



**Brighton & Hove  
City Council**

# **COUNCIL ADDENDUM 1**

**4.30PM, THURSDAY, 1 FEBRUARY 2024**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL**



## **ADDENDUM**

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## Agenda Item 77

**Subject:** Petitions

**Date of meeting:** 1 February 2024

**Report of:** Executive Director for Governance, People & Resources

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**Ward(s) affected:** All

### **1. Purpose of the report and policy context**

1.1 To receive any petitions submitted directly to Democratic Services or any e-Petition submitted via the council's website.

### **2. Recommendations**

2.1 That the committee responds to the petition either by noting it or where it is considered more appropriate, calls for an officer report on the matter.

### **3. Context and background information**

3.1 To receive the following petition signed by 32 people at time of publication:

#### **(1) Stop removing parking spaces from Zone M**

We the undersigned petition Brighton & Hove Council to 1) Stop removing parking spaces from Zone M 2) Seek to replace all parking bays removed by the council in the last 5 years. 3) Reduce the price of Zone M residents and visitors permits so they are the same price across the city

Ten years ago it was easy finding a parking space in Zone M. Due to the effect of successive new council policies it is now becoming almost impossible to find a parking space at certain times of the day. The council as well as removing our parking spaces has now decided to charge residents in Zone M a premium for our residents and visitor permits. In addition to this the council is now trying to remove many more Zone M bays in 2024. Enough is enough and we are asking the council to reverse this anti-car policy.



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**Subject: Written questions from members of the public.**

**Date of meeting: 1 February 2024**

A period of not more than thirty 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 written questions have been received from members of the public.

**1. Question from: Omaid Hiwaizi**

Plant-based diets result in 75% less GHG emissions and land-use than diets with 100g of meat daily. They cut wildlife destruction 66% and water-use 54%. An analysis by the Office of Health Economics shows that plant-based diets would save the NHS £6.7bn yearly, with 2.1 million fewer cases of disease. Research consistently shows that local governments are trusted more than national politicians making the council well-positioned to introduce plant-based initiatives and deliver public education. Can Brighton join Haywards Heath, Edinburgh, Exmouth, Norwich, Lambeth and Norwich, by endorsing the Plant Based Treaty and developing an action plan like Edinburgh?

**Councillor De Oliveira, Chair of Health & Wellbeing Board will reply.**

**2. Question from: Graham Griffin**

If the councillors vote to proceed with the building of the proposed swimming pool will they consult with B&H residents before undergoing any expenditure

**Councillor Robins, Chair of Culture, Heritage, Sport, Tourism & Economic Development Committee will reply.**

**3. Question from: Geraldine Bridgewater**

Given changes in climate change policy, the need to conserve energy, no longer having to comply with EU regulations along with the cost of living crisis and high energy tariffs, will the council please now allow householders to install Sealed PVC sash Windows in the front of their houses?

**Councillor Williams, Chair of Housing & New Homes Committee will reply.**

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## 4. Question from: Clara Usiskin

Has Labour u-turned on declaring a biodiversity emergency?

**Councillor Rowkins, Chair of City Environment, South Downs & The Sea Committee will reply.**

## 5. Question from: Suda Perera

Why the decision on Bright Start is being rushed through without a community consultation on future childcare needs and why co-location is not being considered a viable option?

**Councillor Taylor / Helliwell, Joint Chair(s) of Children, Families & Schools Committee will reply.**

## 6. Question from: Stuart Lauchlan

Clarendon Mansions is a block of 12 flats on the seafront, housing around 30 residents within the CIZ. Given our location, we are surrounded by bars, venues and two 24 hour off-licences. We recognize the importance of the nighttime economy. That said, there are ongoing problems with licence breaches and lack of enforcement of the terms of those licences. To date, we have struggled to have these issues addressed by officers. As Clarendon Mansions Residents Association, can we meet with councillors, council officers and impacted local businesses to discuss the situation and find a satisfactory resolution for all concerned?

**Councillor Daniel, Chair of Licensing Committee will reply.**

## 7. Question from: Bev Barstow

At the recent CFS meeting, the Chair confirmed that it will respond to draft DfE guidance (on Gender Questioning Children) by pointing out that it does not meet relevant legal obligations. Can you please list for me what these legal concerns are and why you say you will recommend the 'toolkit' to schools rather than the DfE guidance?"

