

# **SAMPLE LETTER TO YOUR MP**

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Dear ....

## **Local business seeks your support for Gate Safety Week**

This is a short letter to alert you and to seek your support for the on-going DHF initiative that we support each year culminating in October 2017 - Gate Safety Week – which is being organised by the Door & Hardware Federation's Automated Gate Group.

If you consider how many industrial buildings, public buildings, care homes, schools, private residences and blocks of flats are in our local area, then you will start to get a sense of how many automated gates there are in operation. We are focussing this year's efforts on unsafe gates in the school environment.

Today, automated gates are an important part of many buildings. However, in recent years, faults have occurred resulting in injuries to children due to poor specification, a lack of preventative maintenance or incorrect installation. In the last ten years, three children and three adults have been killed by dangerous automated gates making it essential that the safety of automated gates is now raised in the public eye.

Gate Safety Week runs from 9 – 15 October 2017 and we are strongly supporting this initiative locally by getting involved and would ask for your support in this campaign.

The campaign aims to:

- raise awareness of the critical role of automated gates, drawing attention to specific issues such as poor installation and maintenance
- encourage building owners and users to check the operation and condition of their automated gates and to report those that aren't satisfactory
- engage and educate people, helping the whole building industry and every property owner to understand the correct specification, supply, installation, operation, inspection and maintenance of powered gates

Further details can be found at [www.gatesafetyweek.co.uk](http://www.gatesafetyweek.co.uk)

We would welcome the opportunity to meet to discuss the initiative in more detail and to highlight things that could be done locally to improve gate safety. It would also be great to get some words of encouragement from you supporting this initiative and helping to underpin the significance of powered gate safety.

I would like to thank you in advance for your time and attention in this matter.

Yours sincerely,