**Dear Neighbour,**

I have dropped this in your letterbox as your neighbour and fellow resident of West Sussex to warn as many people as possible that **[INSERT ROAD NAME] will be closed for about nine hours on Sunday 23rd September, for a bike race, along with about 100 miles of other roads.** You will not be able to drive your car to Church or the shops; visit friends or have them visit you that day.

This is because a company called CSM Active is holding an event on 23rd September 2018 called Velo South. Approximately 15,000 cyclists will ride a route of 100 miles of **closed roads** around the county.The route (fondly known as the “Lycraloop”) is coming through this village and will directly affect you.

**Over 400,000 residents will be affected by road closures.**

The design of the route creates a blockade around residents in the middle of the county for over 9 hours. The only way out of the loop is either at its most western or eastern points, at either end of the A272. Northern and Southern exits are blocked entirely and event organisers are currently advising de-tours of over an hour to complete what is usually a simple ten-minute journey. The two exit points provided will also be governed by traffic light systems weighted in the cyclists’ favour.

**Stop Velo South**

We are a group of concerned residents that are challenging this event in the face of what seems to be an entirely un-democratic process, having been waved through without so much as basic consultation or due diligence.

We’re not against cycling, or large events that hold a spectacle, we are however against Velo South.

Velo South has been sold to the West Sussex Council as a great benefit to the economy, great for tourism and something that will raise £millions of charity. However, in reality the event will close around 170 businesses and is going to paralyse the county for a weekend.

The event organisers have already halved the charity fund raising estimate and the benefits seem to be based on very dubious maths. We had it confirmed publicly that the council haven’t even done so much as complete a risk assessment.

If you share our concerns and want to do something about it, please visit [www.stopvelo.com](http://www.stopvelo.com)

If you have any concerns you can email info@stopvelo.com

Thank you

**[INSERT YOUR NAME].**