

12 JULY 2007

NOTICE OF MOTION

UNDERGROUND CAR PARKS

“This council expresses concern at the recent proposal for the construction of an underground car park between The Level and the Old Steine.

Furthermore it notes that at various times Conservative Councillors and election candidates have suggested that Regency Square style underground car parks at Preston Park and Hove Lawns might be considered as part of a Conservative Administration transport policy.

It further notes that despite the construction of underground city centre car parks being environmentally damaging, costly and detrimental to the urban/open space balance in the city, the Chairman of the Environment Committee has not ruled out these proposals and has instead instructed officers to evaluate the proposal.

This council therefore:

Deplores any suggestion that any of the city centre’s valuable parks and open spaces should be dug up for underground car parks.

Commits to further reducing the volume of traffic entering the city centre in line with the council’s Sustainable Transport Strategy.

Notes that a report on the outcome of consultation was due to come before the council’s Environment Committee and urges the Chairman to bring forward a report at the earliest opportunity that sets out the proposals for the enhancement of Valley Gardens that will provide for more public open space in the heart of the city and help to further improve air quality.”

Proposed by: Cllr Gill Mitchell

Seconded by: Cllr Craig Turton

Supported by: Cllrs Juliet McCaffery, Jeane Lepper, Melanie Davis, Pat Hawkes, Bob Carden, Kevin Allen, Les Hamilton, Christine Simpson, Warren Morgan.

