

11 St Nicholas Road
Brighton BN1 3LP

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TRAFFIC CALMING NEEDED OPPOSITE ST PAULS SCHOOL

I am writing as a resident and a concerned parent. I live in St Nicholas Street which is a narrow 1 way street with a junior school (St Pauls) on one side.

There is no signs indicating a speed limit on the street and cars, particularly taxi's but also delivery vans, regularly drive at relatively high speed down the road using it as a short cut. I am very concerned about the risk to a child running out of the school gates into the path of passing vehicle (I have two young children under the age of 6).

In addition I am concerned about the risk from evasive action a driver might take to avoid such a collision. The pavement is under 4' wide and a car taking instinctive evasive action would presumably would go into the front room of a house. The front of the houses in this street are bays made out of ply wood which would offer little protection from the impact of a moving vehicle.

As evidence of the risks please note that it is not uncommon for mirrors to be knocked off parked cars by the passing vehicles.

As well as vehicles driving at speed it is also not infrequent to find cars coming down the street the wrong way. In fairness to those drivers it can be difficult to spot that this is a 1 way street if you enter it from Church Street.

If at all possible I would like the council and the councillors to consider imposing traffic calming measures. I have noticed that on the roads outside many schools in this area there is a mandatory 20mph speed limit.

For your information I have also written to the Head Teacher of St Pauls school who has advised that she would be in favour of a 20mph limit and anything that makes the school safer for the children.

I have sent this letter to my own ward councillors and also to Regency Ward as I am aware St Pauls schools attracts many children from their ward. In addition I have sent this, for obvious reasons, to the relevant council departments and their associated Council Cabinet members.

Yours sincerely


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