

# ENVIRONMENT CABINET MEMBER MEETING

## Agenda Item 43(i)

Brighton & Hove City Council

29 August 2008

Dear Councillor Geoffrey Theobald

I write in support of the petition from the Methodist Church in Portland Road presented to the last Council meeting and on your agenda today for consideration.

Two parishioners from St Patrick's Church have made representations to Councillor Denise Cobb and myself as Ward Councillors about the parking restrictions in force around the church.

There is a particular problem on Sundays, when members of the congregation are interrupted in their attendance at church as they have to return to their parked cars before the permitted parking period elapses, so as to avoid penalty charges.

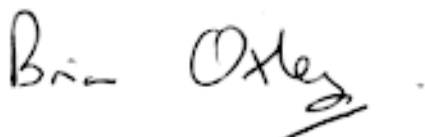
We have also received separate representations on this issue from people attending services at Holy Cross Church and St Philip's Church.

All three churches have community halls attached to them, which also encounter similar problems across the week and this, sadly, can discourage people from attending events.

I would ask the Environment Cabinet Member meeting to look sympathetically at this issue and ask officers to look at what measures could be put in place to assist worshippers and those attending events at the community halls.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours sincerely



Councillor Brian Oxley  
Westbourne Ward Councillor

