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Help make our roads safer for everyone

Thank you to everyone who has contacted me about making our roads safer for everyone.

Over the years I have campaigned for better road safety, both locally in Northfield and nationally. It was a priority for me during my time as Shadow Transport Minister and it continues to be an important issue for me now. I also continue to regularly meet with road safety organisations like Brake and others who campaign to prevent deaths and serious injuries on UK roads.

Much has been achieved but every person killed or injured on our roads is one too many. Northfield is currently ranked 10% higher than the national rate for all casualties on our roads with pedestrians and motorcycle users at particularly high risk. That should remind us all of our continuing responsibility to identify what more we can do to make the vision of zero deaths and serious injuries on our roads a reality.

Road safety is very important and must be promoted in order to ensure the safety of everyone, particularly at-risk groups and vulnerable road users like cyclists. That is why it is so important that, as well as consulting on the proposed new cycling offences, the Government should also undertake a full review of road traffic offences to both promote road safety and ensure that appropriate sanctions are imposed when people are endangered by the behaviour of other road users.

I will continue to promote the need for Government action on road safety- the reintroduction of road casualty targets, originally implemented by the Labour Party, would be a good step in a better directed and targeted government action.

Thanks again to everyone who has contacted me about making our roads safer.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Burden'.

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