

**John Peel**  
**Democratic Services Officer**

Dear Mr Peel

**Ref Traffic using Poets' Corner**

I have been contacted by residents of Poets' Corner concerning an apparent increase in traffic using these narrow roads as a 'rat-run.'

The situation has got much worse since the changes to the lay-out of the junction of Portland Road and Sackville Road. In particular the reduction in the number of lanes in Portland Road to one (when there is still room for two) actively encourages motorists to avoid the delays at the junction, and cut through the side streets instead.

I would like to ask a formal question about traffic using Poets' Corner at the next meeting of the Transport Committee in July.

The question is as follows-

'Changes made to the Portland Road/Sackville Road junction have increased queues. As a result many drivers avoid the junction and use the narrow streets of Poets' Corner instead. What measures are the Council taking to address this problem on behalf of residents of Poets' Corner?'

Please can the necessary action be taken to get this on the agenda.

Thank you

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