

Subject: Regency Square & i360 – Petition for Debate:
Extract from the proceedings of the Council Meeting held on the 19 July 2018

Date of Meeting: 09 October 2018

Report of: Executive Lead Officer for Strategy, Governance & Law

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Wards Affected: All

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Action Required of the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee

To receive the petition referred from the Council for consideration.

Recommendations: That the petition be noted and a report brought to the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee for consideration at its meeting on the 9th October 2018; outlining options to address the issues raised in the petition and including:

That officers consult with the petitioners, the Regency Square Area Society and the stakeholders involved in the distribution of the 1% of the i360 ticket revenue earmarked for local regeneration, in any decisions over how the issues raised in the petition could be addressed.

Petition: 1, 500+ Signatures

The opening of the BAi360 is bringing thousands of visitors to our area and we, the undersigned ask the Council to improve the front of the Square by addressing the following problems.

1. Illegal motorcycle parking on the crazy paving/pebbled hard standing section of the front lawn.
(Note - it is only a handful of motorcycles who park here regularly but their high visibility on the front of our square encourages many motorcycles passing by to turn right into Regency Square and on busy weekends we can have up to 40 motor cycles illegally parked. A small M/C bay (perhaps for 5) either side of the square should satisfy the regular offenders.)
2. Perhaps consideration could be given to allowing resident parking permit holders (Z) access to the car park which would enable the car parking bays on either side of the square to be greatly reduced and so reduce the congestion of those queuing to get into the car park.

3. The front lawn pebbles are hazardous for elderly pedestrians and entirely unsuitable for wheelchairs and pushchairs. (a cement screed or decking over these pebbles would remove the problem.)
4. The lighting for this area is inadequate for what will be a very busy vantage point for visitors.
5. The stone steps around the memorial statue and the statue itself are in need of cleaning and the railings around the whole area are also in need of repair and decoration.

Lead petitioner: Neil Rosborough

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL**COUNCIL****4.30pm 19 JULY 2018****COUNCIL CHAMBER - HOVE TOWN HALL****MINUTES**

Present: Councillors Simson (Chair), Phillips (Deputy Chair), Allen, Atkinson, Barford, Barnett, Bell, Bennett, Bewick, Brown, Cattell, Chapman, Cobb, Daniel, Deane, Druitt, Gibson, Gilbey, Greenbaum, Hamilton, Hill, Horan, Hyde, Inkpin-Leissner, Janio, Knight, Lewry, Littman, Mac Cafferty, Marsh, Meadows, Mears, Miller, Mitchell, Moonan, Morris, Nemeth, A Norman, K Norman, O'Quinn, Page, Peltzer Dunn, Platts, Robins, Sykes, Taylor, C Theobald, G Theobald, Wares, Wealls, West and Yates.

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- 17.1 The Mayor stated that where a petition secured 1,250 or more signatures it could be debated at the council meeting. She had been made aware of 3 such petitions. However, since the publication of the agenda the first petition relating to recycling in the city had been withdrawn. She also noted that there was an amendment to the covering report's recommendation for Item 17(2), Regency Square and the i360 from the Green Group.
- 17.2 The Mayor then invited Mr. Rosborough to come forward and present the first petition.

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- 17.3 Mr. Rosborough thanked the Mayor and stated that the petition resulted from the impact of visitors to the i360 which had led to increased parking of motorcycles in Regency Square and highlighted the need to review parking arrangements and improve the frontage of the square. He acknowledged that some changes had been made by officers but felt that further action was warranted and hoped that the petition with over 1500 signatures showed the level of support for these changes to be considered.
- 17.4 Councillor Mitchell thanked Mr. Rosborough for bringing the petition to the council meeting and noted that a review of the Regency Square parking permit arrangements was scheduled for the autumn and a report would come to the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee. She was happy for this review to include other aspects of the parking arrangements in the Square and to put forward a bid to the Planned Maintenance Budget for 2019/20 for improvements to the Square's frontage.

- 17.5 Councillor Druitt moved an amendment on behalf of the Green Group, which called for a report to the October meeting of the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee detailing how the issues raised in the petition could be addressed. He also noted that Mr. Rosborough had collected all of the signatures by hand and congratulated him on his efforts. He hoped that the committee would be able to find a way to meet the petition's requests.
- 17.6 Councillor Phillips formally seconded the amendment.
- 17.7 Councillor Mitchell stated that she was happy to accept the amendment.
- 17.8 The Mayor thanked Mr. Rosborough for attending the meeting and presenting the petition, and noted that the Green Group's amendment had been accepted. She therefore put the recommendation as amended to the vote which was carried unanimously.
- 17.9 **RESOLVED:** That the petition be noted and a report brought to the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee for consideration at its meeting on the 9th October 2018; outlining options to address the issues raised in the petition and including:

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