

Brighton & Hove City Council

Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee

Agenda Item 66(c)

Subject: Deputations

Date of meeting: 18 January 2022

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 following which one Member of the Council, nominated by the Mayor, may speak in response. It shall then be moved by the Mayor and voted on without discussion that the spokesperson for the deputation be thanked for attending and its subject matter noted.

Notification of one Deputation has been received. The spokesperson is entitled to speak for 5 minutes.

(2) Deputation: Liveable Neighbourhood

Lower North-East Hanover Residents (LNEHR) is a group that provides a forum where residents in our local area can meet to discuss and improve our local neighbourhood. The area covered by our group is shown in the map in Annex 1.

On behalf of our neighbours, we would like to propose to Brighton & Hove Council, that a Liveable neighbourhood scheme is initiated in our area.

There is strong support from the local community for this scheme. We have a petition in support of the initiative signed by 150+ neighbours and letters of support (included in Annex 2) from:

- Elm Grove Primary School
- St Martin's Primary and Nursery School
- Wellington House Day Service
- Fairlight Primary and Nursery School

Based on feedback from our neighbours, we would like to work with the council to improve our residential areas, by reducing traffic, noise and pollution. Safer streets for walking and cycling, for children to play, for people to rest and socialise, for secure bike storage, for activity areas, and for more trees, plants and pocket parks would bring great benefit to our community. This is particularly important for the three popular primary schools within our local area.

In particular, a number of road junctions have been highlighted as especially dangerous and sections of pavement unsafe, or a barrier to use, including those regularly used to access schools, by the elderly, by children and those with disabilities.

LNEHR is committed to promoting greater social interaction between local residents and greater involvement in tackling issues that lead to an improvement in the quality of life for all in our area; aims which would be supported by the introduction of a Liveable Streets initiative.

Supported by:

Matt Black (Lead Spokesperson)

