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The Chief Officer,  
Highways Definition Team,  
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St Michael's Close,  
Aylesford,  
Kent ME20 7BU

Dear Sir,

We write as residents of Thorpe Avenue adjacent to The Ridgeway and other nearby roads to express our deep concern about the safety of this particular stretch of the road. We feel that safety is severely jeopardised by the sheer volume of traffic on this road, particularly at critical times of day, that is, 7.30-9.00am and 3.30-6.00pm, and the excessive speed of the traffic at all times of the day.

This stretch is a crucial crossing point for mothers and young children, as well as teenagers, en route to and from the various schools in the area. Frequently children are seen waiting and waiting and waiting for a gap in the traffic in order to cross and then taking their lives in their hands to dash across between speeding traffic. In addition, the older folk in Penruddocke House and adjacent homes find it extremely difficult to cross, often at an elderly pace, for example, after alighting from the bus. Even for folk from Thorpe Avenue, crossing to the bus-stop or the post box is hazardous.

The awkward left turn from Thorpe Avenue into The Ridgeway means that larger vehicles such as coaches and HGV (of which there are many using this road as a short cut to avoid the Pinnacles roundabout) inevitably encroach on the wrong side of the road, forcing oncoming traffic to brake suddenly and bank up.

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The speed of the traffic is also excessive. Cars roar up The Ridgeway to the Pinnacles, and from the roundabout down The Ridgeway as if on a race track. Before long, there is likely to be a major accident with loss of life.

We, the undersigned, beg for urgent action to be taken before it is too late such as speed reducing humps, speed cameras, pedestrian crossing with lights (our preferred solution) or whatever action is deemed most appropriate.

Yours faithfully,

<u>Name</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Road in Tonbridge</u>	<u>Postcode</u>
Peter Brierley	1	Thorpe Avenue	TN10 4PW
Cherry Brierley	1	Thorpe Avenue	TN10 4PW
Susan Martin (visitor)	1	Thorpe Avenue	TN10 4PW
George Buswell	2	Thorpe Avenue	TN10 4PP
Joyce Buswell	2	Thorpe Avenue	TN10 4PP
Tony Concannon	3	Thorpe Avenue	TN10 4PW
Viv Concannon	3	Thorpe Avenue	TN10 4PW
Gavin Wells	4	Thorpe Avenue	TN10 4PP
Pauline Gamm	4	Thorpe Avenue	TN10 4PP
Robert Webzell (now deceased)	5	Thorpe Avenue	TN10 4PW
S Allan	6	Thorpe Avenue	TN10 4PP
Hazel Allan	6	Thorpe Avenue	TN10 4PP
S Jarvis	7	Thorpe Avenue	TN10 4PW
D Jarvis	7	Thorpe Avenue	TN10 4PW
Gillian Burfoot	12	Thorpe Avenue	TN10 4PP
S Moon	15	Thorpe Avenue	TN10 4PW
Bernice Snewin	16	Thorpe Avenue	TN10 4PP

R A Usher	19	Thorpe Avenue	TN10 4PW
Trevor ?	22	Thorpe Avenue	TN10 4PP
E Dorothy Rowe	23	Thorpe Avenue	TN10 4PW
Rachel Crouch	35	Thorpe Avenue	TN10 4PW
W R Hann	2	Pippins Close	TN10 4PF
Adam Harrison	4	Pippins Close	TN10 4PF
Chris Travell	8	Pippins Close	TN10 4PF
J W Phipps	54A	Town Acres	TN10 4NG
Mrs D Balcombe	19	Forest Grove	TN10 3ES
R R Fox	143	Hunt Road	TN10 4BJ
Peggy Hicks	1	Penruddocke House	TN10 4NL
Sylvia Luff	2	Penruddocke House	TN10 4NL
Joyce Daysh	3	Penruddocke House	TN10 4NL
Esther Jones	4	Penruddocke House	TN10 4NL
Marjorie Tickner	5	Penruddocke House	TN10 4NL
V Towner	6	Penruddocke House	TN10 4NL
Kathleen Portlock	7	Penruddocke House	TN10 4NL
Ethel Bleach	8	Penruddocke House	TN10 4NL
R Moon	9	Penruddocke House	TN10 4NL
H Sadler	11	Penruddocke House	TN10 4NL
D F Sadler	11	Penruddocke House	TN10 4NL
S Kelsey	12	Penruddocke House	TN10 4NL
V Rotter	13	Penruddocke House	TN10 4NL
L Sirrett	14	Penruddocke House	TN10 4NL
A Beacham	15	Penruddocke House	TN10 4NL
E McAdam	16	Penruddocke House	TN10 4NL
D Gould	17	Penruddocke House	TN10 4NL
M L Sewell	18	Penruddocke House	TN10 4NL
J Francis	19	Penruddocke House	TN10 4NL
Joan Smith	20	Penruddocke House	TN10 4NL
M Stefanski	22	Penruddocke House	TN10 4NL
Cissy Newman	23	Penruddocke House	TN10 4NL
Caroline Fabb	25	Penruddocke House	TN10 4NL
B Coleman	26	Penruddocke House	TN10 4NL
G Danbury	27	Penruddocke House	TN10 4NL
K Marshall	28	Penruddocke House	TN10 4NL
Win Rose	29	Penruddocke House	TN10 4NL
S J Fox	29	Penruddocke House	TN10 4NL
J Collins	30	Penruddocke House	TN10 4NL
D Cox, Scheme Manager	~	Penruddocke House	TN10 4NL

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