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'We need barriers at busy junction'

CHISWICK: Parents fear for children's safety on way to school

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PARENTS have urged bosses at a luxury car showroom to pay for a railing to protect young children on the school run.

A total of 218 people have signed a petition to get West London Porsche to put up a railing along the A4 just by the Sutton Lane North turn off in Chiswick.

Parents are worried about their children getting hit by fast moving cars whipping off the busy road as they take them to school.

They also want Transport for London (TfL) to put in signs to control drivers' speed as they come off the main road on to Sutton Lane North where many drivers now speed over the mini roundabout without stopping.

Porsche are in the process of applying for planning permission to convert the dilapidated Old Dairy Farm site opposite their existing building into a three storey after sales facility.

Parents have become increasingly worried about their children's safety as there is nothing to stop a car crashing on to the A4 verge where they have to walk to get to the underpass and so are hoping for some help from Porsche and TfL.

Argyro Kyriakidou Wilson has a four-year-old boy who goes to

Grove Park Primary, and a 16-month-old boy.

She said: "It's really worrying because us parents often take a few other kids as well as our own to school so we can't hold all of their hands.

"If there was a railing by the path going to the subway it would be safer as the kids couldn't go near the road and cars would be stopped if they crashed.

"People coming off the A4 just go straight over the roundabout on Sutton Lane North without looking and at quite a pace.

"There is only one sign saying it turns into a 30mph zone as cars come off the A4 and it's when you've already turned in so people don't listen to it which is dangerous."

Previously, children who lived on the north side of the A4 went to schools on the same side but Hounslow Council changed the school catchment areas in September last year meaning those who live around Sutton Lane North have to walk along the A4 to an underpass to get to Grove Park Primary School on the south side of the road.

Murad Qureshi, the London wide Labour GLA member, is backing the parent's petition. He said: "I trust the Hounslow Council planning committee will see fit to include the much needed works to make the roundabout a lot more pedestrian friendly by



■ **PLEA:** Parents who walk their children to school along the A4 at the junction with Sutton Lane North, Chiswick, want new barriers to be installed along the road to improve safety

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Porsche in the first stage of their redevelopment of their site, particularly for young mothers with children having to cross over the A4 for their schools.

"I am sure that Porsche will see the merit of including these pedestrian friendly works to the roundabout in their eventually planning permission and consider other similar works along A4 for the later development of their

present site." A planning meeting was to be held yesterday (Thursday) by Hounslow Council to decide about the roundabout while the railing issue will be discussed at a later meeting.

A spokesperson for Porsche confirmed they were aware of the petition's existence but did not issue a comment before the Chronicle went to press.

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