



**Brighton & Hove  
City Council**

**COUNCIL  
ADDENDUM**

**4.30PM, THURSDAY, 24 OCTOBER 2013**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL**



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**WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

A period of not more than fifteen minutes shall be allowed for questions submitted by a member of the public who either lives or works in the area of the authority at each ordinary meeting of the Council.

Every question shall be put and answered without discussion, but the person to whom a question has been put may decline to answer. The person who asked the question may ask one relevant supplementary question, which shall be put and answered without discussion.

The following two written questions have been received from members of the public.

**(a) Mr. Guichard**

Subject Matter: Speed Limit in Warren Road, Woodingdean

“Currently the speed limit on Warren Road into Woodingdean from the top of Elm Grove is 40mph and doesn’t drop to 30mph until it reaches Roseberry Avenue just before the Nuffield Hospital, meaning traffic is travelling into the village round a dangerous corner and down Warren Hill at great speed!

Will Councillor Davey agree to reducing the speed limit on this very busy road from 40mph down to 30mph

- a. Either from the top of Elm Grove
- b. The junction with Wilson Avenue
- c. Just before the junction with Downland Road.”

**Councillor Davey, Lead Member for Transport, will reply.**

**(b) Mr. Georgiou**

“I would like the council to outline their plans to prevent divisions emerging between the schools in Hove and Portslade. Serious funding gaps now exist due to the council allowing the schools in Hove to grow with the financing of additional classrooms and facilities whilst the Portslade schools remain under capacity and under funded. My daughter has started in Reception at Brackenbury School and they face £54k deficit with their budget from last year meaning a Reception teacher has already been redeployed. A fairer distribution of funding needs to be implemented in order to prevent these Portslade schools declining?”

**Councillor Shanks, Chair of the Children & Young People Committee will reply.**



**WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**

The following questions listed on page 33 of the agenda have been received from Councillors and will be taken as read along with the written answers listed below:

**(a) Councillor G. Theobald**

“In relation to the proposed new permanent traveller site at Horsdean:

- 1) What is the estimated cost of the pumping station and piping under the A27 to connect the proposed traveller site to the mains sewer system in Patcham?
- 2) How much money has been spent so far on the planning application and preparatory work for the proposed new traveller site and has this come from the Council’s general fund or from the Government grant for the site?
- 3) What is the estimated final total cost of the proposed new traveller site?
- 4) Bearing in mind that it is a criminal offence to deliberately or accidentally pollute a controlled water zone such as that at Ewe Bottom, who will be liable if there is a contamination incident from the proposed new traveller site?
- 5) Have the Highways Agency been consulted about drilling under the A27 and, if so, what is their view about the effect this will have on the stability of the bank given that it is built on a coombe deposit?”

**Reply from Councillor West, Chair of the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee.**

“1) We have looked at four options in an options appraisal for handling waste water from the site. The costs ranged from £249k to £528k when considering total capital and revenue costs over 10 years. The option of piping under the A27 to connect to the mains sewer system in Patcham was the option with the lowest total costs and so was recommended as being the most effective and offering the best value for money.

In choosing the option to connect under the A27, we will also be providing a long-term solution for both the permanent and transit sites, resulting in lower running costs for both sites.

- 2) So far the city council has spent £22,185 on the preparation and submission of the planning application for the permanent Traveller site. This expenditure is coming from the £1.73m government grant for the site.
- 3) The most recent cost estimate for the site was £1.67m. When this is adjusted to take account of the new waste water measures the capital cost increases to £1.83m. This increase in total cost addresses the long-term water management of the transit sites and enables a £40k per year reduction in running costs. These are high level estimates that reflect the stage of the project. Further work will be done to value engineer the design in reaching a final cost estimate.

- 4) The Landowner is responsible should any such incident take place and the landowner is the city council. There has been extensive and positive consultation with the Environment Agency to find the most appropriate solutions to prevent pollution.
- 5) The Balfour Beatty MottMacdonald Joint Venture (BBMMJV), which manages Area 4 (this part of the network) for the Highways Agency have been contacted. Once we confirmed that the works would not affect the carriageway in any way they confirmed that we would just need to issue them with a notice in the same way as any utility would. We have not spent money on doing a detailed check on the geology under the road before having the certainty of a planning consent in place, but given the depth beneath the road and the relatively narrow diameter of the pipe it is not expected to be a problem.”

