

Subject: Petitions
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Report of: Monitoring Officer
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Wards Affected: Various

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY 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:

- 2.2 That the Committee responds to the petition either by noting it or writing to the petition organiser setting out the Council's views, or where it is considered more appropriate, calls for an officer report on the matter which may give consideration to a range of options, including the following:

- taking the action requested in the petition
- considering the petition at a council meeting
- holding an inquiry into the matter
- undertaking research into the matter
- holding a public meeting
- holding a consultation
- holding a meeting with petitioners
- calling a referendum

3. PETITIONS

3. (i) Tree Preservation Orders – Gareth Hall

To receive the following petition signed by 330 people at the time of publication:

“We the undersigned petition Brighton & Hove Council to Place a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) on all trees on council owned parks and public places.

There is a climate emergency. Planting and preserving trees is a priority if we are to save the planet.

BHCC continue to agree to trees being felled in public places for example planning permission was given to fell four trees in Hove Park in order to build a café.

I am requesting the council to put a TPO on all trees they manage on behalf of BHCC residents so that they cannot be felled without a legitimate and valid reason”.

3. (ii) Help End Sewage Pollution – Andrew Coleman

To receive the following petition signed by 270 people at the time of publication:

We the undersigned petition Brighton & Hove Council to demand that Southern Water provides year-round sewage alerts to the Safer Seas Service with better information about which outfalls are responsible for the sewage alerts and takes urgent action to stop all sewage discharges into recreational waters - use the Safer Seas Service to post alerts on the Council's website, Twitter and other social and local media outlets - require lifeguards to use red flags and written warnings when there is a sewage alert - carry out monitoring of waste materials such as tarry residues, plastic and other litter and warns beach users and sea users about them.

3. (iii) Pedestrian Crossing on Goldstone Crescent– Rachel Weinstein

To receive the following petition hosted on the 38 Degrees website and signed by 565 people at the time of publication:

Petition requesting a Pedestrian Crossing on Goldstone Crescent between bottom of woodland drive and bottom of Nevill Way

The increasing danger of crossing this road for Pedestrians, especially Children on their way to and from school.

This has greatly increased due to the new parking restrictions in the surrounding area. The speeding traffic is a hazard, where the speed limit is still 30mph as opposed to 20mph along the rest of Goldstone Crescent. There have been a numerous near misses with children and cars on a daily basis.