

# Brighton & Hove City Council

## Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee

## Agenda Item 83(c)

**Subject:** Deputations

**Date of meeting:** 14 March 2023

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.

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

### 1) Deputation: Car Free Developments

As a Brighton and Hove resident and an NHS community physiotherapist, required to assess and treat people in their own homes between Saltdean, East Grinstead and Tunbridge Wells, often under the Early Supported Discharge (ESD) Service, which is considered essential and supports patients returning home early from hospital following a stroke or acquired brain injury, it is a requirement of my job to have a car, including its maintenance and insurance for business, as well as personal use.

Currently Health and Social Care community key workers, who require a car to carry out their work, are unable to purchase an on-street resident parking permit for the area of Brighton and Hove in which they live, if choosing to live in a shared ownership car-free development, promoted for key workers. The only exception being Blue Badge holders.

I am proposing that Health and Social Care community key workers, who require a car to carry out their work, should be able to purchase an on-street resident parking permit for the area of Brighton and Hove in which they live, including car-free developments.

Health and Social Care community key workers are currently disadvantaged compared to their non community counterparts, when living in car-free shared ownership developments because they have to pay for hourly parking at home outside of working hours, or when working from home (a continued COVID requirement), park two miles away, or risk getting a parking fine, which can be a source of constant anxiety. This disadvantage is also likely to prevent Health and Social Care community key workers from even considering applying for car-free shared ownership developments.

The proposed amendment will resolve the current parking related financial disadvantage and inconvenience experienced by Health and Social Care community Key workers who live in car-free shared ownership developments, compared to their non community counterparts who live in car-free shared ownership developments, promoted for all key workers.

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