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Dear Adrian Hart

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information to Brighton & Hove City Council ('the council') that was received on 1 August 2022. We would like to apologise for the delay. We have now processed your request and our response is below.

Your request:

Please can you send me any evidence the council holds to suggest the Aquarium Roundabout is one of the UKs (or even Brighton's) most dangerous roundabouts or in fact any more dangerous to road users and pedestrians than numerous traffic light junctions?

(I refer to remarks made by Cllr Davis at the environment, transport and sustainability committee meeting on Tuesday 21 June 2022 as reported in the Argus by Sarah Booker-Lewis on June 27th)

Our response:

In processing your request we liaised with colleagues within our Transport department, as they would hold the information in relation to your request were this information to be held by the council.

We can confirm that the information requested is partially held by the council. The information which the council holds is detailed below (with two supplementary files attached).

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Response: The council holds the attached data analysis (FOI 11412385 Collision Clusters Report.pdf) for the Palace Pier/Aquarium roundabout junction which was produced earlier this year. It is based on an assessment of locations where 4 or more collisions resulting in personal injuries occurred, within a radius of 25 metres, during a recent three-year period. It shows that out of 81 sites, the junction had the highest number of collisions in the city during that time.

The junction also had the highest number of collisions in the city when a similar analysis of past data was undertaken to inform the development of the [Valley Gardens Phase 3 project](#) in 2018, as shown in the attached file (FOI 11412385 Collision Cluster Table.pdf).

Please note when referring to the attached files, the abbreviations should be read as follows: Fa = Fatal; Se = Serious; SI = Slight; KSI = killed or seriously injured.

Under section 21 (1) (*Information accessible to the applicant by other means*) of the [Freedom of Information Act 2000](#) (the Act), we are not required to provide information in response to a request if it is already reasonably accessible by other means and even if there is a charge or fee to obtain this information.

The council does not hold any information about the junction which compares it to others in the UK. References that have been made to the danger of the junction in a national context are based on articles that were published in the national and local media in 2019. These included a journalist's independent analysis of publicly available figures from the government's Department for Transport, which is mentioned in the Argus article that you have referred to in your request. Government data on road accidents and safety statistics can be found on a number of their webpages including – <https://roadtraffic.dft.gov.uk/custom-downloads>

Please quote the reference number **11412385** in any future communications.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an Internal Review. Internal Review requests should be submitted within 40 working days of the date of receipt of this response and should be addressed to:

foicases@mail.brighton-hove.gov.uk

or by post to the address at the top of this letter.

If you are still dissatisfied with the Council's response after the Internal Review you have a right of appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire SK9 5AF.
Telephone: 0303 123 1113
Website: www.ico.org.uk

We will now close your request as of this date.

Yours sincerely

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