

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

PETITION REPORT

GREEN GROUP AMENDMENT

KEEP BRIGHTON UNIQUE

Add further recommendations as shown in bold italics:

2.1 That the petition is referred to the Cabinet for consideration ***with the following additional recommendations;***

- (i) ***The Chief Executive writes to Sainsbury's saying that the majority of residents do not want or need another Sainsbury's supermarket in Brighton or another supermarket on St. James's Street***
- (ii) ***The Chief Executive writes a letter to the Secretary of State for Communities & Local Government requesting that the Local Authority is given planning powers to:***
 - a) ***Allow communities to work with their local authorities to create 'Business conservation areas' to ensure designated areas retain the character and amenity of their shopping streets, and bar formula retailers from certain areas,***
 - b) ***Insist that a proportion of retail floor space in all new developments is affordable space for local small businesses,***
 - c) ***Adopt a retail strategy, a retail regeneration plan and local competition policies to prevent formula businesses dominating shopping streets and to ensure fair market access for small, independent retailers. These strategies should include policies to support and retain street markets and farmers' markets, and encourage the introduction of new markets, where there is community demand,***
 - d) ***Empower local authorities to bring in rent controls for small shop premises, to prevent landlords from driving up rents and driving out independent retailers.***
- (iii) ***The Chief Executive writes a letter to the Secretary of State for Business, Enterprise and Skills asking that the government establish a Local Competition Ombudsman as recommended by the Competition Commission which will rein in the power of the big four grocery chains.***

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