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Dear Mark

Local shopping centres

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 7th July 2015.

The recently agreed Local Transport Plan 4 highlights how important it is that Brighton & Hove has a balanced network of local shopping centres to facilitate access to food, products and key services for residents. The Plan states that this network of centres helps deliver the city's aims to maximise its sustainability, while maintaining cohesive communities and continuing its role as the economic driver within the City Region.

In order for these centres to function properly it is vital that they are fully accessible by all modes of transport – by car, bus, and bicycle or on foot.

In December 2013 I presented a petition to Full Council from residents concerned about the chaotic parking situation in the Grenadier area of Hangleton, as the dangers presented to shoppers were forcing them to use other, distant and less sustainable, shopping areas. This is clearly against the aims of the current Local Transport Plan.

At the subsequent Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee meeting to which the petition was referred, I was pleased that the then Chairman, Cllr. West, agreed to carry out various minor changes to the area that aimed to improve the parking situation around the Grenadier, including repainting signage and stronger enforcement of parking contraventions.

However, these measures have sadly failed to greatly improve the situation, and significant problems still remain. This part of Brighton & Hove is often overlooked, in favour of the 'big ticket' items, and investment in LTP4 designated local shopping areas is crucial. I am, therefore, requesting that the new Labour Administration brings a paper to this Committee containing proposals for significant design changes to the Grenadier Shopping area that will

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ensure it can once again become the safe destination of choice for the majority of residents in the area.

Yours sincerely

Cllr. Tony Janio