

**NOTICE OF MOTION****CONSERVATIVE GROUP****REDUCING THE NEGATIVE IMPACT OF ROADWORKS IN BRIGHTON & HOVE**

“This Council recognises that street works by utility companies and highway authorities are necessary in order to provide and maintain the essential services and transport networks on which the residents of Brighton & Hove depend. However, it also recognises that the traffic congestion caused by such works also carries a considerable cost to residents, businesses and visitors - nationally, it is estimated that roadworks cost the economy £4 billion a year.

This Council notes:

- (a) The success of Permit Schemes, such as those introduced by the Mayor of London, in leading to a more co-ordinated approach to roadworks and to significant reductions in disruption to residents and businesses.
- (b) The current Government consultation paper – New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 – Lane Rental Schemes – which advocates the use of lane rental schemes on the most critical parts of the highway network to incentivise those undertaking street works to do so more quickly and at less disruptive times of the day.

Therefore, this Council agrees in principle that a Permit or Lane Rental Scheme could bring enormous benefits to residents, businesses and visitors in Brighton & Hove and requests that the Cabinet Member for Transport and Public Realm:

- (a) brings a report to his CMM by the end of the year, considering the feasibility of introducing a Permit and/or Lane Rental Scheme in Brighton & Hove; and
- (b) Responds positively to the consultation on Lane Rental Schemes and urges the Government to expand the pilot scheme to allow local authorities such as Brighton & Hove, who don't meet the current criteria, to take part.”

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