

Geoff Raw – Chief Executive
Brighton & Hove City Council

8th June 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 23rd June 2020.

For years Patcham Ward Councillors have been lobbying the council and Highways England to undertake improvement works to the roundabout at the A23/27 intersection in Patcham. When the council decided to remove the floral welcome display in the same location last year we made further representations to ETS.

We received personal assurances from the Chair of ETS that “something” would be done by the end of 2019. That promise was not fulfilled. We have subsequently raised the issue at Full Council and twice at ETS to be told that the council has a plan/ design, and everything is ready to go with the delay being Highways England. I have also written directly to the Chair of ETS twice.

We have on four previous occasions requested a briefing and plans/ details of the proposals. In a recent email exchange with a resident, the Chair of ETS advised for the 5th time that we would receive copies of the plans and details, but it still hasn't happened. That will be five promises to provide copies of the plans and details and five times the promise broken. This is our sixth request.

Please could the council provide Patcham Ward Councillors with a briefing, including plans and designs, of the proposals that apparently exist relating to Patcham roundabout and the floral display. Please can the council also provide us with copies of the communications between the council and Highways England with emphasis on demonstrating that Highways England are the sole cause of delay.

Yours sincerely,

Cllr. Lee Wares

