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When the pandemic struck in 2020, the Phoenix Community Association saw the immediate impact of food poverty within the community, and in response to the deep levels of food inequality in our local area, the residents group set up an instant response which became the Phoenix Food Hub. This was developed in partnership with the Brighton and Hove Food Partnership, Brighton and Hove Council, the Trust for Developing Communities, Phoenix Art Space and Hyde Foundation. Due to our existing relationship with those most at need, we were able to quickly ascertain who we could support. We knew the priorities in our community and those people most vulnerable and most in need. We have a strong group of volunteers and clients that use the service from across the HEG ward, ethnic and social economic boundaries have been overcome, through these conversations the subject of the ward boundary came up and how it was going to be split on car access. For vehicle access the Phoenix Estate is currently split into two parts – the lower part (Phoenix Place, Malthouse Lane & Tamplin Terrace) are accessed from Albion Street which is currently in Queens Park ward, however the upper part (Phoenix Rise and Newhaven Street) is accessed from Hanover & Elm grove with no direct access from Queens Park ward. This means that the commission concerns around access would not be resolved – just reversed, with a part of Queens Park only accessible from Hanover & Elm grove. One of the key activities of the Forum is around supporting sustainable transport in the area through the Liveable Neighborhood scheme. There are well defined and well used pedestrian and cycle links between the Phoenix Estate and the surrounding areas and a low level of car ownership among residents, and it seems at odds with current concerns around the climate emergency to seek to define our communities based on car access, and an approach which can be seen as highly questionable.

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