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Josh Babarinde MP

Member of Parliament for Eastbourne

1.The Rentcharge

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Annual Rentcharge - 16% Rise!



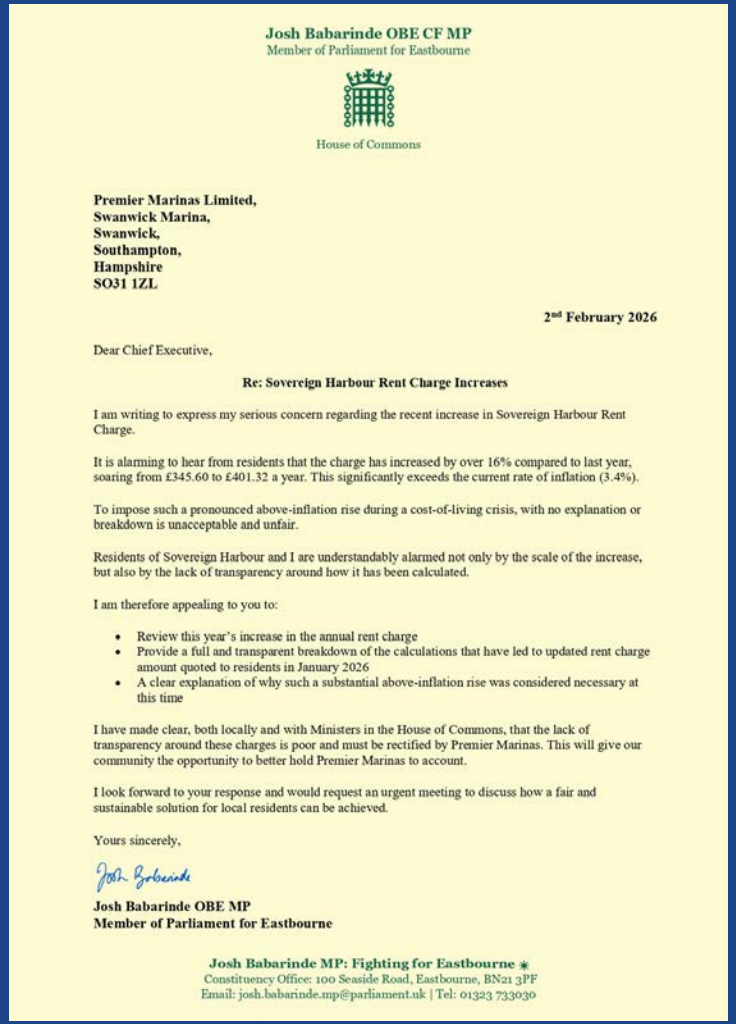
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Raising concerns in Parliament



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SHRA Members Visit to Parliament



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House of Commons

Premier Marinas Limited,
Swanwick Marina,
Swanwick,
Southampton,
Hampshire
SO31 1ZL

2nd February 2026

Dear Chief Executive,

Re: Sovereign Harbour Rent Charge Increases

I am writing to express my serious concern regarding the recent increase in Sovereign Harbour Rent Charge.

It is alarming to hear from residents that the charge has increased by over 16% compared to last year, soaring from £345.60 to £401.32 a year. This significantly exceeds the current rate of inflation (3.4%).

To impose such a pronounced above-inflation rise during a cost-of-living crisis, with no explanation or breakdown is unacceptable and unfair.

Residents of Sovereign Harbour and I are understandably alarmed not only by the scale of the increase, but also by the lack of transparency around how it has been calculated.

I am therefore appealing to you to:

- Review this year's increase in the annual rent charge
- Provide a full and transparent breakdown of the calculations that have led to updated rent charge amount quoted to residents in January 2026
- A clear explanation of why such a substantial above-inflation rise was considered necessary at this time

I have made clear, both locally and with Ministers in the House of Commons, that the lack of transparency around these charges is poor and must be rectified by Premier Marinas. This will give our community the opportunity to better hold Premier Marinas to account.

I look forward to your response and would request an urgent meeting to discuss how a fair and sustainable solution for local residents can be achieved.

Yours sincerely,

Josh Babarinde

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Writing to Premier Marinas



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Meeting with Premier Marinas

Deloitte.

Premier Marinas (Eastbourne) Limited

Statement of Marina Costs
For the year ended 28 September 2025

	£ (exclusive of VAT)
Dredging (including Survey costs)	237,688
Waterways cleaning	40,035
Repairs and maintenance	
Locks – Annual overhaul	217,664
Locks – General R&M	13,975
Maintenance of public bridges	75,363
Labour	13,518
Audit and certification	5,500
Subtotal	603,743
Administration and collection charges	30,187
Total	633,930

Note 1 – Basis of preparation

The Statement of Marina Costs ("the statement") has been prepared by Premier Marinas (Eastbourne) Limited ("the company") for the information of the Sovereign Harbour Trust in accordance with Schedule 2 – Deed of Grant and Covenant clause 5.2(c), of the Sovereign Harbour Beaches Sea Defence deed ("the trust deed") dated 24 August 2001.

