

ENVIRONMENT CABINET MEMBER MEETING

Agenda Item 8

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject: Petitions
Date of Meeting: 5 June 2008
Report of: Director of Strategy & Governance
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Key Decision: No
Wards Affected: Various

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

1.1 To receive the following petitions presented at Council on 13 March and 24 April 2008 and any petitions presented directly to the Environment Cabinet Member Meeting.

4. (i) To receive the following petition presented at Council on the 13 March by Councillor Allen and signed by 15 people:

Stanford Court sits at the very bottom of Stanford Avenue facing Preston Park and is surrounded by Double Yellow Lines.

The block had no onsite parking – unlike the other flats at this end of Stanford Avenue.

Currently the residents and any visitors park in Preston Park Avenue.

Denying us the opportunity of joining the Preston Park Avenue scheme would push us out to Preston Drive – which with the likely introduction of a large residents parking scheme around Preston Park Station would be unviable. We would also be unable to purchase Resident Visitor parking permits.

We the undersigned urge Brighton & Hove City Council to invite residents of Stanford Court to join the proposed Preston Park Avenue residents parking scheme.

4. (ii) To receive the following petition presented at Council on the 24 April by Councillor Carden and signed by 363 people:

We the undersigned are petitioning Brighton and Hove Council for bollards to be placed around the Valley Road shops to stop all vehicles from driving and parking on the forecourts. The damage caused by vehicles crossing the public footpath is making it dangerous for pedestrians.

4. (iii) To receive the following petition presented at Council on the 13 March by Councillor Caulfield and signed by 249 people:

We the undersigned demand that the council install a pelican crossing to link both sides of the A270 at Barcombe Rd shops. This is to enable the children and parents who attend Falmer High School to cross this road safely as currently there is no suitable crossing.

4. (iv) To receive the following petition presented at Council on the 13 March by Councillor Davey and signed by 36 people:

We, the undersigned residents of Mayflower Square, a council owned residential block built on top of the London Road multi storey car park, implore the council to end our regular night time disturbances from joy riders and other anti social behaviour below us in the car park. Please take measures to control the night time entry and exit from the car park.

4. (v) To receive the following petition presented at Council on the 13 March by Councillor Davis and signed by 56 people:

We, the undersigned residents of Nizells Avenue, while supporting efforts to keep Brighton & Hove clean, do fully oppose the proposal advised in the recently circulated questionnaire from Cityclean to install communal bins in this Avenue and the park area.

Nizells Avenue is integrated with St. Ann's Well Gardens, a popular local park. Communal bins will encourage fly tipping and become a source of noise and obnoxious odours, as well as a hazard to pedestrians and drivers using the road. These bins will blight an attractive area, be environmentally adverse to all residents and users of the park and address a problem which does not exist in Nizells Avenue.

4. (vi) To receive the following petition presented at Council on the 24 April by Councillor Davis and signed by 188 people:

We the undersigned urge the Council to implement traffic calming measures to stop dangerous speeding cars cutting through Montefiore Road.

4. (vii) To receive the following petition presented at Council on the 13 March by Councillor Duncan and signed by 111 people:

We the undersigned would like Brighton & Hove City Council to agree for a plaque to identify the LGBT Suicide Memorial Tree in St Anne's Well Gardens.

4. (viii) To receive the following petition presented at Council on the 13 March by Councillor Elgood and signed by 15 people:

We the undersigned residents of Lansdowne Place (south) request the City Council to resurface our road following the work by 4D and Southern Water.

4. (ix) To receive the following petition presented at Council on the 24 April by Councillor Elgood and signed by 36 people:

We the undersigned residents of Brunswick and Adelaide Ward call on the city council to urgently repair the Floral Clock following recent vandalism.

4. (x) To receive the following petition presented at Council on the 13 March by Councillor Fallon-Khan and signed by 44 people:

As a resident of the area, I strongly support a traffic calming scheme on Wilbury Avenue, Wilbury Villas (railway bridge) and Wilbury Crescent, to curb the excessive speeds at which motorists travel down these roads and use them as a cut through.

4. (xi) To receive the following petition presented at Council on the 24 April by Councillor Fallon-Khan and signed by 185 people:

We, the undersigned ask Brighton and Hove City Council to introduce measures to prevent the parking in Nizells Avenue, Hove, of mobile homes and of lorries and vans capable of being slept in.

4. (xii) To receive the following petition presented at Council on the 24 April by Councillor Fallon-Khan and signed by 16 people:

We, the signatories, are submitting this:

*A Petition to retain the current house-to-house rubbish collection service.
(Denmark Mews)*

4. (xiii) To receive the following petition presented at Council on the 13 March by Councillor Hamilton and signed by 382 people:

Petition for speed cameras and a reduction of the speed limit on the Old Shoreham Road, Portslade between traffic lights Sainsbury's end and the traffic lights at Southern Cross end.

4. (xiv) To receive the following petition presented at Council on the 24 April by Councillor Kitcat and signed by 35 people:

We, the residents of Clifton Road in the Montpelier and Clifton Hill Conservation Area Brighton, have signed this petition to Brighton & Hove Council to register our opposition to the siting of any communal bins in our road on the grounds that:-

- 1. These bins are not wanted nor are they needed in our road. We have never experienced any litter problems with the existing use and collection of black plastic bin liners.*
- 2. To site any of these bins in our road would be aesthetically and hygienically unsuitable and inappropriate.*
- 3. We consider the placing of communal bins in our road which comprises a unique blend of listed Regency Victorian and Edwardian houses and modern retirement flats to be unacceptable and contrary to the interests if the residents.*

Communal bins encourage fly tipping, noise and nuisance and will blight our road and properties.

