

Brighton & Hove City Council

Transport & Sustainability Committee

Agenda Item 77(b)

Subject: Written Questions

Date of meeting: 26 March 2024

A period of not more than fifteen minutes shall be allowed at each ordinary meeting for questions submitted by a member of the public.

The question will be answered without discussion. The person who asked the question may ask one relevant supplementary question, which shall be put and answered without discussion. The person to whom a question, or supplementary question, has been put may decline to answer it.

The following written questions have been received from members of the public:

(3) TRO 22b 2022 – Pippa Hodge

As part of TRO 22b 2022, additional disabled bays were added into Regent Street to “create better disabled parking provision and allow Blue Badge holders better access to facilities in the North Laine area” (19th Nov 2022 Officer Report). Fast Forward to the present and now Officers intend to claw back 5 of the 11 bays on Regent Street to pay bays without undertaking an Equality Impact Assessment. This will prevent disabled people from entering the North Laines. How is this acceptable under the Accessible City Strategy?

(4) Low Traffic Neighbourhoods- Elaine Hills

A recent Government report and a six-year study found that low traffic neighbourhoods: lead to huge health gains, increase walking and cycling, cut traffic without an increase on boundary roads, do not adversely affect emergency vehicle response times and are popular with residents, once installed. Would the administration now consider joining more progressive Labour-run councils, such as Camden and Waltham Forest, by reversing the decision to scrap work on our city’s first Liveable Neighbourhood trial and instead continue working with Hanover and Turner residents to create the best scheme possible, as was planned by the previous Green Administration?

(5) Bus User Survey- Alec Horner

Given the relatively low rating of Brighton & Hove in the recently published Transport Focus independent bus user survey (19th out of 34) and given the very poor rating given on operator value for money of Brighton & Hove buses of 53rd out of 55, what is the Chair’s view on this rating by bus users what does this Committee propose to improve this rating in the future?