**Councillor Taylor / Helliwell, Joint Chair(s) Chair of Children, Families & Schools Committee will reply.**

## 8. Question from: Katie Blood

Would the full council agree that as suggested in government guidance about consultations with the public, that they should "include validated impact assessments of the costs and benefits of the options being considered"?

**Councillor Pumm, Chair of Equalities, Community Safety & Human Rights Committee will reply.**



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## 9. Question from: John McCooke

What does the council understand by the term conversion therapy?

**Councillor Pumm, Chair of Equalities, Community Safety & Human Rights Committee will reply.**

## 10. Question from: Stuart Conway

On the 14th of November 2023 the Council issued a notice under Section 94b, and schedule 3a of the Environmental Protection Act 1990, expanding the flyering licence area. The notice specifically mentions the handing out of political material, and the flyering licencing team confirm it would cover candidates' flyers during an election.

SCHEDULE 3a section 1.4.b of the EPA 1990 excludes distribution "for political purposes or for the purposes of religion or belief". SCHEDULE 3a section 1.4.b of the EPA 1990 excludes distribution "for political purposes or for the purposes of religion or belief". Should the notice and any others like it, and the council website, be amended to show these exclusions, and enforcement staff informed?

**Councillor Rowkins, Chair of City Environment, South Downs & The Sea Committee will reply.**

## 11. Question from: Adrian Hill

Last meeting we heard Cllr Rowkins talk about smoke control areas. He suggested that it was previously possible to enforce smoke control areas. Contrary to these suggestions I understand that new regulation has only recently been made available and it wasn't previously possible to enforce. Can you please clarify the nature of the new regulations, when they were made available to the council and whether other councils have been able to use the new regulations?

**Councillor Pumm, Chair of Equalities, Community Safety & Human Rights Committee will reply.**



**Subject: Deputations from members of the public.**

**Date of meeting: 1 February 2024**

A period of not more than fifteen minutes shall be allowed at each ordinary meeting of the Council for the hearing of deputations from members of the public. Each deputation may be heard for a maximum of five minutes following which one Member of the council, nominated by the mayor, may speak in response. It shall then be moved by the mayor and voted on without discussion that the spokesperson for the deputation be thanked for attending and its subject matter noted.

Notification of one Deputation has been received. The spokesperson is entitled to speak for 5 minutes.

**(1) Deputation concerning allocating lead professionals to cases of vulnerable (especially homeless) adults**

Supported by:

Clare Whitworth  
Simon Back  
Naomi Joinson  
Barbara Knights  
Helen Bedford  
Laurie Whitworth

Summary of deputation:

I would like to raise some local issues which I believe are extremely important for the committee to hear and consider acting on to safeguard vulnerable people in the city. I will detail the issues below and follow up with some background information and why it is so important to me to raise these points.

Firstly, I would like to discuss the need for Brighton and Hove Council to consider the need for a lead professional to be allocated to the cases of vulnerable (especially homeless) adults to ensure multi agency and inter professional communication. The lead professional/agency should take ownership to ensure relevant information held to support and safeguard vulnerable people in the city is communicated between multi agency and interpersonal teams.

I would like to discuss how previous Serious Case Reviews undertaken by Brighton and Hove Safeguarding Adults Board, have already recommended that the agency's working with Brighton and Hove City Council need to communicate and collaborate effectively. However, having read past Serious Case Reviews I can see suggestions for change are not always implemented.

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I would like to discuss the need and reasons why those moved into temporary accommodation out of county to have access/remain under the care of their GP and other health services that know them and their needs.

I would like to suggest that temporary accommodation is checked for mental health/physical health needs not just structural safety as is the current procedure. Receptionists at temporary accommodation are not trained support workers as shouldn't be treated as such by the council. Those in temporary accommodation should have access to cooking facilities such as a microwave and a shared washing machine.

I would like to talk about how Adult Social Care interact with vulnerable people and their discharge criteria. What methods have they used to work with the known vulnerable person before discharge.

