

Email received from D Ward

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RE: Accident at Antony

Dear Councillor Kate,

It is with great sadness that I am having to follow up on my email below as a result of a fatal traffic accident on the A374 just past the Antony House turning outside Maryfield Cottage yesterday. My wife was first on the scene to render assistance and, although an experienced SRN, has been traumatised by the experience.

This is one accident and fatality too far for me and I am now requesting priority action from you and the local Parishes on this matter. I believe that I have identified failures in procedures which merit investigation and, following this accident where a local boy has tragically and unnecessarily lost his life, an extraordinary Council meeting to address the situation. Indeed, with justified haste a Traffic Safety Assessment and subsequent traffic calming measures from Torpoint to Antony could and should be in place by Christmas - 40mph from Torpoint to Antony.

Your continued understanding and support to prioritise this matter to help avoid another unnecessary loss of life would be appreciated.

Kind regards,

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Subject: Traffic Calming Measures A374 - Antony to Torpoint

Dear All,

Just a brief email to bring you up to speed on the above subject.

Following a meeting with Councillor Kate Ewert last Thursday, I was disappointed to hear that your comments of support for Traffic Calming Measures on the A374 running outside of our properties

and beyond were never received or heard by the Second Traffic Consultation Committee meeting, which took place on 7 July? I am unsure who you sent your original comments to, but could I please ask that you forward them direct to Cllr Kate Ewert (Cc'd), so she can investigate why these were not received or heard by the Traffic Consultation Committee. I was further disappointed that the previous correspondence on this subject dating back from 2002, were also not heard or considered!? Again, Kate is investigating why AECOM and/or other parties failed to produce and consider this key information to assist an informed and fair decision at the second consultation.

In the meantime, I have received traffic accident information following a FOI request which, in my opinion, fully justifies some form of action. It should also be noted that these statistics would have been far greater to our favour had several other accidents been reported. This is where cars travelling to Torpoint have lost control on the bend outside the Antony house entrance and subsequently left the road onto the adjacent pedestrian pathway and damaged the Antony Estate wall. As these traffic accidents thankfully did not involve a third party, they were not reported by the offender to avoid insurance payments for the property damage. In future, I would therefore ask everyone who witnesses an accident or finds damage on their property to report it. *A special thank you here for Antony Estate for repairing this wall damage at their own expense (photos of damage already forwarded to AECOM).*

The second part of my FOI request regarding the traffic planning consultation for the change of use of Antony House (National Trust) and the new Torpoint Cemetery remains outstanding. As you will all appreciate, these changes significantly increased the use of both entrances/exits and as they are situated on a blind corner and hill retrospectively when you approach Torpoint from Antony, in my opinion, they fully justify traffic calming measures. Indeed, the failure to implement any traffic calming measures, in my opinion, constitutes a professional oversight and requires retrospective investigation and action.

Pending your comments and the outstanding FOI, which I hope will justify immediate action, the plan of approach at this point is for Cllr Kate Ewert to request another Safety Assessment of the road. The leverage for this action will be an imminent planning application for 250 houses and a Supermarket development to be built on the Torpoint Rugby fields and Council land adjacent to the school. In my opinion, the traffic calming measures on the A374 from Antony to Torpoint must be taken before any new development work is undertaken and we have an influx of construction and delivery vehicles on the road. Indeed, this should be a condition for this planning application. Thereafter, the increased traffic to both new development sites will fully justify the proposed 40mph speed restriction.

I hope this helps to bring you all up to speed on this important safety matter and you will be able to take the time to forward your supporting comments to Cllr Kate Ewert. To assist, I have captured some key bullet points on the attached document.

Kind regards and best wishes,

David Ward

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Torpoint

Traffic Calming Measures A374 - History/General Facts

1. Race Speed Track for Motorbikes - Truelfoot to Torpoint.
2. Campaigning with neighbours and friends for some 30 years! Letters to Traffic Agencies, Cornwall Council, Police and local MP - Cheryl Murray (Mike Watkiss)
3. Reported Accidents and Fatalities justify action - more than outside Community Sports Centre!? Most certainly warrants more than just warning signs to say how many motorbike deaths! Many unreported accidents which have not involved a third party or damage to another. Example is Antony Estate wall!?!?
4. Route and dangers from Antony to Torpoint on A374 -
 - a. Slip road from Raleigh and St John - difficult vision.
 - b. Turning to Raleigh and St John - several accidents.
 - c. Horson straight speeding and overtaking on blind hill towards Torpoint and just prior to Cemetery/Sports field entrance!
 - d. Cemetery and Sports Field entrance - recent fatality pedestrian crossing with dog!
 - e. Goad Ave turning on blind bend - often floods in inclement weather - limited lighting several accidents.
 - f. Blind bend/chicane around to Antony House entrance (Public National Trust Visit Centre) - well used by visitors, NavyCadets using JP, locals walking dogs etc. Main road pavement used by all transmitting to Torpoint via Goad Housing Estate. No lighting - slippery corner to negotiate in the wet - several accidents with cars losing control, some rolling and mounting pavements and crashing into private property and Antony Estate walls!!
 - g. My house (Laun) drive and the Maryfield Church lane - tight corners to negotiate. I have to indicate before Antony turning to slow cars behind me. Maryfield is a well used church for weddings and christenings. Also elderly people attending church come to standstill at the turning.....some cars approaching around blind bend at 60+mph!!
 - h. Various tight lanes to private houses and Wilcove leading up to Thanke Tanks and sports entrance on corner prior to Community Centre. Believe this has now been addressed with recent consultation and approval to extend 30mph zone out past these locations?
 - i. FOI request clearly shows accidents and fatalities over past 20 years - despite some additional signage, not getting any better! No traffic calming measures were ever undertaken following change of use of Antony House and Gardens to National Trust visit centre!!?? Same for relocation of Torpoint Cemetery at Sports Field entrance on Horson straight. Both changes increased both vehicle and

pedestrian traffic in and out of these locations significantly - no traffic calming measures is a complete oversight and failure of duty to safeguard the public.

Aim - reduce speed limit from half way up Horson straight (200yds before Cemetery/Sports field entrance) to Torpoint to 40mph. Further consideration to reduce speed limit from Antony to this point to 50mph