

## **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 deputations from members of the public. Each deputation may be heard for a maximum of five minutes.

Deputations received:

### **(1) Deputation: Brighton Active Travel**

Brighton Active Travel is a consortium of local groups and residents who want Brighton & Hove to be safer and easier for people who walk, use wheelchairs and cycle.

We want safe, direct routes for everyone who uses pavements and rides bicycles.

Children, disabled people, elderly people, people with buggies and prams account for a large percentage of those who will benefit, as well as the city as a whole.

For pavement users we want to clear the clutter, removing all of the unnecessary objects that obstruct easy walking along the footway.

The menace of pavement parking must be taken seriously because it's dangerous and damaging. Brighton Active Travel has already responded to the Government's national consultation on pavement parking.

Wider pavements will not only accommodate more users but also reduce the time people need to cross a road safely.

Likewise, lower speed limits and pavement build outs at road junctions make it safer for people on foot and in wheelchairs to cross to the other side.

Zebra crossings prioritise pedestrians while pedestrianised streets obviate all dangers of collisions with motor vehicles.

Children who once played out will benefit when rat runs are plugged.

A coherent and viable network of direct, safe and segregated cycling lanes will make all parts of the city - and beyond - accessible by bicycle.

The more people who find active travel to be safe and attractive, the fewer will travel by car, freeing the roads for others, reducing congestion, increasing safety and making the city a better place for everybody.

Brighton Active Travel wishes this Committee success in giving people more and better choice in safe ways to get around our city.

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