I hope that the housing department will review how family are treated after a sudden death. I would like to mention how it feels from a bereaved family's perspective and what would help families suffer unnecessarily in the future. Training needs to be given with appropriate timelines.

To summarise I would like to discuss the safeguarding around vulnerable homeless people in the community, communication and collaboration between agencies within the city, access to familiar GP and health services for homeless people in the city and lastly suitability and assessment of temporary accommodation out of county.

## **(2) Deputation concerning Air Quality**

Supported by:

Dr Lauren Davis  
Dr I N Stevenson  
Dr Dominic Nee  
Dr Charles Kind  
Mr Adrian Hill

### Summary of deputation:

Labour, the Green party and Conservatives unanimously voted for the Air Quality Action Plan in November 2022, promising to reduce pollution in our city. The action plan rightly noted that current air pollution in Brighton Hove causes ill health and premature deaths, making it a key concern for residents. The action plan outlined priority measures to improve air quality, including a full clean air zone and a smoke control area, which were noted as some of the most effective measures included in the plan, and ones required to meet the council's agreed pollution targets and "significantly" reduce emissions. We are therefore extremely disappointed that little progress has been made on these key measures to date, and that Labour have abandoned pre-election promises of curbing vehicle emissions.

The action plan committed to targets such as lowering particulate matter to 8.7ug/m<sup>3</sup> by the end of this year, 2024. This is despite there being no safe level

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for particulate matter and the proposed level exceeding WHO guidelines. And yet, even this unambitious target is unlikely to be achieved, as there has been no substantial reduction, nor sufficient action taken to reduce pollution levels, since these targets were set.

Air pollution affects everyone, even if you don't have an underlying condition that makes you more vulnerable. As a doctor, I see the effects of poor air quality in this city everyday, and I'd like you to imagine seeing these too. Imagine working in children's A&E and seeing countless children with breathing difficulties. Imagine seeing a toddler with wheeze and respiratory distress, and seeing that their nursery is adjacent to one of the busiest streets in the city. Imagine not being able to give advice to parents of a child with asthma, to avoid polluted streets on the school run, because there are no un-polluted streets in our city. Imagine being that parent, who does everything they can to improve their child's health, and yet is powerless to prevent the harm they are suffering from the air they breathe. You have that power. So far, you have offered vulnerable people in our city a sticking plaster, in targeting idling emissions.

People with illnesses have made decisions about their lives based on the five year action plan, such as whether to stay or to move away from Brighton. Can you assure us that the council's air pollution targets will be met by the end of the year and explain exactly how? Have air quality scientists approved the new plans?

Have you abandoned this important clean air strategy? We hope you have not. We heard the transport chair Cllr Muten say you have abandoned the clean air zone expansion. You must reconsider its implementation if you are serious about cleaning up our air. If you continue with this hard line approach will you be reissuing the report to show how you will achieve those targets, or will you be crossing your fingers and hoping air quality improves without any action or leadership from yourselves?

You have a duty to vulnerable people in Brighton & Hove to let them know where they stand.

### **(3) Deputation concerning introducing parking restrictions in Nevill Road and Nevill Avenue, Hove**

Supported by:

Don Lee  
Mark Bellchambers  
Norma Riley  
Rosi Porter  
Robert Cook  
Andrew Jones  
Tommy Sowerby  
Kerry Sellers  
Sean O'Brien  
Jenny Herbert  
Helen Stafford

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Sarah Easter

## Summary of deputation:

As residents of Nevill Road and Nevill Avenue, we are increasingly worried about road safety for ourselves, our visitors, and the primary and secondary school children from the surrounding schools.

There has been a problem for a few years with employees from Legal & General and Lloyds TSB using the roads to park during the day. Train passengers using both Hove and Aldrington stations do the same.

Since further parking restrictions have been brought in across Hove, notably around Hove Park, our roads have seen significant increases in long-term parking. Most noticeable are vehicles such as campervans, trade vans, and other large vehicles. Volumes increase at the weekends and during holiday periods.

This situation will only get worse for residents when the new Sackville Estate development opens. The problem will be further compounded when the planned housing in the Orchard Road area opens. These new developments will have insufficient parking for the number of homes being built.

