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**Dangerous Roads**

If anyone sees a dangerous area of road that is not adequately sign-posted they should call the Highways Information Group on **01733 453530**

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## Maxey Teenagers Injured in Separate Car Crashes

### 'Death Trap' road blamed on Council Contractors

Two teenage drivers - Jade Rose & Fiona Forrester - crashed on the same stretch of road after it was claimed Peterborough City Council Contractors failed to put adequate signs up to warn of the danger. The accidents happened on Wednesday 22 September 2004.



The cars were insurance 'write-offs' after skidding on loose gravel laid over patched road repairs, both inside and outside the village 30 mph limits. Jade suffered whiplash injuries and Fiona sustained whiplash and spinal injuries diagnosed after being transported to Peterborough Hospital Casualty Dept. by ambulance.

Jade's father, Herbie Rose, contacted the City Engineers straight after hearing of the accident involving his daughter, which took place on the 60 mph stretch just after St Peters Church. Mr Rose was incensed after he found warning signs only started 10 metres before the hazard. The regulatory distance is 75 metres.

The story made page 4 of the Peterborough Evening Telegraph in the 7 October 2004 edition.

It was only later that Mr Rose & daughter discovered that Jade's friend, Fiona Forrester, had suffered similar accident some hours earlier on the same road.

Alun Jones, highways inspection and works team manager for PCC, said the road was being repaired by contractors at the time. The process involved re-patching the road with bitumen and then spreading loose chippings over the area which would then be embedded by passing vehicles.

He said: "Within minutes of receiving the message from Mr Rose and inspector was sent out. The contractors say that the sign had been there previously, but had gone missing. Warning signs were promptly placed, the loose chippings were removed and the site made safe." Not soon enough to have prevented both accidents.

**Comment:** Gravel topped bitumen repairs to road surfaces are disliked by the vast majority of drivers. After the local Maxey roads were last resurfaced using this method there were a spate of chipped windscreens that required replacements. Signs are often inadequate and left in place for weeks afterwards.

