

Brighton & Hove City Council

Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee

Agenda Item 5a

Subject: Petitions

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Report of: Executive Director for Governance, People & Resources

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Ward(s) affected: All

1. Purpose of the report 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

- 2.1 That the committee responds to the petition either by noting it or where it is considered more appropriate, calls for an officer report on the matter.

3. Context and background information

- 3.1 To receive the following petition signed by 24 people at the time of publication:

(1) Prohibit pavement parking in Crescent Place Kemp Town

We the undersigned petition Brighton & Hove Council to place "No Pavement Parking" signs on the lamp posts of Crescent Place or/and place obstructions at intervals along the pavement of Crescent Place. Crescent Place is a narrow one-way street with double yellow lines. Most of the properties on Crescent Place have windows set into the pavement, letting light into basement kitchens. Short term parking in the road is necessary to drop off shopping etc, causing a temporary obstruction to any through traffic, and neighbours alert one another if any prolonged blockage is anticipated due to building works etc. Unfortunately, visitors to the street regularly pull up onto the actual pavement to park, causing damage to the paving stones and windows, creating leaks to the properties underneath and preventing pedestrians, wheelchair users and others from using the pavement. Pavement parking is both damaging and antisocial and does nothing to alleviate any short-term traffic disruption as vehicles are still unable to pass by. We call for the erection of signs to indicate that pavement parking is

prohibited, or the installation of obstacles along the pavement edge at intervals to prevent any such parking from taking place.

To receive the following petition signed by 329 people at the time of publication:

(2) Stop the current Hanover & Turner LTN. Bring 'liveable' benefits to all the Hanover & Elm Grove ward

We the undersigned petition Brighton & Hove Council to Stop the current plan for a Low Traffic Neighbourhood (LTN), know as 'Hanover & Turner Liveable Neighbourhood Project'. We demand that a new approach is found which brings 'liveable' benefits to the whole of the Hanover & Elm Grove ward equally. The current scheme unjustly benefits certain residents, bringing detriment to other residents, and fails to protect the school and nurseries within the area.

The premise of a LTN is that it is bordered by a "major road network" to which all traffic is funnelled. We strongly believe that this is not a suitable solution for Hanover & Turner, as the roads designated as 'main roads' are other residential streets where hundreds of people live; families with young children, elderly residents, students... all walks of life, and all people who deserve clean air as much as their neighbours. Beyond this, these are the streets where the community's children go to school and nursery, namely; Elm Grove Primary School; Pepper-Pot Nursery and Orchard Day Nursery.

We want to be clear that we are not against green initiatives - we want to reduce cars in the city. We are just asking for clean air for all. The project creates an unfair divide between residents, certain streets benefit disproportionately whilst others receive no benefit - only higher traffic. This project fails to address existing real problems on the streets which need it most.

[Further information](#)

To receive the following petition signed by 22 people at the time of publication:

(3) Controlled parking for Withdean Court Avenue

We the undersigned petition Brighton & Hove Council to Introduce controlled residents parking in Withdean Court Avenue - similar to Surrenden Crescent Since the introduction of controlled parked along Surrenden Crescent from early February, parking in Withdean Court Avenue has become very problematic for the residents. This situation has also resulted in the council refuse truck being unable to safely negotiate its way up the road on a number of occasions and recently resulted in knocking a lamp post which necessitated its removal. A neighbour is also currently unable to get a skip removed from her drive due to the number cars parked, so that the lorry cannot safely load it. The residents are also concerned about emergency vehicles not being able to access the road as well.

To receive the following petition signed by 4 people at the time of publication:

(4) Rename a street in the memory of Ukrainian war victims

We the undersigned petition Brighton & Hove Council to rename Francis Street. The recent discovery of atrocities committed by Russian forces on the civilian population of Mariupol, Bucha, Irpin, and many other town and villages in Ukraine, must never be forgotten by the people of our city. In the solidarity with all of the victims I would like to propose renaming 'Francis Street' to 'Defenders of Mariupol Street'.

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To receive the following petition signed by 510 people at the time of publication:

(5) Allow dogs off-lead at Waterhall alongside rewilding

We the undersigned petition Brighton & Hove Council to abandon the decision to ban off-lead dogs across all of Waterhall. We believe that there are ways that this area can be rewilded whilst still providing access to people and dogs off lead. This is done at many other nature reserves, SSSIs and rewilding projects across the country. We would like the council to work with the current users of this area (overwhelmingly off-lead dog walkers) to find a way to share this 222-acre space.

Wildlife at Waterhall has thrived for decades alongside dogs being walked off-lead. Stock has grazed in fenced compartments with dogs able to divert safely around. We would like to see this extended to the rest of the site (ex-golf course). The method is proven.

[Further information](#)

