

### DEPUTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A period of not more than fifteen minutes shall be allowed at each ordinary meeting for the hearing of deputations from members of the public. Each deputation may be heard for a maximum of five minutes following which the Cabinet Member may speak in response. The deputation will be thanked for attending and its subject matter noted.

#### (i) Deputation concerning traffic flows in Carlyle Street, Brighton.

##### **Mr Gerry Kassab (Spokesperson)**

I believe the local authority has a “duty of care” to successfully manage traffic flows and to minimise the adverse impact of traffic into residential areas i.e. keeping traffic moving along the main arterial roads within the city.

In our case, Carlyle Street is being used as a rat run to avoid the traffic lights at the intersection of Elm Grove and Queens Park Road.

The local authority must have undertaken a risk assessment and monitored traffic volumes and concluded that Carlyle Street needed to be a 20mph and a one-way street with speed bumps.

My assertion is whilst these measures were appropriate at the time; they are now ineffective in dealing with the increase in traffic speeds, volumes and types of vans/trucks and lorries using our street.

Also, the elapse time of disturbance is much longer – we are not only dealing with traffic disturbances, noise/vibration and pollution, during the peak rush hour periods but this can extend throughout the night and into the early hours.

The level of minor damage caused to our parked cars – wing mirrors being hit and minor scrapes, which normally go unreported to the police, is forcing more residents to park their cars onto the pavements, not only obstructing our pavements but inadvertently making it easier for vehicles to speed up the street.

All of the above are significantly adversely impacting on our quality of life and we wish to work with the Council’s traffic experts to find a rapid solution.

#### **RESPONSE FROM COUNCILLOR THEOBALD, CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT**

***Provided at the meeting of the Full Council on 8 October 2009.***

Thank you for raising this issue and I really do appreciate you offering to work with the council to try and find a solution. We acknowledge your concerns and I note that you have previously corresponded with officers on this matter. The current traffic calming measures were implemented after careful consideration and are a standard approach to dealing with the problems that existed in Carlyle Street and other similar roads within the city.

As I mentioned at my last Cabinet Member Meeting we will be embarking upon the next phase of the speed limit review shortly, once the Department for Transport has issued new guidance on the setting of speed limits. However, if you have any specific ideas of what measures could be taken to alleviate the situation in Carlyle Street, the council will consider these in the light of any supporting evidence.

Listening to your deputation both the Director and the Assistant Director for Sustainable Transport are here and I am actually going to invite the Assistant Director to have a word with you afterwards to start a sort of, I won't say 'get together', but you will understand what I mean and he will have a word with you afterwards.