I'm well aware of the situation from my own experience and from reading all the comments shared by residents post consultation. These parked vehicles, particularly the Campervans and trade vans, block the line-of-sight onto our busy roads. The average speed on the roads is 37mph, according to police speed monitoring. The speed limit is 20mph. This makes pulling out of driveways extremely dangerous, not only for us, but also for cyclists. The latter are predominantly school children going to and from the local primary and secondary schools.

Councillor Ivan Lyons sent out the consultation following contact with all residents in Nevill Road and Nevill Avenue up to the Holmes Avenue boundary (all part of the Westdean and Hove Park ward).

The results from the survey were as follows. 123 households responded, 63 residents want a light touch scheme, 14 a full permit scheme and 46 want to retain free parking. 62.6% of responders are seeking a parking restriction scheme. We urge the Administration to take our request seriously, especially as there will be more limited parking than there is now and when the enforcement to restrict parking on the pavements of Nevill Road starts.

## **Supporting information:**

Signatures in support of this action from residents of Nevill Road and Nevill Avenue (I have 25 other consents, from residents who also requested to be added to the deputation).

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## (4) Deputation concerning The Ridgway, Woodingdean

Supported by:

Ian Leak (lead spokesperson) and Vanessa Leak

Peter Aaen and Keidi Varlasson

Helen Atkinson and Geoff Atkinson

Amelie Saint-Martin

### Summary of deputation:

As a resident of 134a The Ridgway, Woodingdean for over 20 years, I and my neighbours at 132 and 113 have experienced serious and consistent flooding to our properties from road surface water.

Moreover, the rate of incidents has risen dramatically in recent years; we have experienced 10 floods over a 14 month period with many near misses too. Each of these incidents are miserable and stressful unpredictable events that cause physical damage and inconvenience cleaning up the aftermath. It is stressful too having a constant uncertainty about when and how serious the next flood will be. We do not sleep well when heavy rain is forecast - during the night we will be checking the road drains outside and adjacent to our properties.

This situation is completely unacceptable, and we need the council to take responsibility for this ongoing and serious problem. We need the council to take urgent action to make changes to materially improve and fix the road surface drainage and prevent what has become almost a monthly frequency of flooding to our properties.

During heavy rain, the road drains in the Ridgway and surrounding roads become overwhelmed. The excess surface water flows on to the drains outside of our properties where the accumulation rises quickly and floods down our driveways to the house. Our garden becomes a lake and water can rise to 18-24 inches in front of the property if no one is there to help sweep the water away. The problems are similar for the other properties at 132 and 113.

We have no warning when the flood will happen - its more akin to a flash flood when the drains are overwhelmed. This typically lasts for 30-45mins during which time all excess surface water from the Ridgway and surrounding roads flows down our driveways. It's a staggering amount of water and flows like a river at great speed and without our attendance will enter the house. When this happens its chaos. If we are fortunate enough to be home or awake (if at night), we, along with my neighbours including 134b, desperately try to block, sweep or divert the water around our properties to prevent our houses flooding. There have been occasions when we have been away, or it has happened during the night. As a result, we have had water damage to carpets, flooring, furniture in the house and to equipment stored in our garages. The problem is similar for 132 and 113. On occasions (2 in the last 12 months) we have had sewage water flood, along with the surface water, on to our properties, leaving a sediment and smell on our driveway, side alley and rear garden. We have contacted the Highways Agency on every flooding occasion and Southern Water for the sewage problems. Whilst these agencies do attend,

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this is always after the event, and they will often seek to place the responsibility on the other party. Some limited action has been taken but we have been told that the Highways agency cannot take any significant action due to lack of budgets and the problem persists. There has been no additional highways infrastructure for many years here, whilst incremental housing development has continued and more water is accumulating now with the overwhelming impact all falling onto our properties almost monthly, causing stress, costly physical damage, and a risk to our health.

We desperately need more road surface water infrastructure to capture heavy rainwater; it's currently too easily overwhelmed.

What action and when will the Council take to address and resolve this serious and increasing problem?

