

**ITEM 4 Petition 1: T junction traffic lights in Blindley Heath on Eastbourne Road and Ray Lane needs changing.**

**Comments from signatories (verbatim):**

Jane E.

I live in France but am British and my family are in Lingfield. I know the junction very well.

Adam H.

This is a(nother) fatality waiting to happen. Light jumping regularly happens from southbound traffic, who can't be bothered to stop at the red light. You can't see them until you are in their path.

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I agree that this is a very dangerous junction. It is imperative that a study is conducted into the phasing of the lights and other measures to decrease the amount of risk. This needs urgent attention.

Jason R.

Very poorly designed junction.

Hilary H.

Speed limit needs to be lowered. I have had an accident right outside our driveway near to traffic lights. Timing of traffic lights wrong. Needs a left hand turn arrow on traffic lights. Speed cameras or round about or both to be installed. Absolute nightmare! Not the first accident there. Very dangerous

Patrick p.

this tragedy could have been avoided by the installation of more positive speed control on the A22

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We have already complained in the past about the phasing of the lights at Blindley Heath and the speed of traffic. The speed limit should be reduced to 30mph through Blindley Heath and cameras introduced. The long term answer is the provision of a roundabout.

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Even a week after this tragic accident the traffic lights opposite Ray Lane on the A22 are still obscured by branches and not facing straight on. The light sequence is far too short and urgently needs reassessing to give drivers more time to safely turn right onto the busy A22.

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It is a residential area and it should be 30 mph NOT 40mph. An incredibly dangerous road and junction. Speed restrictions and traffic management must be in place AND ENFORCED!

Bob L.

With the size, speed of vehicles approaching this junction without slowing down will continue to be a dangerous junction. The authorities need to urgently address this before it can happen again. Our thoughts are with the family.

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This is a very dangerous junction only yesterday a lorry ran a red light directly in front of me. There are so many accidents on the A22 I would like to see the figures compared to other A roads across the UK.

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I work just down the road and many people jump the lights, trying to avoid waiting, putting people's lives at risk

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I have been working directly on that junction for the last 4 months & I'm shocked at how many drivers run a red light. It's only a matter of time before there's another accident. Changes are needed & needed fast!

Pamela D.

The traffic lights definitely need to be reassessed to allow more time to turn onto the A22. The greenery needs to be cut back on the traffic lights opposite Ray Lane also.

Samantha D.

Terrible junction , traffic on the a22 constantly jump the lights .

James B.

I use this junction daily and have seen many near misses hear. This needs to be changed before there is another fatality.

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The traffic lights coming off Ray Lane onto the A22 are not sequenced to give enough time to get out onto the A22. They change too quickly. They only allow approx 4-5 cars to exit. As soon as the amber light shows, you do not have much time to get onto the A22 before the main road traffic starts to move. The traffic lights directly opposite at the junction are slightly turned to the right and are obscured by the bushes growing around them. This junction needs maintenance urgently. We are so sorry for your loss.

Grant F.

Turning right into ray lane from the A22 north bound. Always allows traffic exiting from ray lane on to the A22 to proceed before you have a chance to turn as I have found in my experience the traffic on the A22 proceeding south more often than not jumps the amber traffic light.

Martine M.

These lights change too quickly before the traffic coming the other way has finished going through. Need to have more time between lights changing

Gillian B.

We used to live in the area and visit friends and relatives several times a year often using this junction and totally agree that it is extremely dangerous, sadly for this lady it is to late but maybe other lives can be saved if something is done to make it a safer route.

Dave B.

So very sad to hear about Jill's accident. No other family should have to suffer like this if a solution can be found.

Gary T.

Wray Lane stop position is set too far back.

Amy S.

Have been saying this for ages! There is no time to turn right towards Lingfield coming from east grinstead. The main road people run the lights then your having to turn right as cars from Lingfield are driving at you.

Liz L.

I regularly use this junction. The timing on the lights is dangerous and combined with the high percentage who jump the red lights going through at speed on the A22 southwards makes it like playing Russian Roulette coming out of Ray Lane. Particularly sad it was such a well respected member of the local community.

Hazel H.

This is such a dangerous junction. I use it twice a day and have had several near misses due to the timing. Please sign the petition so no other family has to go through what the Turk family are having to x

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This junction has been a death trap for years. It needs a roundabout

Katie R.

I have noticed people often speed through the lights as they are changing as there is not a lot of time for people to leave Ray Lane and go onto the A22. It is also difficult to turn right onto Ray Lane from the A22 - there is not a lot of space to queue and the road is so busy often you cannot go across until the lights have stopped the traffic.

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So sad to read of this tragic accident. The lights change very quickly, surely the phasing needs adjustment.

Micha P.

I'm so sorry for your loss, I live along this road by the bridge and often hear the screeching of breaks and dread the sound of impact. I have also witnessed myself people jumping the lights on many occasions coming from all different directions. It is a dangerous junction and something needs to be done!

Jo T.

I use these lights daily coming out of Ray Lane and 9/10 times a vehicle jumps the lights in one direction of A22

Robert P.

