



Rottingdean Parish Council

TRAFFIC VOLUMES AND AIR POLLUTION IN ROTTINGDEAN B2123 AND A259

Both of these issues have been known for a number of years but no proposals have been put forward for alleviating them.

The various papers published have concentrated on the inner City and the Strategy developed was to introduce more public transport which, in that context, makes some sense. However, Rottingdean is not the same as other more urban parts of the City and the development of the A27 has led to traffic going east avoiding the City Centre but then using the B2123 to rejoin the A259. There has been an increase in traffic flows both to Woodingdean/Warren road and through Rottingdean.

Housing development now being planned will further exacerbate these problems without serious thought being given to infrastructure improvements or mitigations.

The emerging Rottingdean Neighbourhood Plan has identified as one of its 6 Key core objectives, the Air Quality and Traffic Reduction with the aim:-

“To reduce the volume of vehicle traffic passing through Rottingdean to tackle congestion and improve air quality, whilst encouraging increased take-up of sustainable transport.” This objective was supported by 86.5% of survey respondents.

84 and 65 The Air Pollution in the Rottingdean High Street, which is already above the acceptable limits and similar if not worse than those in North Street, Brighton, will get worse with additional traffic from not only housing development in Rottingdean but also in Peacehaven and further east with traffic travelling on the A259 and using the B2123 to get to the A27 or vice versa.

Rottingdean only became an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) in 2013 despite the effects being known about for some time prior to 2013.

The RPC is in the process of developing a Neighbourhood plan (NP) and from the initial consultation on that as well as on the Planning Brief for St Aubyn’s development, high levels of critical comments were about traffic levels and air pollution both now and in the future as residents felt it would get worse due to housing development.

The City will know from the objections to further development on the Urban Fringe sites in Rottingdean the strength of feeling. The lack of infrastructure to deal with the high volume of traffic and Air Pollution has also attracted a high number of complaints. The Parish Council wish these matters to be addressed by the B&H CC as a matter of urgency.

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