The statement summarises the expenditure incurred in respect of the Marina, in accordance with the above clause, during the year from 29th September 2024 to 28th September 2025.

Signed for and on behalf of the directors of Premier Marinas (Eastbourne) Limited on 10 December 2025.



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Transparency?

2. The stench

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Water Treatment Works





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£23+ Million Investment?



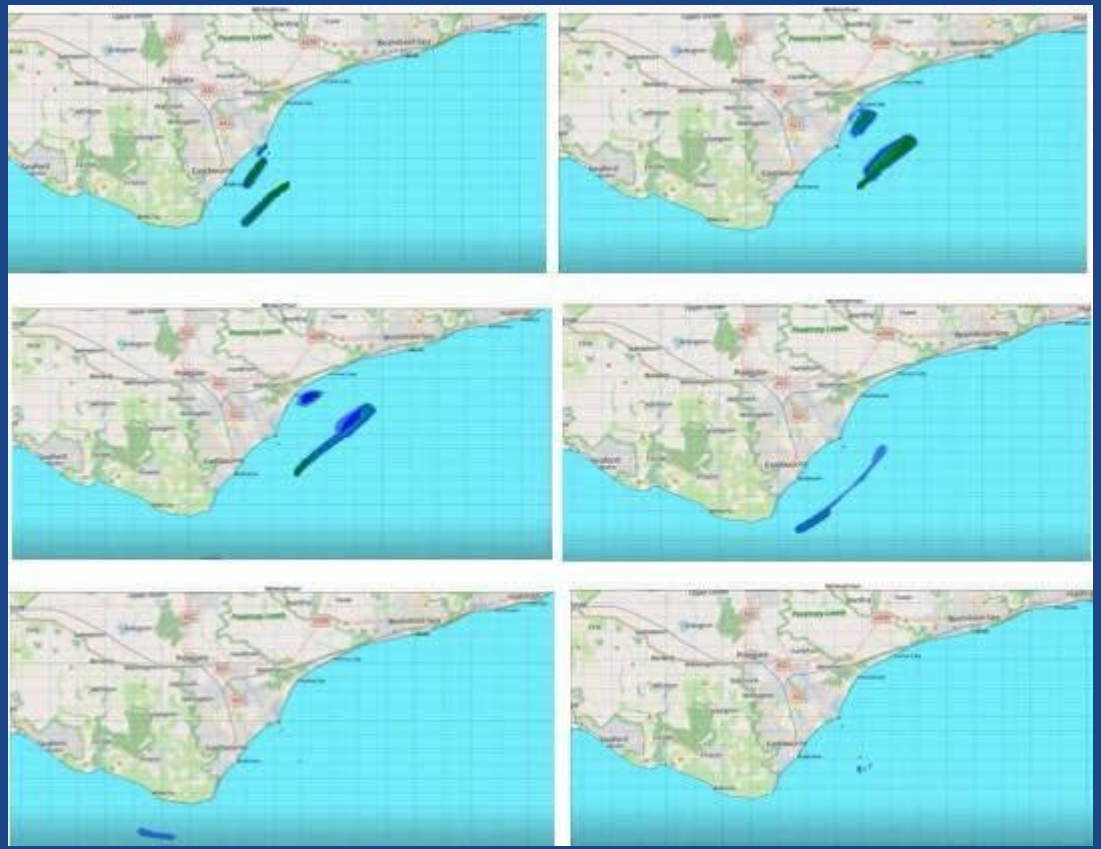


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Public Meetings

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3. The sewage



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4. Outages

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5. Roads

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Mr Josh Babarinde MP
By email only

17 August 2026

Dear Josh

Your recent enquiry - 28351769 / JB22279

Thank you for your email of 6 August 2026 regarding residents' concerns about the condition of Pacific Drive, Sovereign Harbour. I am responding on behalf of Rupert Clubb, Director of Communities, Economy and Transport who is currently away from the office.

As you may be aware, Pacific Drive was originally scheduled for surface dressing during the 2026/27 financial year. However, ongoing development activity prevented the necessary road space from being made available for these works to be undertaken safely and efficiently. By the time access became available, we had completed this year's surface dressing programme, and as a result the work was deferred until next year.

I would like to reassure you that this delay does not reflect any change in our assessment of the need for the scheme. The resurfacing of Pacific Drive remains in our forward works programme and has been scheduled for the summer of 2027/28.

In the meantime, the road continues monitored through routine highway inspections and any defects that meet our intervention criteria will be repaired to ensure the road remains safe for users until the resurfacing scheme can be completed.

I am sorry to send you what I know will be a disappointing response but hope this explains the rationale behind the decision.

Yours sincerely

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Pacific Drive

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Beatty Road Car Park - Resurfacing

6. Buses

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Local Bus Services

7. Funding

Figure 2.2: Map of Eastbourne's Pride in Place Programme boundary



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