### **Supporting information:**

Appendix – The Ridgeway, Woodingdean



**Recent flooding dates** – on each occasion below huge amounts of road surface water has flooded onto properties of 134a, 132 and 113 The Ridgway Woodingdean. Similar problems affect properties in Kipling Avenue too. All these incidents have been officially reported to the Council.

- 16 September 2022
- 3 November 2022
- 23 November 2022
- 9 May 2023
- 20 June 2023
- 26 August 2023
- 22 September 2023
- 27 October 2023
- 2 November 2023
- 12 November 2023

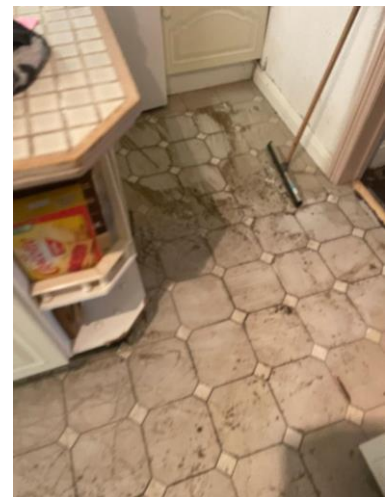
**Video clips** - Please see attached link for video clips showing some of the above flooding events

<https://we.tl/t-BylkXd23GX>

**Photos** - Please see below a selection of photos of just some of the flooding, sewage and internal damage from road surface flooding to our properties from the dates above.



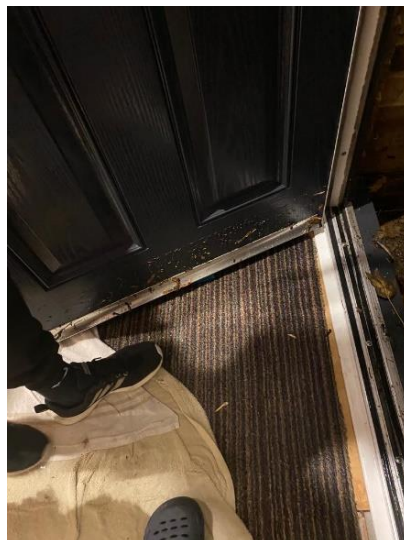
Left: Sewage outside 132 and 134a that spilled onto the properties



Right: Sediment left from flooding to Kitchen at 113



Left: Flooding to 134a hallway and carpet damage



Right: Bathroom floor removed due to damage from flood water at 113



Deputation Appendix 2 – Text messages highlighting the impact on our daily lives of flooding incidents

**Sat 26 Aug**

**Helen Atkinson**  
All calm here now, Ali and Pat helped. But sorry Pete, we couldn't do anything at your place, no lights, no reply at the door. We've been helping Amelie she's totally flooded. I hope you guys are OK indoors 🙏🙏🙏 xx xxx xxx 01:20


**Ness Leak**  
Thank you soooo much H&G - we r home now. Are you still at Amelie's? 01:49

**Helen Atkinson**  
No, we just got into bed, we helped Amelie, with Pat and Ali, until her flood water was more or less gone. Then came home to dry off. I hope you're dry indoors 🙏 01:52

**Ness Leak** Sat 26 Aug  
Think the kitchen flooded and half the hallway carpet is wet, but that just proves how much we / YOU have to do to help ourselves, by pulling up side drain and opening gates etc. Its ridiculous really isn't it !! Poor Amelie, bet she was devastated again too 😞, thanks again, see you tomorrow x 01:59

**Peter 132 Ridgway**  
Blimy, slept through all this! Our garage is wet and bit on the side office 02:29

**Tue 29 Aug**

**Ness Leak**  
  
That's the level of water we had in porch - 7 inches 13:47

Plus the 3 inches or so outside below that. 13:48

Reckon round side it was 16 inches high at one point - looking at mark on our back door. 13:51

**Ness Leak**

**24 Oct 2020**

**Peter 132 Ridgway**  
Was there any damage to the house? Roxy said some water came in? 12:26

**Helen Atkinson**  
We're shocked how much water accumulated at the front of your house lan, the soak away at the top of the drive seemed to do OK. I'm so sorry I didn't venture out now we could have lifted the drain cover and opened the gate. TBH I didn't expect there to be so much rain!!! Xx Hope all OK inside. Xxx 12:30

