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**An Open Letter Regarding Queenstown Road Dangerous Driving and Antisocial Behaviour :
Need for Speed Cameras and Traffic Calming Measures**

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, volunteer members of Chelsea Bridge Wharf Residents Association ("CBWRA"), are calling for the immediate introduction of speed cameras and traffic calming measures to deter the dangerous driving and anti-social behaviour which continue to regularly occur on Chelsea Bridge and Queenstown Road. The incidences have been occurring for over 10 years, have been repeatedly reported to the police and in the press, but no tangible solution has been introduced.

Impact: The residents of Chelsea Bridge Wharf, which has over 1,000 units, deserve the right to enjoy their homes in peace. They are victim to regular meetups of loud cars which line up on Chelsea Bridge between 2300 and 0300 and race down Queenstown Road. This issue is affecting residents' quality of sleep, keeps young children awake and frightens pets. Residents and visitors regularly encounter residue from drug use in public areas. The residents have historically and continue to cite the negative impact these incidences have on their quality of life.

Criminal activity has reportedly occurred at the same time on nearby Sopwith Way, a knock-on effect.

Pursuant to a recent consultation on Queenstown Road, changes are proposed that will make the matter worse, possibly by restricting northbound traffic entering Queenstown Road from the development.

Attempted Resolution: Residents have reported this issue to the Met for years. Enthusiasm for reporting has waned given the lack of tangible solutions.

CBWRA has sent extensive videos, screen shots and press clips to Ms. Marsha DeCordova, MP and the Wandsworth Community Safety Officer.

Ms. DeCordova, MP, has kindly set up a petition signed by residents and submitted to the mayor of London on residents' behalf. Her offices are currently awaiting a response from the Met.

CBWRA has been engaged with Wandsworth Community Safety Officer, Michael Blair, since 4/21. He has met with Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea (RBKC), the Safer Neighborhood Team (SNT) about this concern. He also has met with Parking Operations and the Metropolitan Police and consulted with Counter Terrorism and the TFL. Michael has advised that provisioning a camera would require a Public Spaces Protection Order, which would have to be agreed at a full council meeting.

Procurement of Cameras by Another Borough: Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea and City of Westminster (RBKC) first worked with their councilman to procure a public safety protection order. They then were in a position to pilot acoustic cameras which were installed by private companies on borough-controlled roads with the permission of the TFL and paid for by development levies.

Closing Request: CBWRA are calling for the immediate introduction of speed cameras and traffic calming measures to deter this dangerous driving and anti-social behaviour. Ample information has been collated to succinctly depict the problem and a tangible solution is long overdue.

Kind regards,

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(Signed electronically)

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Cc: Residents of Chelsea Bridge Wharf, via app
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