

Geoff Raw – Chief Executive  
Brighton & Hove City Council

23<sup>rd</sup> February 2020

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 (ETS) meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

In July last year I raised an issue regarding a short section of pavement on Old London Road. Over approximately 2m, the pavement, due to damage from tree routes, is exceptionally difficult to pass by those with mobility scooters, walking aids or sight impairment. Also, it is very difficult for those using wheelchairs; this was demonstrated to me by a resident and her young son who is a wheelchair user.

There is no alternative to this route unless you use the road that is a busy bus route; there is no pavement on the opposite side of the street.

I have been in dialogue with officers for the last seven months but although there is progress of sorts, there is no indication of when the matter will be resolved.

At ETS Committee we discuss much about encouraging people to use sustainable travel, to be active and lead more healthy life-styles. On Old London Road we have a barrier to everything we encourage. We also have a serious health and safety issue that forces our less able citizens to choose between navigating the dangerous pavement or using the busy road. In some instances, they are choosing not to make the journey leading to greater isolation.

Please would the Chair of ETS assist officers in being able to make this a priority.

Yours sincerely,

Cllr. Lee Wares

