

Petition

North Northamptonshire Council has received a petition from a local resident (Ms Claire Marsh) relating to a highway concern within the Council's area. The petition has over 1,500 signatories. Under the Council's Constitution a petition containing 1,500 or more signatures allows for the Lead Petitioner to request it be debated by Full Council.

A link to the petition is below: -

[Petition · Install safety barriers on Oakley Road / Lewin Road roundabout. · Change.org](#)

The process to be followed will be –

- (i) The Lead Petitioner will be invited to address Council and explain the purpose of the petition (maximum of 5 minutes);
- (ii) Discussion of the petition by Members (maximum of 15 minutes);
- (iii) Full Council may not make a decision where the subject matter of a petition is an Executive function (which this is) but can note the petition or make a recommendation to the Executive.

The original petition reads –

Install safety barriers on Oakley Road / Lewin Road roundabout.

RAINBOW OF HOPE destroyed; safety barriers need to be installed on the Oakley Road / Lewin Road roundabout. There is one side without barriers and this side is a danger spot for accidents.

I am petitioning Northamptonshire County Council and The Highways Agency to install safety barriers / Arnco around the edge of a round-a-bout to protect residential properties and members of the public that use the area as a thoroughfare. We have asked before and not been successful but feel that the council needs to authorise this work before someone is seriously injured or killed.

On Friday 26th March at about 11.50pm a drunk driver lost control of his van and drove straight into my garden, destroying our fence, bikes, and many other things. He only missed the side of the house and the conservatory (where I was sitting) by about 1 meter. (Our "rainbow of hope" that was featured on BBC Northamptonshire and the Northants ET and talked about on the radio was also destroyed). We had police attend and the man was arrested.

This is not the first time this has happened to us either. Since we have lived in this house (13 years) we have had 2 other drunk drivers crash into the front wall (wall that surrounds our drive), both these times we have had cars written off due to damage caused plus the wall needed rebuilding. Also, in that time our next-door neighbour has had his wall destroyed. We have also witnessed many near misses over the years (2 in one week, in January 2021 where they knocked down a lamppost opposite our drive wall).

If you research this roundabout - Oakley Road / Lewin Road in Corby you will see that the other exits all have barriers surrounding them. You will also be able to find out how many incidents that occur on this roundabout and 99% of them on the side that is adjacent to our house.

Literally 1 week (2nd April 2021) after the van crashed into my garden a car crashed on the opposite side on the roundabout, this time SAFETY BARRIERS saved the gardens on that side!

Although the grass verge hasn't been adopted as an official path, the local residents, especially those walking from the Danesholme area, use this as a thoroughfare from the underpass that goes under Oakley Road to the supermarket or the doctor's surgery. Most accidents happen at night but if one was to happen in the day any number of people (not including us that live in the house) could be injured or worse killed.