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Emne: [EKSTERN] Road safety concern on Store Kongensgade following serious accident

Dear Copenhagen Municipality,

I am writing as a resident of Store Kongensgade to raise a concern about the traffic layout and pedestrian safety on the street.

Earlier today at approximately 11:30, there was what appeared to be a serious traffic accident on Store Kongensgade. I did not witness the actual collision from my apartment, so I cannot comment on how the accident happened. However, after hearing prolonged screaming from the street, I went downstairs to see whether I could help. Several people were already assisting, and I saw a woman lying on the road who appeared not to be moving.

The incident prompted me to write because I have repeatedly noticed a traffic pattern on Store Kongensgade that, in my view, creates a potential safety risk.

Most cars tend to drive in the main traffic lane, while the lane to the left is often relatively empty. I regularly see drivers move into this lane to overtake other cars, sometimes at what appears to be a relatively high speed.

At the same time, the pavements on Store Kongensgade can be quite busy. I have occasionally observed pedestrians briefly stepping into the usually empty left-hand traffic lane to pass slower pedestrians or groups on the pavement. This creates a potentially dangerous combination: a lane that can appear empty and safe to a pedestrian can suddenly be used by a vehicle overtaking at considerably higher speed.

I want to emphasise that I do not know whether this particular traffic pattern had anything to do with the accident I saw the aftermath of today. Nevertheless, having observed this situation repeatedly as a local resident, I believe it may be worth reviewing whether the current street layout encourages potentially dangerous interactions between vehicles and pedestrians.

Would it be possible for the municipality to review this section of Store Kongensgade, including vehicle speeds, overtaking behaviour, use of the two traffic lanes, pedestrian conditions and any recorded accidents or near-accidents?

I am copying Indre By Lokaludvalg as this concerns the safety and design of a street in the local area.

Thank you for looking into this.

Kind regards,
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