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Mr. Geraint Edwards, Head of Environment, Roads and Facilities, Conwy County Borough Council, Via email

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## Re: Road traffic on Queen's Road

Dear Head of Service, Geraint,

I hope this letter finds you and your team well. I am writing in relation to ongoing road traffic and road safety concerns along Queen's Road, Craig-y-Don.

As you may recall I have written to your department on numerous occasions and have met with your officials in relation to this matter. Given this, I am truly disappointed to see that serious road traffic and safety concerns remain.

As a founding member of the friends of Queen's Park and having secured funding for the children's play area previously, I am well aware of the importance and popularity of this park and adjoining public highway. Queen's Road is a strategically important public highway within Craig-y-Don and Llandudno, providing direct access to our world famous promenade from the A470. Additionally, this road also serves as a major public transport route and is arguably one of the most significant residential roads within Craig-y-Don. Given this, it is imperative that this busy road has the appropriate safety measures in place to protect all road users.

While I am aware that your department has undertaken work to install a small island in the centre of this road, outside of Queen's park, in an effort to assist with safe pedestrian crossing. Unfortunately, concerns persist regarding the speed of traffic along this road. Numerous residents have advised me that they remain fearful of crossing this highway due to the speed of traffic.

In addition to this, I am aware that traffic parking along this section of Queen's Road has also raised significant concerns amongst my constituents. During sunny days and the busy tourist season my constituents inform me that it is not uncommon for significant numbers of vehicles to park along this road, outside of Queen's Park. The high numbers of parked vehicles makes it challenging for pedestrians to safely cross the road as their vision of oncoming traffic is partially or totally obscured. This is of particular concern for children and young people who may not be able to see over or around these parked vehicles.

Furthermore, the parking situation has also presented issues for public transport and other road users, with the your departments island creating an apparent choke point within the road, on occasion preventing buses or larger vehicles from continuing along this highway.

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As one child has already been struck by a vehicle previously along this road and with a large influx of tourists expected over the summer, with an associated increase in road traffic, action must be taken now to ensure that all road users are properly safeguarded.

With this in mind, I am writing to kindly ask that you department urgently investigate into this matter and advise me of what traffic calming and road safety measures could be implemented along Queen's Road. I would specifically ask that consideration be given to the potential installation of a Zebra crossing outside of Queen's Park.

As always, I thank you for your attention to this matter and look forward to receiving your response at the earliest possible opportunity so that I may update my constituents accordingly.

Kind regards,

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