

DEPUTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A period of not more than fifteen minutes shall be allowed at each ordinary meeting of the Council for the hearing of deputations from members of the public. Each deputation may be heard for a maximum of five minutes.

Deputations received:

(i) Deputation: Make St Andrew's Road, South Portslade safer

Purpose: Residents of St Andrew's Road, in south Portslade, are extremely concerned about the amount, type, speed and volume of traffic that now use the street and are looking for ways to help reduce the misery that this causes.

Dangers: St Andrews is a residential road running parallel to the seafront, it's a main route for children walking to local schools, though they cannot use it unaccompanied. It also hosts an entrance to Vale Park. The problems are:

- § Huge HGV's and vans use the road as a shortcut;
- § These continue through the night – noisy and shaking the buildings;
- § Cars rat-run through to avoid 2 sets of traffic lights
- § Buses – 4 routes travelling both ways, speeding, cause congestion and noise pollution. Over 150 buses each weekday, from 6.00am to 12.30 am sometimes in convoy, some almost empty. Eastbound buses do not stop.
- § Noise pollution from traffic going fast over the low humps;
- § Frequent minor traffic accidents, congestion and damage to residents cars;
- § Environmental pollution – the narrow road acts like a canyon for vehicle fumes and particulates.
- § Destruction of the road surface and potential property damage;
- § Cyclists use the pavements, to avoid squashing.

Impact: on the advice of local councillors and of the Council's Road Safety Manager we conducted a survey last Autumn to help gather concerns about the traffic. There was an excellent response from nearly half the households, representing a wide age range, the vast majority expressing concern about the road safety conditions, especially for the children. There are numerous accidents, mainly to vehicles, but if it can only be a matter of time before somebody is seriously hurt - especially now that new houses have been built nearby – adding to the problem, and the proposed development of the nearby Harbour Area.

Action: We therefore ask the Council to work with us urgently to help find ways to make St Andrew's Road safer by reducing and controlling traffic and buses, making it a street that is fit for people - and where they can live safely and well.

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Some traffic incidents in St Andrew's Road

St Andrew's Road is a straight road, about half mile long and lined with 100 or so modest Victorian houses. It's narrow – the roadway is only 25 feet wide, with cars parked on both sides.



