

NOTICE OF MOTION
CONSERVATIVE GROUP
VALLEY GARDENS

This council requests the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee to:

- (1) Ensure that Valley Gardens Phase 3 is subject to a full environmental impact assessment; and
- (2) That the Duke's Mound junction proposal will be subject to a full public consultation in the context that it not only impacts Valley Gardens Phase 3 but also impacts on the A259 coastal road and the Waterfront/Blackrock development.

Proposed by: Cllr. Miller

Seconded by: Cllr. Nemeth

Supporting Information

Valley Gardens Phase 3 has to date not been subject to a full environmental impact assessment with limited, if no, future predicted air quality assessments. With all the traffic being positioned on the east side of the Old Steine including now a 5th lane to serve as a south bound bus lane and the resultant narrowing of the pavement on the Kemptown side, it is incredible that no environmental impact assessment has been done.

It has been confirmed at Environment, Transport and Sustainability Committee that the alteration of Duke's Mound is essential for the current proposed preferred option 1 (as now amended) to achieve its alleged objectives. For example, for traffic including coaches to exit from Madeira Drive as the western end will be entry only from the A259. Notwithstanding the continued disquiet and debate about the lack of proper consultation regarding Valley Gardens Phase 3, it is unacceptable that residents and businesses are not afforded a consultation and right to comment on the proposals for Duke's Mound.

Further, it is known that the proposal to remove the roundabout and construct a "T" junction will add considerable delays to journey times on the A259. The addition of a further major junction at Duke's Mound will likely add to the length of journey time delay. It is also a concern that there has been no traffic modelling of the impact for this junction or any modelling or assessment of traffic displacement that will inevitably occur throughout Kemptown or the impact and overlap with the Waterfront/ Blackrock development.

