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After more than 100 incidents over six years residents demand action on A258



The scene of an accident on the A258 between Dover and Deal

It's time for a new road

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CALLS have been made for a new, safer road to be built between Dover and Deal following more than 100 crashes on the A258 at Ringwood in just six years. People living nearby know the

single carriageway for being busy throughout the day and heavily congested at peak times.

A total of 228 crashes have taken place on that stretch since 2003, including more than 100 between 2010 and 2016.

Dover and Deal MP Charlie Elphicke wants the authorities to

look at building a new road to connect the towns – to ease pressure, reduce journey times and improve safety.

Mr Elphicke wants to see for safety improvements on the A258, but has also said he would like to see a new road built elsewhere, providing a faster route between

Dover and Deal and relieving pressure on the existing road.

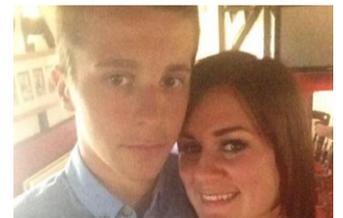
And his safety demands have been backed by the family of cyclist Daniel Squire, pictured, who died as a result of an accident.

He was 18 years old when his bike was struck from behind by a van near Ringwood on the Dover

to Deal road in 2013.

Tracy said: "Daniel was killed because of careless driving. But also because there are too many vehicles driving too fast on a road that is not wide enough."

"Daniel was loved by everyone who knew him, and we will never get over what happened."



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