

Dear Mr Ivens

I set out below the text of a complaint which I have this morning submitted to the Sunday Times complaints page.

I hope you will see fit to deal with this as requested.

Dear Sir

I am writing to complain about the piece by Rod Liddle on Sunday 19th December in which he comments on the Chris Grayling car dooring incident.

Mr. Liddle's remarks are offensive, dangerously irresponsible and an incitement to violence, but no doubt he thinks it is all a joke.

Whether a cyclist undertakes or overtakes is irrelevant - it is still incumbent on the driver/passengers not to open the door of the vehicle so as to endanger someone. Does he not know or care that at least four people have been killed in car dooring incidents in recent years? One of those was my Husband.

If Liddle's school-boy boast that he deliberately opens his taxi door to catch a cyclist can be believed, then, if he succeeds, he should be prosecuted for assault, and if someone dies, he should be charged with manslaughter.

I hope he will have the good grace to apologize to those whose lives have been shattered by the kinds of actions he regards as a suitable subject for his snide "humour". There is nothing funny or humorous about my family's loss, or the injuries caused by an offence which Mr Liddle seeks to applaud, encourage and make sport of. I would hope that a responsible editor would accept that point and deal with this complaint accordingly.

Yours faithfully

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