

The Big Petition – A259 South Coast Road Congestion

We the undersigned petition the council to:

1. To carry out new and joint traffic evaluation studies on the A259 South Coast Road between Newhaven and Brighton Marina.
2. We also call upon the councils to carry out an economic impact study of the detrimental effects by traffic congestion on the A259 from Newhaven to Brighton Marian (particularly at peak times) on the local economy for this area as well as looking at air quality and quality of life in this whole area.
3. Once the results of these studies have been reviewed we call upon the councils to clearly identify what new physical road infrastructure improvements will be required to meet any identified capacity shortfall, along with a schedule for when those improvements will need to be implemented before any further development takes place.
4. We call upon East Sussex County Council, Lewes District Council (LDC) and Brighton & Hove City Council (B&HCC), (keeping the Highway Authority informed) to carry out new and joint traffic evaluation studies on the A259 Souh Coast Road between Newhaven, Peacehaven Rottingdean, Ovingdean and Brighton Marina.
5. We also call upon East Sussex County Council, B&HCC and LDC to carry out an economic impact study of the detrimental effects caused by traffic congestion on the A259 between Newhaven, Peacehaven, Rottingdean, Ovingdean and Brighton Marina (particularly at the now spreading peak times) on the local economy for this areas as well as the impact on the AQMAS in the Newhaven and Rottingdean and the quality of life for residents in this whole area.
6. Once the results of these studies have been reviewed by officers and the public, we call upon East Sussex County Council, LDC and B&HCC, (keeping the highway authority informed) to clearly identify what new physical road infrastructure improvements will be required to meeting any identified capacity shortfall, along with a schedule of works for when those improvements will need to be implemented prior to further development taking place.

There are certain aspects of historical studies which are of concern and require inclusion, clarification and measurements in current studies to address our concern. New studies should include but not be limited to:

- Clearly documented capacity calculations for the A259 between Newhaven and Brighton Marina (both on links and junctions) and at key pinch points. These should be in accordance with the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges and at the least, take account of road widths, bus lanes and stops, entry and egress limitations, gradients, bends on roads, visibility and other traffic limitation/impact circumstances.
- Traffic volumes, traffic types and the degree and timing of any over capacity usage
- Identification and quantification of 'rat run' traffic volumes and capacity and the impact on the local communities
- Traffic initiation, destination, purpose and average speeds (current and projects within local development plans)

We the undersigned are experiencing and have been experiencing for some years, unacceptable levels of delays and queueing on the A259 South Coast Road between Newhaven, Peacehaven, Rottingdean, Ovingdean and Brighton Marina.

We understand that the problems are caused by ever increasing levels of traffic which exceed the capacity of the local road infrastructure. This degree of congestion has adverse safety, economic and health implications that need to be identified and quantified.

The related local development plans indicate that further developments are planned, which will impact on this local infrastructure and exacerbate the current unacceptable situation.

This section of the A259 was included with erroneous base data in the Lewes District Council Core Strategy Local Plan in 2016. Based on the Newhaven travel study in 2010 and subsequent transport modelling. This has not included any provision for the Cumulative Impact of housing development in

neighbouring Brighton and Hove Fringe areas (identified in their Local Plan) or increased housing/school placement numbers from Newhaven to Brighton Marina undertaken since 2012.