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Dear Mr Wilson

**Road Safety Concerns at the junction of School Lane and Blackpool Road, Newton with Clifton.**

Thank you for your email dated 13 February 2023 about road safety concerns in respect of vehicles illegally exiting School Lane on to Blackpool Road, Newton with Clifton.

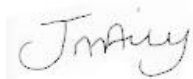
Firstly, I am sorry to hear of the recent incident at the location, incidents such as this can be very distressing for those involved, I do hope all concerned are making a full recovery. In light of your email, we will inspect the location to investigate the concerns relating to the foliage, this will enable us to determine the ownership of the vegetation, and to establish if any work is necessary. With regards to the 'no entry' road markings, we will inspect these before taking any remedial or refreshment work as necessary. We aim to do this as soon as practically possible.

Finally, the 50mph speed limit signs are in place as repeaters not gateway signs to the 50mph speed limit on A583. While under normal circumstances no vehicle should travel in this direction, that is not to say that at some point a road closure may require drivers to do so and their placement simply resolves an issue of putting signs up and taking them down again.

Drivers looking to exit at this location have to pass 2 very large warning sign informing drivers of no access to Blackpool Road 150 yds ahead, they then have to pass 2 illuminated no entry signs and 'no entry' road markings on the Road, the repeater signs are insignificant to the adjacent no entry signs and do not give the impression that it is acceptable to ignore the no entry signs. Nonetheless, we will contact the Police to determine if the 50mph repeater signs will affect enforcement of the A583 before taking any further action.

I hope this is useful.

Yours Sincerely



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