

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

25 SEPTEMBER 2003

NOTICE OF MOTION

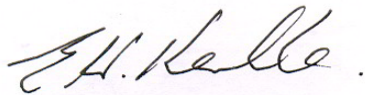
George Street Pedestrianisation: Suspension of Experimental Traffic Order

This Council notes with concern that:

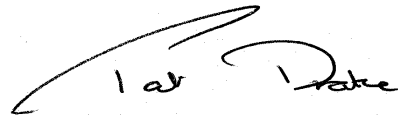
1. A survey of all the businesses in George Street has shown that the experimental traffic order which extends the hours of pedestrianisation in George Street from 10am-4pm to 10am-6pm, has, in the vast majority of cases, led to a significant downturn in economic activity for those businesses.
2. The extension of pedestrianisation has caused considerable problems for the disabled, who can, effectively, now only access the shops in George Street for one hour first thing in the morning. This situation has serious implications for the Council under Part 3 of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 – Access to Goods and Services.
3. George Street businesses, therefore, stand to lose considerable amounts of money over the Christmas/January sales period as a result of the extension to pedestrianisation. This, in turn, could have a significant impact on local levels of employment in the retail sector.

Therefore, this Council resolves to:

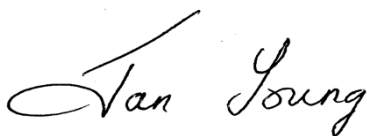
1. Use the powers of the Director of Environment to suspend the experimental pedestrianisation extension from October 1st 2003 to allow George Street businesses to maximise their takings over the Christmas and New Year period.
2. Bring forward the proposed January 2004 6 month review of the experimental traffic order with a view to permanently restricting the extended pedestrianisation of George Street to the summer months (May-September), when restaurants and bars will wish to utilise the street for longer periods.



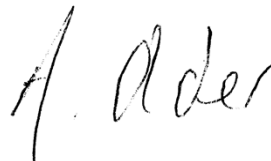
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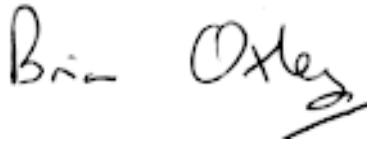
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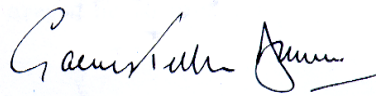
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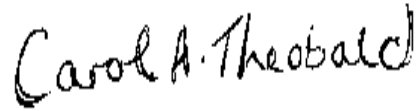
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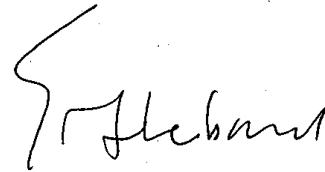
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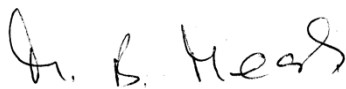
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Councillor Anne Giebeler



Councillor Mrs. Vanessa Brown



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