**(b) Councillor Hyde**

“What is the total value of the interest currently held on S.106 Developer Contributions? Please also detail each instance of where S.106 interest has been spent between May 2011 and the present time and the original developer contribution that each relates to.”

**Reply from Councillor Mac Cafferty, Chair of the Planning Committee.**

“Officers have prepared a table identifying s106 accrued interest spent in the last two financial years across each scheme, together with the balance of interest held as at 31/3/13.

This table will be issued to Councillor Hyde – and shows a total of:  
£141,949 of accrued interest was spent in Year 2011/12 and;  
£40,819.35 was spent in Year 2012/13

The balance of accrued interest held is £287,475.88. As accrued interest is applied financial year end the current sums held will not be updated until end of March 2014.

It should be noted that the interest sums accrued are always allocated to each scheme and towards the type of contribution where the original s106 sums were secured. These are spent as additional contributions enabling further additional physical, environmental or community infrastructure improvements thus providing additional benefits to residents and users of those new developments.

Officers believe that it may be unlawful to use interest other than on the schemes for which the original capital sum was collected. The management of the S106 fund reflects that. ”



**(c) Councillor G. Theobald**

“As I understand that each of our library’s footfall is being collected can I please ask for the footfall per hour of each of our libraries for each of the last six months?”

**Reply from Councillor Bowden, Chair of the Economic Development & Culture Committee.**

“The number of visits per hour open over the last six months, covering the period April – September 2013 are as follows:

Jubilee	367
Coldean	16
Hangleton	36
Hollingbury	18
Hove	122
Moulsecoomb	15
Patcham	56
Portslade	29
Mile Oak	14
Rottingdean	38
Saltdean	37
Westdene	19
Whitehawk	21
Woodingdean	12

Please note that the low numbers for Woodingdean and Mile Oak libraries are because those libraries are in temporary accommodation while new libraries are being built.”

**(d) Councillor Cox**

“How much has the Council paid out in compensation in each of the last two financial years due to injuries to pedestrians caused by uneven pavements?”

**Reply from Councillor Davey, Lead Member for Transport.**

“The total amounts paid to pedestrians due to injuries arising from accidents on the City’s pavements are £49,307 for 2011/12 and £47,729 for 2012/13. These amounts represent damages paid to the injured parties and do not include any legal or other expenses.

The council has a highway inspection regime which covers every single road, pavement, footpath and cycleway in the city several times a year. Busy shopping areas and well-used vehicle or pedestrian thoroughfares are inspected every month. A qualified Highway Inspector will ensure repairs are carried out within set timescales for all genuine safety hazards that are found on the inspection.

Highway Inspectors also respond to public reports of problems, visiting each site to see whether any repairs are needed.”



**NOTICE OF MOTION****CONSERVATIVE GROUP AMENDMENT****SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY**

Insert the following paragraph and two additional resolutions 1) and 2) at the end of the motion as shown in bold italics:

***This Council also requests that a report be brought to a Policy & Resources Urgency Sub-Committee within the necessary time-scale to ensure that consideration can be given to:***

- 1) The provision of free parking at Norton Road, London Road, Regency Square, High Street and Trafalgar Street car parks on Small Business Saturday in order to help boost trade.***
- 2) The provision of free parking at Norton Road, London Road, Regency Square, High Street and Trafalgar Street car parks on the 3 Sundays before Christmas (8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> December).***

“The council notes the upcoming Small Business Saturday, due to be held on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December at the peak of the Christmas shopping season, as an excellent opportunity to showcase the hundreds of excellent independent smaller businesses across the City of Brighton and Hove.

The independent campaign, which has received backing from American Express who started the equivalent campaign in the US, has the backing of a wide range of business organisations including the Association of Convenience Stores, the Association of Town and City Management, the British Chamber of Commerce, the Federation of Small Businesses and the Forum for Private Business.

The Council notes that Small Business Saturday could play a key role in reversing the recent downturn in trade that many smaller businesses across the city are suffering from as the result of changes to parking charges and on street parking schemes.

