

**To consider safety measures for pedestrians at Rosedale Park following several reports of dangerous cycling in the area**

- Dear Sir/Madam,

As a pensioner, I am extremely concerned at the minority of cyclists who believe they have right of way at speed in what is supposed to be a non-cycling park and to be sworn at when refusing to yield my right of way was the final straw.

Rosedale park leads to the Andaman Surgery and has a childrens' play area. It is also the chosen place for responsible dog walkers.

Should there be an incident, I trust this e-mail is shown as a portent.

- This park has become a hazard with BIKES not respecting the paths over this park. There is one small sign up in the air at the doctors surgery end at long road which tells bike riders to give way to pedestrians but we need bigger signs at all entrances to tell bicycles to dismount and walk bikes through park as if they don't there is going to be a bad accident as they ride through the park at speed. My friend and I were at the Andaman surgery end at the bend when a man on a bike came tearing round this bend nearly hitting me and my friends stationary mobility scooter when telling the man to slow down on his bike all we got was foul language so its up to you to do something please before its too late.

Looking forward to your advices and action.

- Dear sir

I am writing to enquire if something can be done to make Rosedale park a safer place for pedestrians.

I walk my dog there most days and am fed up with cyclists behaviour towards people. There is a single sign next to the Andaman surgery entrance which says pedestrians have priority but there's nothing on the other three entry places and I doubt cyclists even read the one that is there. They constantly ride up close behind and complain if I don't move out of their way even though very few have a bell or even bother to call out to warn me. I've had a lot of verbal abuse and they seem to consider the paths their domain.

Recently there's been the added hazard of electric scooters which seem to reach quite high speeds and I'm sure some more elderly walkers will run the risk of being knocked over unless something is done to stop this.

Just this morning I was amazed to see a motorcycle driving through. This was at approximately 9.30am when the park is very busy and I find it outrageous that anyone would even think of doing such a thing but with no safe gates to prevent it I can only assume it will happen again.

I've spoken to a lot of park users who agree that we would like to see some sort of safety gate at each entrance which would prevent motor vehicles but still allow cyclists, even if they have to dismount to get through. The added benefit would be safety for the many people, adults and children alike who use this area.

I'm sure lack of funding will be an excuse but something needs to be done before too long.

- Dear Sir/Madam,

As a local resident, I use Rosedale on a regular basis to walk my dog. I regularly meet other local residents walking their dogs as well as seeing children having fun in the playground or playing football.

I am extremely concerned about a minority of cyclists who think it is OK to ride at speed through the park. Many times they cycle up behind me, very silently, and expect me to see them and get out of the way.

Also, as I have low level hearing loss in my right ear, it can be difficult for me to assess where any sound a cycle may make is coming from.

It is also worth noting that patients at Andeman Surgery walk through the park to get to the surgery, rather than drive.

It is a matter of some concern to myself and other local residents to the extent that we have chosen to contact you regarding this matter so it can be addressed.