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Sovereign Harbour Residents Association



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By email to: message@wellcome.org

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Dear Mr. Røttingen,

Premier Marinas – Sovereign Harbour, Eastbourne

The Sovereign Harbour Residents Association represents the residents of the Sovereign Harbour development.

Most Harbour homeowners are covenanted to pay an annual estate Rentcharge to the Sovereign Harbour (Sea Defences) Community Interest Company (CIC), a subsidiary of the [Sovereign Harbour Trust](#), for flood defence work and marina maintenance.

In a typical homeowner's Rentcharge bill roughly a third goes to the Environment Agency, almost half is paid to Premier Marinas and the rest covers administrative charges.

We are contacting you as the owner of Premier Marinas about the lack of transparency within the financial information provided to the CIC, upon which the Marina Charge element of the Rentcharge is calculated.

Currently, the CIC (which issues the Rentcharge invoices) is provided with a global figure by Premier Marinas for harbour maintenance costs incurred during the preceding twelve months, along with a brief explanation of the details.

We believe that more information about marina expenditure is necessary to address the confusion that has arisen amongst our members over what the Rentcharge is intended to cover. Some of our members believe it is solely to cover the annual sea defence work. We have repeatedly requested a more detailed breakdown, without success.

We would be grateful if you could ensure that Premier Marinas provides a more comprehensive breakdown of the annual maintenance costs, as well as details of any significant future capital expenditure for which our members may be liable.

This information should also be included in future Rentcharge invoices provided to residents by the CIC, which should have the interests of the community at its heart.

We're also concerned about the number of boats that have left the marina recently amid complaints of excessive berthing fees and associated costs. The marina is our lifeblood and this may have a significant impact upon our community in future years.

Yours sincerely,

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