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Dear Chris,

I write regarding the A605 which passes through the west of my constituency and serves Peterborough.

This weekend saw another fatal accident occur on the stretch of road between Peterborough and the village of Elton and it is a matter of deep concern that there have now been some four deaths here in the last two months alone.

The road carries a significant amount of traffic between the A1 and the A14 including heavy goods vehicles which are limited to either 40 or 50mph depending on their weight. There are two uphill dual carriageway sections with crawler lanes travelling in both directions and the road is relatively straight in between. The combination of slow moving vehicles and several areas to overtake means that the risk of head-on collisions is considerable.

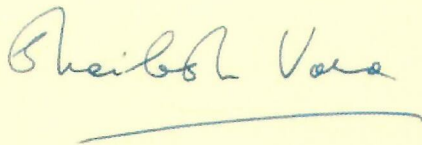
The junction of the B671 at Elton is a separate challenge with traffic trying to join existing vehicles on the A605, often travelling at speed, from a standard T-junction. There was a fatal collision at this junction at the start of May 2017 and you will be aware that I have been campaigning with Elton Parish Council for several years to try to have improvements made to the layout of the junction so that the risk of accidents is reduced.

Whilst I appreciate that resources are finite and under pressure that is not to say that money is not being spent on schemes to reduce the risk of injury or death on our roads.

As such I feel strongly that the A605 needs to be given priority in the wake of recent tragic events and I would be grateful if officials from your department could work with officers from Cambridgeshire County Council to see what action can be taken to mitigate the risks in this area.

I look forward to hearing from you and have written to Mrs Gillian Beasley, Chief Executive of Cambridgeshire County Council, in similar terms.

Yours sincerely,


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