

Nick Timothy, Member of Parliament for West Suffolk



HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON, SW1A 0AA

12 January 2026

Dear Cllr West

Re: Urgent Safety Improvements Required at Boy's Grave Junction, B1506

I am writing following your response, dated 30 December 2025, after I raised concerns with you about safety at the Boy's Grave Junction on the B1506 near **Kentford**.

As you know, two serious accidents occurred there in one week in December, and another occurred earlier this month. I understand you are waiting for the conclusion of police investigations before taking action. This is not good enough. We cannot wait for another collision before measures are taken to prevent deaths and serious injuries.

Your email suggests the 'Give Way' signs, installed in June 2025, have had a 'marked effect' because no incidents were reported between installation and these recent crashes. However, the junction clearly remains dangerous.

You note 'driver error' has been the finding in historic incidents. That makes the case for urgent action stronger, not weaker.

The new signs are not illuminated, making them less effective on what can be an extremely dark stretch of road. I am calling on Suffolk Highways to:

- Conduct an urgent review and restructuring of the crossroads to prevent further loss of life. A potential improvement may be to install STOP signs on the north and south sides of the **B1506** (on the Norwich Road and School Road entrances);
- Illuminate the new signage so it can be seen clearly when it is dark;
- Consider staggering the junction, similar to the solution at Dullingham/Swaffham Bulbeck on the A1303, or the present junction of the B1063 and A143 near Stradishall;
- Work with Network Rail or other appropriate bodies to review the weight restriction on the railway bridge near Kennett Station, which may have helped to turn this road into a rat run.

While police investigations continue, common-sense safety improvements can and should be implemented quickly.

I expect an urgent response detailing immediate steps Suffolk Highways will take.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nick Timothy".

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