

ENVIRONMENT CABINET MEMBER MEETING

Agenda Item 5

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject: Petitions
Date of Meeting: 26 May 2011
Report of: Strategic Director, Resources
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Key Decision: No
Wards Affected: Various

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

1.1 To receive any petitions presented at Council, any petitions submitted directly to Democratic Services or any e-Petition submitted via the council's website.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

2.2 That the Cabinet Member responds to each petition and in each case gives consideration to a range of options, including the following:

- taking the action requested in the petition
- considering the petition at a council meeting
- holding an inquiry into the matter
- undertaking research into the matter
- holding a public meeting
- holding a consultation
- holding a meeting with petitioners
- referring the petition for consideration by the council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee*
- calling a referendum
- writing to the petition organiser setting out the council's views about the request in the petition
- noting the petition

3. PETITIONS

5. (i) Historic Signage in Brunswick Town

To receive the following e-Petition submitted via the council's website Mr Brian Stone and signed by 18 people:

We the undersigned petition the council to introduce signs to denote the historic area of Brunswick Town.

5. (ii) Pedestrian Crossing, Sackville Road, Hove

To receive the following petition presented at Council on 24 March 2011 by Councillor Oxley and signed by 100 people:

We the undersigned request a pedestrian crossing or island to be put in place on Sackville Road, Hove, between Montgomery Street and Livingstone Road. This will enable pedestrians safe passage between the Poets Corner area and Hove Station.

5. (iii) Traffic Calming around Bevendean Pub area

To receive the following petition presented at Council on 24 March 2011 by Councillor Caulfield and signed by 30 people:

We, the undersigned, hereby petition Brighton and Hove City Council to implement traffic calming measures in the streets around the Bevendean Pub, there having been a serious hit-and-run accident on Saturday morning, and many, many near misses. There has been huge concern over a considerable amount of time about the lack of measures and residents often feel scared to even cross the roads. Considering the millions of pounds given to the East Brighton Trust we are disappointed that this has not resulted in helping our roads become safer, where children and animals are at particular risk.

5. (iv) Double Yellow Lines, Findon Road

To receive the following petition presented at Council on 24 March 2011 by Councillor Morgan and signed by 11 people:

We, the undersigned residents of Findon Road and surrounding area, call on Brighton & Hove City Council to install double yellow lines at the junction of Findon Road and Whitehawk Road.

Since the implementation of the extension to the Area H controlled parking scheme, the parking congestion at this junction has become dangerous causing restricted vision for motorists resulting in several 'near-misses' for drivers trying to exit Findon Road.

5. (v) Puffin crossing outside Elm Grove Primary School

To receive the following petition presented at Council on 24 March 2011 by Councillor Randall and signed by 146 people:

Following a road accident involving a child using the Pelican Crossing outside Elm Grove Primary School in Elm Grove on Thursday 3 February, the undersigned believe Brighton and Hove City Council should install a safer Puffin Crossing outside the school to improve road safety for the pupils, their parents and all other residents who use the present crossing.

5. (vi) Double yellow lines on the Western side of St Johns Road

To receive the following petition presented at Council on 24 March 2011 by Councillor Elgood and signed by 11 people:

We request double yellow lines for a distance of 15 feet – 4.6 metres – from the inset parking spaces for ‘The Sands’ north to the property known as ‘Pebbles’.

This is in order to prevent obstruction and allow reversing vehicular access to the Palmeira Square.

We further request a revised attendant Road Traffic Order for ‘no parking at any time’.

5. (vii) Cycle lane threat - stop Council waste

To receive the following e-Petition presented at Council on 24 March 2011 by Councillor Davis and signed by 169 people:

We the undersigned petition the council to keep the cycle lane on Grand Avenue and The Drive. At a cost of £1.1m to remove the lane we believe this proposal is a waste of tax payers' money, and will severely reduce opportunities for safe cycling in Hove and Goldsmid ward.

5. (viii) Getting rid of Cycle Lanes in The Drive

To receive the following e-Petition submitted via the council website by Mr Dervish Bayram and signed by 10 people:

We the undersigned petition the council to get rid of the cycle lanes in The Drive and Grand Avenue.

As a Brighton and Hove taxi driver, this scheme is not only dangerous but is an accident waiting to happen, as taxi drivers we cannot pick up and drop off elderly passengers because the layout of the road is very dangerous, I am surprised nobody has been killed yet, its just a question of time.

