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Mr Mayor, Chairman and Members of the Council,

We are here to ask you to **take action** to prevent **future deaths** at a **dangerous junction** in Combe Down. At least five accidents occurred there in 2015 alone, and many more in previous years. Unless a mini roundabout or other traffic calming measure is installed at the junction of **Entry Hill, Southstoke Road and Bradford Road**, it is only a matter of time before someone is killed.

Our petition has been supported by 456 people in Combe Down, Bath and beyond. It has been covered **twice** by the Bath Chronicle and also by BBC Radio Bristol. Since we launched this petition, we have heard **numerous stories** from people speaking of their fear of using the crossroads, of near misses, of friends and relatives involved in past accidents. It is **clear to us**, and to **anyone who lives locally or uses the road regularly**, that the official accident statistics **are not capturing the full extent of the problem, or the risk**. I myself am aware of several unreported accidents involving bicycles, cars and motorbikes at this junction that **have not** been included in the figures.

Drivers **speed down** Bradford and Southstoke Road. Cars coming up Entry Hill have limited visibility. No one is **ever sure** who has right of way. Drivers speed up to overtake at the bus stop and find themselves immediately at the intersection. We believe a mini roundabout would **hugely reduce** the risk of further accidents. We believe it **would save lives**.

We believe that **now is the time to act**. The population of Combe Down and Foxhill is set to increase rapidly in the coming years because of major housing developments. Let's fix this problem **now** before the roads of Combe Down become busier, before **even more lives are put at risk**.

Last January my car was struck from the side as I crossed this junction. My friend in the passenger seat is still undergoing medical treatment for the injuries she sustained. I had three months off work from my job as a community midwife, and spent over a year undergoing physiotherapy. **I count myself lucky**. It could have been **far worse**. But unless something is done soon, a far worse accident **is going to happen**. It took over eight years to have a roundabout installed at the top of Ralph Allen Drive in

Combe Down. We cannot wait that long this time. We urge you to work with the Road Safety Team and the Highways Department to address this issue.

Please accept this petition. Thank you.