

**NOTICE OF MOTION****GREEN GROUP****SAFE SCHOOL WALKING ZONES**

This council agrees that walking to school should be safe for our young and vulnerable pedestrians. We note that existing 10-minute walking zones already in place around many Brighton and Hove schools still contain busy, hazardous roads without adequate crossings.

This council resolves to ask Environment, Transport and Sustainability committee to commission a report, exploring:

- How existing 10-minute walking zones around our schools can be optimised, adding the crossings and road calming measures necessary to create genuinely safe walking routes to school.
- How visual elements could be used throughout a zone to give drivers a clear message that they are near a school, walking families have priority, and drivers are guests in that zone.
- Funding options available to create these zones (such as grants, planning contributions, parking surplus, bids for funding)

And further, that such a report:

- sets out the ways in which the council will work in close consultation with schools and local communities about the creation of these zones.

Proposed by: Cllr Nield

Seconded by: Cllr Davis

Supporting Information:

Despite the limited investment of the Safe Routes to School programme many of our youngest pedestrians do not have a genuinely safe walking route to their school.

We note that the casualty and crash record of a road only gives a limited view of its risk. Perceptions of danger suppress demand for walking and reduce independent travel by children. This impacts on both their physical and mental development.

Safe school walking zones would work well together with a programme of School Streets, and as part of existing work on the Local Walking and Cycling Infrastructure Programme (LCWIP) that looks at safe and active travel.

