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FOI Reference: 1719033 Direct Dial: 01273 295959

Date: 15 August 2018

Dear Mr Shepherd

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Please see our response to your Freedom of Information request.

Please list the Traffic Data errors or alleged Traffic Data errors that the Highways Officers gave their view on.

In each case, please provide a copy of the response where the Officer either stated that there was no such error, or stated that the error would not impact the Air Quality Assessment.

Will you also confirm that the response considered the cumulative as well as the individual impacts of these errors on the Air Quality Assessment.

Prior to 2016 best available traffic data for the B2123 road link was to the north of Rottingdean reference Automatic Traffic Counter (ATC 617).

From 2010 and 2011 this annual average weekday traffic was taken as a worse-case for the B-road. For the Meadow Vale planning application two scenarios were run by the consultant one with lower traffic data and one with higher base traffic data (vehicle categories sourced from ATC 617). Localised exceedance of the nitrogen dioxide Air Quality Assessment Level at kerbside is due to slow road traffic speeds and emissions in a confined space. The traffic total is a less important variable. Selection of traffic data to be used as inputs to an air quality assessment resided with the air quality consultant and not an officer in Highways.

More recently traffic surveys closer to the Rottingdean Air Quality Management Area are available that will be utilised with subsequent air quality assessments. The model inputs and results will be shared with ward and parish councillors.

Please quote the reference number 1719033 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 two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

or by post to;

Information Governance Team Brighton & Hove City Council 4th Floor, Bartholomew House Bartholomew Square Brighton BN1 1JE

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The Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Telephone: 01625 545 700 Website: www.ico.gov.uk

We will now close your request as of this date.

Yours sincerely

Information Compliance Officer