

**Subject:** Deputation Referred from the Council meeting held on the 24 March 2016

**Date of Meeting:** 16 June 2016

**Report of:** Executive Lead for Strategy, Governance & Law

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**Wards Affected:** All

**FOR GENERAL RELEASE**

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND POLICY CONTEXT:**

- 1.1 Under the Council's Procedural Rules a deputation presented at a Council meeting will be referred to an appropriate Committee meeting for consideration.
- 1.2 A deputation concerning the proposal to route traffic for the i360 via Trafalgar Road and Church Road in Portslade was presented at the Council meeting on 8 May 2014, by Rachel Furno as the lead spokesperson.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 2.1 That the Committee either
  - (a) Notes the deputation; or
  - (b) Notes the deputation and calls for an officer report on the issues raised by the deputation.

**3. CONTEXT/ BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

- 3.1 A copy of the deputation is attached to the report as appendix 1.

**4. ANALYSIS & CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:**

- 4.1 The deputation was received at the Council meeting in accordance with the agreed protocol, which included 5 minutes for the Lead spokesperson to outline the reasons for the deputation and for Councillor Morgan as the Chair of the Economic Development & Culture Committee to respond.
- 4.2 The Procedural Rules states that 'the lead spokesperson will receive written confirmation of the response given to the deputation and that the signatories to the deputation will be invited to attend the meeting and hear the Committee's decision. However, given that the deputation was presented at council, there are no further speaking rights and the response for the spokesperson.

## **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

### **Appendices:**

1. Deputation concerning the proposal to route traffic for the i360 via Trafalgar Road and Church Road in Portslade.

**Deputation concerning the proposal to route traffic for the i360 via Trafalgar Road and Church Road in Portslade**  
**Spokesperson – Ms. Rachel Furno**

We would like to voice our strong opposition to the proposal that traffic bringing the expected 750,000 visitors per year to the i360 in Brighton, be directed by brown signs, or any other method, via Trafalgar Road and Church Road in Portslade.

The suggested route, via Hangleton Link junction, down to Old Shoreham Road and then on to the coast road via Trafalgar Road and Church Road, sends traffic away from the natural flow and direction of its destination. It is 8 miles long, which means excessive additional mileage for all vehicles using that route, and has 14 sets of traffic lights, all of which will result in unnecessary air pollution in the area.

The roads already suffer high levels of traffic as they are the main route for the HGVs travelling to and from Shoreham Harbour. An average of 18 buses an hour and numerous cars also take this route, which only adds to the issue.

Both Trafalgar Road and Church Road are highly residential and there are 4 primary schools on or near these roads, as well as a health centre and a community centre. All of these homes and local services generate a large number of pedestrians, both children and adults, who need to cross these already busy roads. Even with the current levels of road traffic, it can at times take several minutes to be able to cross the road safely. To add to the traffic levels would only exacerbate this issue.

Both roads are narrow, being single lanes each way for the majority of their lengths. Most of the properties have either small front gardens or none at all, with front doors that open directly onto the pavement, and are therefore more susceptible to roadside pollution.

According to the diagram provided on page 9 of the Brighton & Hove City Council Air Quality Action Plan Technical Appendix (which can be found online at [https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/sites/brighton-hove.gov.uk/files/Air%20Quality%20Action%20Plan%20Appendix%20\(pdf%204%20MB\).pdf](https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/sites/brighton-hove.gov.uk/files/Air%20Quality%20Action%20Plan%20Appendix%20(pdf%204%20MB).pdf)), the levels of nitrogen dioxide on the northern half of Trafalgar Road and southern half of Church Road are far in excess of the legal limit (see Diagram 1). Further statistics in the appendix outline the impact that the HGVs have on the NO2 levels in Trafalgar Road (see Diagram 2).

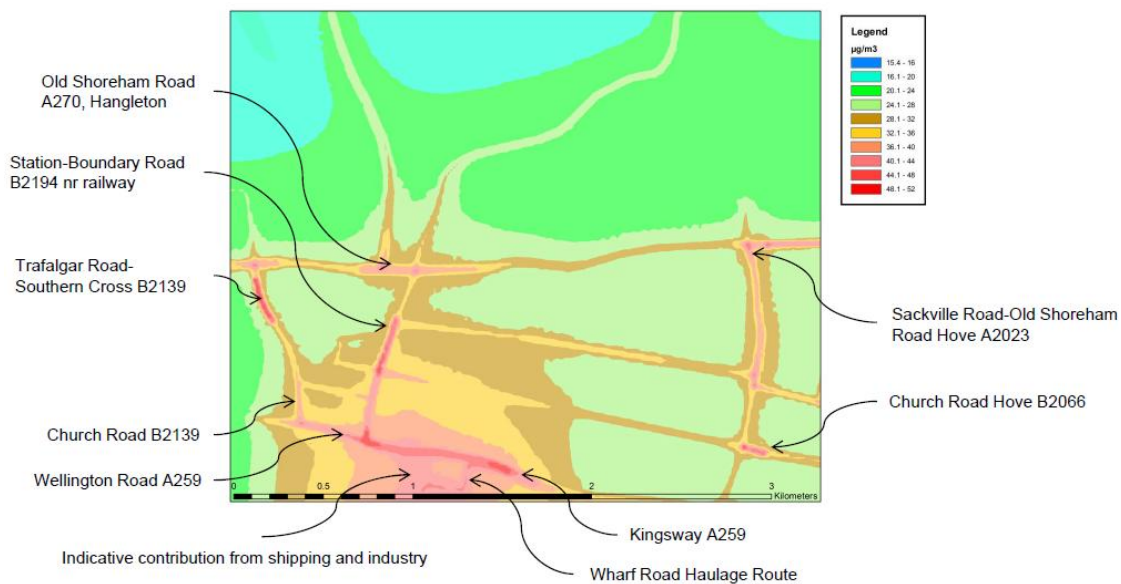
The Air Quality Action Plan 2015 ranks Trafalgar Road (the B2193) 8th in a table showing the highest nitrogen dioxide levels in Brighton and Hove by transport corridor - that is three places above that of the much discussed Rottingdean High Street. The road has 148 residential dwellings at risk of exceeding the legal nitrogen dioxide level (which is 30 micrograms per cubic metre) and its roadside NO2 level is 53 micrograms per cubic metre.

Given that Brighton and Hove City Council has Air Quality Management Areas, which include Trafalgar Road and Church Road, where is the sense in directing traffic via those roads, which will further compound an already extreme situation.

In short, we, the residents of Trafalgar Road and Church Road, as well as those from surrounding streets, strongly request that you consider our already difficult situation and reject this proposal.

Diagram 1:

Portslade & Hove (9km<sup>2</sup>) Key AQMA Streets Above NO<sub>2</sub> Legal Limit



Brighton & Hove City Council Air Quality Action Plan Technical Appendix

Diagram 2:

