and has complained many times with obviously no result. I will consider a reply on my email [art@martinbush.co.uk](mailto:art@martinbush.co.uk) and will pursue this through other means as I think this is an emergency. Also just remembered the sign I saw somewhere along the road that was showing the number of fatal motorbike deaths to help calm those users down, well I think there's plenty of grip for a bike tyre but not sure how they react to this crazy road surface as cyclists it's a road of hell."

Best Regards  
Martin Bush  
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Good Evening,

Firstly my profuse apologies for being so tardy with my reply, in this particular case I have not met my own standards of at least acknowledging an email within 48 hours of receiving same and apart from an unconditional apology I can offer nothing else.

As you have already made your feelings known directly to the Highways Authority, all I can do is repeat the same to ensure action is taken. Highways are now moving up into a higher gear as regards road re-surfacing as these next four months are when most of the areas of concern are repaired.

To ensure that this does not get lost in the system I have also raised the issue through the reporting website and I have extended this reply to include the other Cornwall Councillor for this area, Kate Ewart. For your information Military Road here on the Rame Peninsula will be closed off on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> and Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June for road resurfacing work so as you can see we are taking action(s) where it is thought it is most required.

Again my apologies for such a late reply.

Kind Regards,

John

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