Drivers exiting Ray Lane on to the Eastbourne Road are blind to the southbound traffic on the Eastbourne Road when they pass their traffic lights as they are set well back on Ray Lane. I guess this is to allow huge lorries to turn into Ray Lane. Drivers have to travel I guess about 30ft before they can see the southboune traffic on the Eastbourne Road, and to be visible to the southbound traffic on the A22. Given that situation the current problem is that the traffic light's phasing is too short between switching to red on Ray Lane and to green on the Eastbourne Road. A few more seconds would make all the difference. Also it may help to have signs to alert drivers on both roads to the potential danger.

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So sorry for your loss Rachel. I agree with all the comments already posted, lights do not let enough cars through resulting in people jumping them, especially through the Eastbourne Road lights, they also change for the other directions very quickly, resulting in traffic barely come to a stand still when the traffic from the other set of lights starts moving. Need to at least change the timing of the lights

Lynn F.

Pamela L.

There are too many accidents at this junction. Drivers speed and then don't notice the lights

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I drive through these traffic lights most days. I've witnessed a few accidents and many near misses over the years and hope that something is going to be done. It's dreadful that it has taken the poor lady to lose her life for something to be changed. The lights do not leave enough time for crossing traffic before the next set turns. On many occasions these lights have not even been working and is a free for all for drivers.

Harriet A.

RIP. My grandparents live in Lingfield. Something has to be done to make this junction safer

Paula J.

Such a sad loss x

Sarah M.

R.I.P Mrs Turk

Annie G.

Something must be done to stop these fatal accidents, lives are lost unnecessarily - it is within your power to stop this. We have family living in the area and dread one of them being hurt or worse!!!

Melanie G.

I live just off of Ray lane and regularly use this road, the lights coming from Ray lane onto the a22 do not stay green for long enough allowing only 2-4 cars through which I have seen so many people then jump because of a this and the lights change so quickly that it could easily cause a collision such as this. I have thought it for a long time and also look both ways when pulling out on to the a22 as people may rush to jump the lights which would cause a fatal collision. Something needs to be done it is just a matter of time before this happens again

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In the last few weeks these lights haven't been working and also in the lead up to this incident it seemed they were out of sync and / or people were jumping the lights. I also think at the time of this incident there were roadworks the next day so two sets of lights causing a tailback up towards Godstone so more people were jumping through the red light as it was so slow.

Jessica L.

These lights are dangerous

Agnieszka D.

Very dangerous place, I'm always afraid when crossing this junction.

Amanda L.

This and a 30 mile limit needs to be in place! Through Blindley Heath! Start to make us safe

Jade C.

Horrible junction

Dale F.

The junction needs to be made safer, I live just down the road from the traffic lights and have to either go through it in a car or cross it on foot on a daily basis and it's never safe! Cars speed up and think it possible to catch the lights as they change and this is a prime example of what happens when they do. Something needs to be done to slow the cars down before the junction and then the timings of the lights need to be looked at

Helen D.

Vision is obscured when turning out of Lingfield onto the A22 so you cannot see for certain that the traffic has stopped before committing to crossing the traffic. People often jump these lights and I remember people having accidents in the same spot for the same reason over 20 years ago. In addition the lights turning out of Lingfield only stay green for a very short time, and people often accelerate out to try to beat the lights before they turn red again.

Charlotte L.

I grew up in the house on that corner & have always known accidents to happen there. A lorry went into the side of our family car writing it off by jumping the lights on a22

Lindsay E.

An awful stretch of road. I hope something is done about it My sympathies are with the ladies family

Mark D.

Very quick changing lights, makes junction dangerous from all angles.

Lucy R.

Considering this junction is very close to two very busy nurseries meaning an increase in family cars with several children inside something needs to be done!!

joan w.

Something needs to be done about the traffic lights trees /bushes cut back so traffic lights can be seen. And pointing so lights can be seen clearer . The whole stretch of a22 through blindley heath needs to be monitored for people breaking the speed limit and jumping the lights which I have close moments as I am sure other people have .

Rachel A.

The traffic lights go from red one way to green too quickly also if turning right from southbound waiting in the middle of the road to turn you are not given enough time when everyone is jumping the red lights and the traffic lights on Ray lane go green and cars are coming at you in all directions.

Marguerite Y.

There needs to be cameras at this junction before more loss of life. Just hours after the fatality, when the road was reopened, cars were jumping the lights. My thoughts and prayers are for the family of the lady that passed away there. I only hope that something is done before any other fatality.

Jill C.

I have had a number of near misses trying to turn right come from East Grinstead direction with traffic still going at speed through lights changing from Amber to red.

Jess L.

I have lived here for 5 years and the amount of crashes I've seen happen down this main road is awful , the layout of the lights is awful, the lights are slightly out of sync Aswell something needs to be done

Rosemary A.

Phasing of the lights is dangerous. Residents have complained but nothing has happened! A dreadful tragedy

Jenny D.

I drive this route every day. It's a very dangerous junction and has always scared me. At the very least the sequence of the traffic lights need to be looked at.

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go down this road every day sometimes lights are not working and have to edge out of ray lane which is SO dangerous!! Also traffic lights are out of sink and traffic backs up! Change asap!!