This Council resolves:

- 1) To ask the Chief Executive and Lead Officers to ensure the authority participates fully in Small Business Saturday on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2013;

- 2) To request that officers work closely with local business organisations and smaller enterprises across the City to make them aware of the day and help them participate in it; and
- 3) To request that officers ensure the authority promotes Small Business Saturday via the Council's websites, social media and other external communication tools;

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Proposed by: Cllr Cox

Seconded by: Cllr G. Theobald

**NOTICE OF MOTION****GREEN GROUP AMENDMENT****SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY**

To delete the wording in paragraph 3 and resolution 1) as struck through and replace with the text as shown in bold italics below and to insert the additional wording, '***continue to***' in resolution 2) as shown in bold italics below:

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The Council notes that ***business in the city is outperforming the national average, as clearly evidenced in city figures on unemployment, shop vacancy rates and new business start-ups***, Small Business Saturday could play a key role in ***continuing this upward trend and supporting the hard work of our local businesspeople***. ~~reversing the recent downturn in trade that many smaller businesses across the city are suffering from as the result of changes to parking charges and on street parking schemes~~

This Council resolves:

- 1) To ask the Chief Executive and Lead Officers to ~~ensure~~ ***continue work already under taken in the last few months on the authority*** ~~participates fully in~~ Small Business Saturday on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2013;
- 2) To request that officers ***continue to*** work closely with local business organisations and smaller enterprises across the City to make them aware of the day and help them participate in it; and
- 3) To request that officers ensure the authority promotes Small Business Saturday via the Council's websites, social media and other external communication tools."

Proposed by: Cllr Bowden

Seconded by: Cllr J Kitcat



**NOTICE OF MOTION****GREEN GROUP AMENDMENT****HIGH STRENGTH ALCOHOL BAN**

To insert the wording as shown in bold italics in paragraphs 1, 2 and 4 and in points 1) and 2) and to delete the wording as struck through in points 1) and 2). To also delete the wording as struck through in the final paragraph and insert the wording as shown in bold italics as shown below:

“The Council notes the impact that cheap and easy availability of high strength alcohol has on anti social behaviour ***and the potentially devastating effects on vulnerable street drinkers and alcoholics across the City.*** Recent media reports suggest that some off licences are selling beers and ciders that contain in one bottle more units of alcohol than the guideline recommended weekly intake levels.

This Council notes the success that ***Brighton and Hove and*** other local authorities, most notably Ipswich, have had, in introducing a voluntary ban on high-strength alcohol. ***In Brighton & Hove more than 60 off-licence retailers have already signed up to. In Ipswich, their scheme has seen*** ~~which saw~~ anti social behaviour reduced across the town by nearly 50%, ***and in Brighton and Hove, this and other measures has seen alcohol-related hospital admissions significantly drop. (1)***

This Council acknowledges the work that has begun on tackling this locally and recognises the importance of accelerating this activity.

This Council resolves: ***further notes:***

- 1) ~~To request the~~ ***That following earlier work a report will be brought to the*** Licensing Committee ~~to convene a Working Group with local businesses to examine the feasibility of~~ ***on 21<sup>st</sup> November to formally launch the Sensible on Strength campaign which will further encourage*** ~~introducing~~ a voluntary ban on the sale of beer, cider or lager with an alcohol by volume of over 6.5% across Brighton and Hove off licences;
- 2) ~~To request that officers investigate what incentives, such as offering free variations to licences for licensees that choose to formalise this arrangement, can be offered to local businesses to encourage participation in the scheme; and~~ ***The work currently being undertaken with retailers by Domain 2 of the Alcohol Programme Board and the cross-party Alcohol Scrutiny Panel.***

This council resolves

That subject to the Licensing Committee agreeing to (1) above, request that the ~~Working Group~~ **a progress** report **be brought** back ~~on progress~~ on the **Sensible on Strength** initiative to the March 2014 Licensing Committee Meeting.”

Proposed by: Cllr Powell

Seconded by: Cllr Deane

(1) <http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/press-release/hospital-visits-because-alcohol-fall-brighton-hove-drug-treatment-successes>