Bernard G Mills

Nick Wells

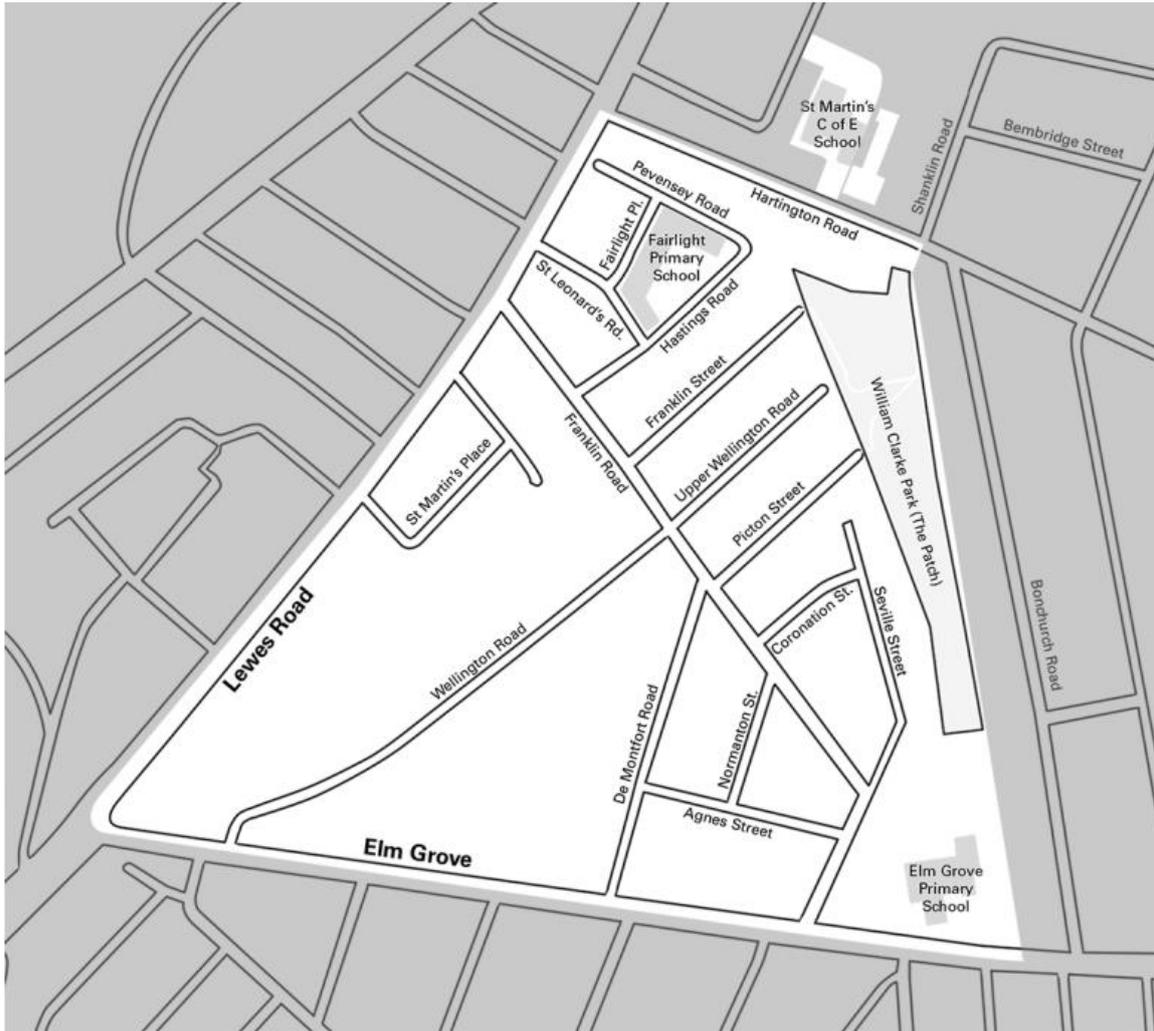
Linda White

Deniz Birkan

Vanessa Cox

Violet Black

Annex 1- Map of area



Annex 2 – Letters of Support

From: St Martins School Office <school.office@stmartins.brighton-hove.sch.uk>
 Date: 10 January 2022 at 16:37:38 GMT
 To: vanessa.cox.pendray <nesco37@gmail.com>
 Subject: Re: Petition to Brighton and Hove City Council for the Neighbourhood Application supporting a Liveable Neighbourhood.

Dear Vanessa,
 I can confirm that our deputy head states that main reasons for supporting the possibility of a liveable neighbourhood are:

- Electronic traffic slowing signs on Lewes Rd/ Hartington Road
- Benches and litter bins with cigarette stub plates a little way from the school entrances on Hartington/ Melbourne- we can't stop parents from smoking but providing something a little way from the school to make it less intrusive
- More greenery

Kind regards,

Caroline Taylor

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Elm Grove School is keen to be involved in the Liveable Neighbourhood Project to so as to improve the community where the majority of pupils live and play. The children are highly motivated to be involved too and have numerous great ideas to contribute. Elm Grove School is situated on a busy, polluted main road. Anything to improve the surroundings streets will be highly impacted.

Name	Address	email <small>optional—if you want to be kept up to date</small>	Signature
LOUISE WILLARD	40 ELM GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL	louise.willard@elmgrove.brighton-hove.sch.uk	L. Willard

Comment from Mr Jordan Headteacher Fairlight Primary and Nursery School

As a Platinum Opal Play school we are a national and international leader in children's' play and therefore feel we are well placed to comment.

Increased play spaces, improved community safety and importantly better air quality are all essential factors for children to have high quality play and something we passionately campaign and advocate with and for young people.

Improved play leads to better health outcomes both physical and mental as well as developing a huge number of other skills including creativity, risk taking, independence, curiosity and perseverance. We celebrate these qualities at Fairlight through our Learning Superhero's.

Therefore, this investment in our local community now will save money and resources for future generations.

If you want to share with me a link for parents to sign a petition I can do this on our website

[Signature]

Done liveable neighbourhoo...

In support of the Lower North East Hanover Residents bid for a Liveable Neighbourhood

Wellington House Day Service for adults with learning disabilities has been in operation on this site for over 30 years and as such it plays a significant part in the local neighbourhood. We support people with a range of physical and learning disabilities and autism to access the community, develop independent skills and provide a range of activities suited to their needs and aims. Having an accessible, clean and pleasant neighbourhood would support us in being a more visible and included part of that neighbourhood which in turn would allow us and the people that attend to contribute their strengths, skills and value to the community.

As we work with a number of people with mobility issues as well as some who can struggle with road safety being situated where we are can be challenging. The hill up Elm Grove and Franklin Rd can be difficult for many people to manage, whilst assisting people in wheelchairs can be a physical risk to carers. Widening and improving the quality and level of the pavements would have a significant impact for the service users and staff. Providing seating areas would allow people who struggle to take a break whilst encouraging more community inclusion. Reducing traffic (particularly around Wellington Street and Franklin Rd) would help to make the area safer and less polluted. Being near to the 'Patch' we use this a lot but improved access into it would help massively as it can be quite difficult to negotiate in a wheelchair or with mobility issues so it prohibits many of our service users from going there.

Daniel Harvey
 Day Options Manager
 Wellington House