Council	Agenda Item 84(b)
24 March 2011	Brighton & Hove City Council

PETITION REPORT LABOUR GROUP AMENDMENT

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Add further recommendations, as shown in bold italics:

Recommendation

- 2.1 That the petition is referred to the Cabinet Meeting for consideration, with the following additional recommendations;
 - (i) That the council uses its existing planning powers to promote the unique aspects of the city and enhances the special character of retail areas with a mix of retail uses;
 - (ii) That the council uses its licensing and enforcement powers to ensure a good standard of maintenance of buildings and safety and security for residents and shoppers in retail areas; and
 - (iii) That the council joins forces and works with other councils that are similarly concerned with this issue to engage the government in a dialogue on changes to the planning system that would include:
 - a) possible separate classes for supermarkets and smaller shops;
 - b) the introduction of controls for the merging of smaller retail units; and,
 - c) reviewing how the application of restrictive covenants could negatively lead to premises remaining empty.

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