**3 Nov 2022**

**Ness Leak**  
P&K I've sent another email to council and cc'd you in, attached photos too. I'll try sending the vide...  
Omg, was it like last time? 🤔 So sorry I'm in Abingdon, didn't have bad rain here. 😞 Did it get in thd porch or outhouse? Xx 09:38

**Helen Atkinson**  
**Peter 132 Ridgway**  
I explained that the work didn't do it's job and in additional it's forcing water down our sewage now  
Oh Pete, it didn't get into your house I hope 🙏 .... omg seems to have made things worse not better 🙏 09:40

**Peter 132 Ridgway**  
The downstairs toilet was filling up loads 09:44

**Fri 27 Oct**

**Ness Leak**  
Waters coming 23:37

**Helen Atkinson**  
Message if you need help xx 23:38

**lan looks dandy in his dressing gown 😊 23:38**

**Ness Leak**  
We've opened side etc 23:38

**Helen Atkinson**  
Put a towel up against the inside of the outside porch door x 23:39


**Sat 28 Oct**

**Peter 132 Ridgway**  
It was crazy, I have never seen it so bad. Our steps in the back garden was like Niagara Falls 20:04

**Ness Leak**  
It's just a nightmare now isn't it- we've been looking into what defences we can put in at top of drive to help stop the rush of water etc 20:05

**9 May 2023**

**Ness Leak**  
Morning - This happened last night at 1.30. We've reported it - but it was definitely sewage as it's like mushy paper and there was a bit of 🤢  
The difference was that it was just our drains blocked as the rest of the road was clear !! 🤢. This again is a new thing that we've never seen before. I'm hoping they will come and clean it. 07:42

**Ness Leak**  


**Thu 2 Nov**

**Ness Leak**  
Water !! 03:21  
But it's going so no rush out if you don't want to 03:21

**Helen Atkinson**  
Did it breach your defenses? 03:22

**Ness Leak**  
No but interestingly it came full blast once it had stopped raining and then it came whooshing down round corner like a river 03:29

**Helen Atkinson**  
What from Kipling Av? 03:29

**Ness Leak**  
Yes !!! 03:30

**20 Jun 2023**

**Ness Leak**  
I've just called 01273 292229. Highways emergency- told them we need sandbags, he is going to find out. Hopefully he'll call back with an answer 07:19

**Peter 132 Ridgway**  
Did anyone get videos or pics from the outside today? 09:36

**Ness Leak**  
Yes I'll send them - I can't send the video to the council as my phone says it's too big, but if

**23 Nov 2022**

**Peter 132 Ridgway**  
You  
Btw - we had a small flood overnight. I will be emailing our friend at the council later.  
How bad? 13:00

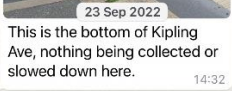
**\*have fun 13:00**

**Fri 22 Sep**

**Ness Leak**  
How was it last night? Geoff got up to look out, but couldn't see anything. 🙏 10:04

**Ness Leak**  
It came over around 11 pm - luckily we've been prepared for a few days 😊. Not a bad bad one as it's been quite stop and start. But the soakways just weren't draining for quite a while after it had stopped. I recorded the sound! 10:07

**23 Sep 2022**

**Helen Atkinson**  
  
This is the bottom of Kipling Ave, nothing being collected or slowed down here. 14:32

**Thank you Helen and Geoff for all your help today 14:40**

**That was a big one! 14:40**

**Who was it you called at the council? 14:41**

**Helen Atkinson**  
You  
Thank you Helen and Geoff for all your help today  
You are always welcome, we are always alert to the rain and ready to help. I spoke to Andrea

**The council said I needed to contact southern water for sandbags but I can't get through !!!! 10:29**

**Peter 132 Ridgway**  
I doubt any of that is southern waters responsibility 10:54

**Helen Atkinson**  
**Peter 132 Ridgway**  
I doubt any of that is southern waters responsibility  
I agree, water supply and sewerage is SW, but rain water run-off is council.... they're just passing the buck re the sandbags xx 11:02