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The Rt Hon Grant Shapps MP  
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Great Minster House  
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Dear Grant,

**Chelsea and the Acoustic Road Camera Trial**

I am writing to you regarding the Government's plan to trial acoustic cameras at traffic noise hotspots across the UK. I believe that Sloane Street in my constituency of Chelsea and Fulham would be an ideal location for acoustic cameras to be installed as part of this trial.

Chelsea has been blighted with anti-social noise from drivers of SuperCars revving their engines for years. Last November, I met with diplomats from the Bahrain, Saudi and UAE embassies to discuss the issue. This meeting was also attended by a local Metropolitan Police Officer, and a local Councillor, Walaa Idris. The problem centres around, but is not limited to, young men who fly over their SuperCars from the Gulf. They have little regard for local residents when revving their engines or speeding down local roads. There are also numerous UK-plate SuperCars involved in the problem as well.

The matter has inadvertently become a tourist attraction, with YouTube videos released every year focusing on the cars, which gain thousands of views. These videos have titles such as: "OMG! London's Sloane Street TAKEN OVER by Supercars", "SLOANE STREET MADNESS! | Car collection vlog", and "Nightmare on Sloane Street - Supercars racing up and down". It is deeply unfair for local residents to have to put up with this anti-social noise, which occurs every summer without fail.

As I am sure you will appreciate, this is a difficult problem to combat, and the issue continues to persist. The matter attracted media interest earlier this week when a high-speed collision took place between a speeding SuperCar and several parked vehicles on Moore Street in Chelsea. It was lucky that no-one was killed.



I understand that Cllr Johnny Thalassites, Lead Member for Planning and Transport, and Cllr Cem Kemahli, Lead Member for Environment, at the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, have jointly written to you asking that the Government's acoustic camera trial include Chelsea. As the Member of Parliament for the affected area, I fully support their request.

If you require and further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch. I look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'G Hands', written in a cursive style.

**The Rt Hon Greg Hands MP**  
Member of Parliament for Chelsea and Fulham