Gary J.

The phasing on those lights is far too close. Lights appear yellow in both directions almost simultaneously encouraging drivers to accelerate towards the junction when traffic from Ray Lane is appearing blind to the main A22.

Ruth A.

I have found that junction to be very dangerous as too many people "jump the lights"!

Andrea J.

So sorry to hear this lovely lady was taken in such an awful accident. Thoughts are with her family

Sasha B.

I work just up the road from the junction and have had a couple of close calls when turning in and out of Ray Lane, it's an awful junction - especially when the lights aren't working which is fairly frequently.

Tiffany S.

Those traffic lights are so dangerous they change so quickly and don't give cars enough time to get out the junction before the other side turns green.

Chloe B.

Thinking of you and family. T junction needs to be changed X

Kelly W.

Sorry for your loss

Melissa J.

I strongly support this petition as I have nearly been involved in an accident at this junction 3 times in the past 2 years. Considering I only use this junction 2-3 times a week, is even more frightening. Both times I have been exiting Ray Lane to enter the A22. The problem is the light phasing on the lights and people jumping the lights on either red or amber on the A22. Something needs to be done before there are any more deaths!

Shania J.

These lights definitely need to be changed. They have been too dangerous for far too long. Sometimes they don't even work at all. The sequence has never been good and is dangerous. It's a tragedy that this has happened. Something before should have been done with these lights and the junction. I know that they have been reported previously.

Layla S.

This lady should not have lost her life!!

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These lights are dangerous - drivers regularly go through on amber or jump them particularly speeding across on the A22. There is no line of sight to the right if you are waiting in Ray Lane. The phasing is also not very good, it is set for a very short time to turn from Ray Lane onto the A22.

Siobhan S.

I work at Lingfield nursery school and I have had to change the way I come into work from east Grinstead because I've had so many near misses at this junction. Sorry to hear about your loss.

Connor L.

My Nan was killed here last Wednesday

Elisabeth B.

Such a dangerous junction go through it 3/4 times a week you take your life in your hands when people jump lights. My mum has had an accident here luckily no major injuries

Samanta E.

Horrific fatal accident, please don't delay any longer, get this junction sorted out immediately.

Lisa S.

This t junction is very dangerous with traffic lights only letting a few car though .and cars on the A22 jumping red lights all the time . The road configuration should be re thought perhaps a roundabout could help

Jeremy B.

This is a dangerous junction I use it regularly and fully agree with the comments raised already something must be done to make safer to avoid another tragedy

Val S.

Need to sort the lights out

steve g.

this isnt a hard thing or expensive to fix

Stephanie W.

Before more people are killed.... Please do something.

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I ALWAYS see people jump the lights just as they're turning red, it's so dangerous!

Jane B.

Totally agree the junction is extremely dangerous. And there has to be change to the lights.!!!

Susan S.

The lights are positioned quite far back in Ray Lane and the timing gap between lights is too short.

Alison P.

It's time something was done about this junction. Very very sad that this poor lady lost her life, through no fault of her own. But down to the careless actions of a lorry driver!!!!

Naomi D.

This must be investigated and acted upon.

Gail B.

I have , in the past, had to use this road junction every day during the morning rush hour period. I have witnessed on numerous occasions drivers 'jumping' the lights and 'running the gauntlet'. I was ,sadly ,not surprised to hear that there has been a fatality there now. I don't know what the solution might be, but I do believe it is imperative that the relevant authorities review the current road layout/ traffic lights etc. Let there be no more fatalities!

Karen L.

The lady who was killed here on 17th August 2016\_was my Aunt.

Julie R.

Go to visted my children and grandchildren in Lingfield and find that junction quite daunting...

Joanna L.

More accidents are waiting to happen. How many lives need to be lost.

Carole R.

This needs changing before any more lives are lost.

Sandi T.

Dangerous junction. Surely something must be done now a wonderful lady has lost her life.

Maria P.

Such a lovely lady. So sad she had to go in a terrible accident

Victoria B.

Such a dangerous junction

Lesley S.

I have had near misses at these lights with southbound traffic running the lights!

Kati M.

I've had lots of near misses here coming from Ray Lane turning right onto A22. Either the lights are out of synch or loads of people run a red light here.

Leilla T.

This t- junction is so dangerous, I've had 2 near misses here. Something needs to be done, think of the poor families suffering a loss because of a dangerous junction!

Sally S.

we use these traffic lights on many occasions and have commented in the past on this problem. It shouldn't have taken a fatality to change things.

Jess H.

My best friend lost her nan in a tragic accident and no one should have to go through what they are. So sad. needs changing!

Grace B.

A lorry ran a red light and killed an innocent woman

Ben B.

This junction is so dangerous something needed to be done years ago. Now with another fatalitie something has to be done.

Kelly C.

This is a really unsafe junction! The road is far to fast.

Sharon Q.

I have lived here for the past four years in that time 3 people have been killed along this road and two seriously injured.

Natalie B.

This junction is so dangerous and should of been assessed a long time ago

Chris T.

Please change the light system

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