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Dear Geoff

I am submitting the following letter under Council Procedure Rule 23.3 to be included on the agenda for the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee meeting of 11th October 2016.

The residents of Marine Gate have suffered for far too long with road safety and other traffic related issues due to their close proximity to the busy A259 and its junction with Brighton Marina.

It is obvious to anyone wishing to cross the A259 in front of Marine Gate that the speed of the oncoming traffic is more often than not significantly in excess of the legal speed limit of 30 mph. Drivers are already revving up to and beyond 50 mph before Marine Gate knowing that the 50 mph limit starts 300 metres beyond. This, together with the difficulty of vehicles joining the A259 traffic flow from the Marina Slip Road, makes crossing the A259 a dangerous undertaking. Indeed, data from the Sussex Safer Partnership identifies a cluster of accidents between Marine Gate and the Roedean Road junction.

The other problem experienced by the Marine Gate residents is the regular and frequent noise and disturbance, particularly late at night, caused by inconsiderate motorists and motorcyclists when accessing the Marina carpark via Marina Way and the other vehicle accesses to the Marina. The Police to their credit, have been active in issuing Section 59 notices to offenders in the ASDA Marina carpark and this has somewhat reduced the frequency of disturbances there. However there is only so much they, together with Marina Security can do.

In the light of these serious problems, which have also been highlighted to you in a petition from Marine Gate residents, I would ask the Committee to take some relatively simple practical steps to improve the situation.

1. Move the current traffic island outside Marina Gate by 10 m eastwards and install a signal-controlled crossing. This relatively simple redesign would also afford drivers

turning from the Marina Slip Road more time and increased visibility of pedestrians, wheelchair users and cyclists waiting to cross the A259.

2. Extend the 30 mph speed limit to beyond the Roedean School bus stop, preferably enforced by a speed camera sited before the turn-off to the Marina at the Southern Water pumping station. In addition, the speed limit should be reduced from 50mph to 40mph up to Greenways just as it is after Greenways.
3. Investigate further measures to help eliminate the antisocial noise emanating from the Marina car park area, especially at night.

I would be grateful if a report could be brought to the next meeting of this Committee outlining how these three outcomes could be achieved.

Yours sincerely

Cllr. Mary Mears