4. (xv) To receive the following petition presented at Council on the 13 March by Councillor McCaffery and signed by 160 people:

To Brighton and Hove Council,

In September 2007 the bronze statue of Olympic gold medal-winner Steve Ovett was stolen from Preston Park and, although retrieved, damaged beyond repair.

We the undersigned think this is a loss to the city's sporting and cultural heritage, and therefore ask that Brighton and Hove Council replace the statue of this local hero.

4. (xvi) To receive the following petition presented at Council on the 24 April by Councillor McCaffery and signed by 150 people:

We, the undersigned, ask the Council to consult residents in the streets immediately to the north of Ditchling Rise on a residents parking scheme as part of the London Road Station area scheme (currently being planned northwards to Ditchling Rise).

We are concerned that the parking situation in the area north of Ditchling Rise, which is already difficult for residents, could be made worse by displacement from the London Road Station area if the impact on the whole area is not considered.

4. (xvii) To receive the following petition presented at Council on the 13 March by Councillor Pidgeon and signed by 408 people:

We the undersigned call for the pedestrian refuge 2 at Carden Hill to be relocated to the bottom end of Keymer Road as shown on the enclosed map. This will enable the whole community, especially children, disabled and the elderly, to cross this dangerous road safely when using the new Doctors' Surgery, Carden Primary School, Patcham High School, buses and local shops. We also call for yellow road marking to be put in place at Carden Hill between the Library and Keymer Road alerting drivers that there is a school nearby. This is especially important due to the expected increase in traffic when the new Doctors' Surgery opens.

4. (xviii) To receive the following petition presented at Council on the 24 April by Councillor Pidgeon and signed by 41 people:

We the undersigned agree that Old London Road, Patcham, Brighton BN1 8 would benefit dramatically from traffic calming measures instead of the existing narrow two way road having to accommodate double parked vehicles and large delivery lorries often blocking the road and causing a daily hazard.

This petition is being presented to improve the road's safety following damage to parked vehicles.

4. (xix) To receive the following petition presented at Council on the 13 March by Councillor Rufus and signed by 107 people:

When the new parking zone system was introduced last Spring, the parking situation deteriorated significantly in zone Z in the evenings and at weekends. This was primarily due to the widespread conversion of single yellow lines to double yellow lines. Although it is accepted that for safety reasons not all of these changes can be reversed, we the undersigned believe that the double yellow line on the east side of Montpelier Villas should revert to being a single yellow line as this would provide considerable evening and Sunday parking and we understand that there is no safety reason for not doing this.

4. (xx) To receive the following petition presented at Council on the 24 April by Councillor Steedman and signed by 36 people:

We, the residents of Hereford Street and Essex Street, Brighton, wish to draw your attention to the problems that we are having regarding the Residents' Parking in both streets. We are classified as C Zone and the parking is Monday to Saturday from 8am to 8pm, whereas the H Zone (the next Zone to us) is Monday to SUNDAY 8am to 8pm. Therefore from Saturday 8pm to Monday 8am, we have difficulty parking in our two streets as the drivers from H Zone, and visitors to the town, park along our streets to save them paying at the Pay and Display in H Zone.

We ask you, please, look into this as soon as possible.

One suggestion we would like to make is that it could possibly be made Monday to SUNDAY 8am to 8pm, instead of SATURDAY.

Also, we would like to call your attention to the terrible problem we have with people from the hotel using visitors' parking vouchers. In the mandate they are supposed to park on the pay and display and as a LAST RESORT park on the permanent holders' bays, but they are using the LATTER all the time, leaving us residents nowhere to park. We do not expect to park outside our own houses all the time, but at present we do not have the opportunity even to park in our own streets!

It is not fair to any of us that pay our £80 a year to park, and we hope that you will consider finding a solution to this problem.*

**new price of £104 per vehicle per year. Also one resident space is being taken up by black bins in the near future in Hereford Street and two in Essex Street.*

We also need some road calming in both streets, as the roads are used as rat runs with cars speeding up and down ie. 'sleeping policemen' are needed and Hereford Street has an old peoples home in it (Martletts Court). Can you look into this please?

4. (xxi) To receive the following petition presented at Council on the 24 April by Councillor Wells and signed by 73 people:

We the undersigned request that the City Council install a lamp column at the eastern side of Central Park Woodingdean, to give safer access after the hours for the pedestrians that need to cross the Park to make use of the Convenience Store and the Woodingdean Bowling Club, during the hours of darkness.

4. (xxii) To receive a petition at the Environment Cabinet Member Meeting presented by Councillor Rachel Fryer regarding:

Closure of the alley at 27-28 George Street, Brighton.

4. (xxiii) To receive a petition at the Environment Cabinet Member Meeting presented by Councillor Pete West regarding:

Communal Bins in St Nicholas Road.

4. (xxiv) To receive a petition at the Environment Cabinet Member Meeting presented by Councillor Georgia Wrighton regarding:

Binvelopes in the Hanover area.