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Brighton &amp; Hove City Council

**DEPUTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

A period of not more than fifteen minutes shall be allowed at each ordinary meeting of the Council for the hearing of depositions from members of the public. Each deposition may be heard for a maximum of five minutes.

Depositions received:

**(i) Deputation: Road Safety on Francis Street**

1. Pedestrians forced to walk in path of incoming traffic as walkways are blocked by blue badge holders and loading / unloading vehicles and poorly placed road furniture like cycle stands and street lamps.
2. Residents in Corola Court who have garages cannot get their cars out of their garages because blue badge holders park in front of their garage doors. There are no retractable bollards to stop this from happening.
3. The bollards we do have are only attached to about 5 inches of surrounding brick pavement and have no foundation so just fall over, even possible with a sharp kick. I have checked other bollards in the city and many are actually bolted to a lower foundation for strength, also many of the shared space areas utilise retractable bollards (for example Sainsbury's on Ann Street.
4. Overall as shared spaces go in Brighton and Hove there is a noticeable quality difference to what Hyde have presented and what is presented in the rest of the city.
5. The shutters on the market side get repeatedly hit by reversing vehicles, this damages them, so many claims have been made on the insurance that now the premium has gone up. There are no retractable bollards to stop vehicles hitting the shutters when the market is not using the loading bays.
6. There are no signs asking drivers to respect that they are in a residential area.
7. There was no "Access Only" traffic regulation order agreed during planning to stop Francis Street being used as a rat run to escape the bottle neck on Trafalgar Street.
8. There is insufficient signage at the head of the road to warn drivers that this is a residential area and to drive with caution.
9. There is a disabled bay at the Ditchling Road end that forces pedestrians to walk in the path of speeding vehicles.

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**(ii) Deputation: Old Shoreham Road Toilets**

The Old Shoreham Road Cemetery is a ground that accommodates a variety of faiths. These include Coptic Christians, Muslims, Non-Orthodox Jews and B' hais. In addition, there are War graves and a Woodland area.

Three years ago, the toilets on the North side of the Old Shoreham Road were vandalised and have subsequently been closed without repair.

The result is that both disabled and elderly mourners find it impossible to attend funerals of their loved ones or friends,

The toilets on the south side are available but this involves crossing a dual carriageway (which does not have a zebra crossing or timed traffic lights,) plus disabled and elderly people usually need the toilet as matter of urgency., therefore the distance renders them useless.

I am the President of Brighton and Hove Progressive Synagogue and am the sole carer for my disabled husband. Part of my Synagogue duty is to attend funerals of congregants, however due to no toilet facilities (for the last three years) I have been unable to attend any of these. My husband is also denied the opportunity to pay his respect to lost friends.

When we have a funeral, we have to advise mourners there are no toilet facilities. To date I have met with Paul Holloway (Head of Life Events) Nick Taylor (Councillor for Withdean) and have been advised that due to cost cutting the toilet cannot be repaired.

The positive news is that Councillor Dawn Barnett is confident the problem of vandalism has now been resolved.

The building which houses the toilet is still intact and the Council Graveyard workers now store their equipment in them.

All we require is one toilet that is suitable for all genders and disabilities.

As the toilets on the South side are already serviced by Wettons the on cost to the council can only be minimal.

We find it hard to believe that reinstating one toilet would be prohibitively costly and request you revise your previous decision.

Brighton and Hove Council prides itself on its inclusive attitude, yet by not reinstating a toilet on the North side of the cemetery you are discriminating against the most vulnerable in our society (disabled and the elderly) in a very unfair way and insensitive manner.

We hope you will reconsider this issue.

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*Note: Supporting information to the deputation above is detailed in appendix 1*





