

Subject: Petitions
Date of Meeting: 29 November 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 the petition either by noting it or writing to the petition organiser setting out the Council's views, or where it is considered more appropriate, calls for an officer report on the matter which may give 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

3. PETITIONS

3. (i) Sackville Rd Pedestrian Crossing at Clarendon Road Hove

To receive the following e-Petition presented at Council on 20 October 2011 by Ms Valerie Paynter and signed by 14 people:

"We the undersigned petition the council to relocate the existing pedestrian crossing close to the bridge across Sackville Road 100 yds further south – to the Clarendon Rd/Sackville Rd junction."

3. (ii) Dropped curbs for the disabled

To receive the following e-Petition and accompanying paper petition presented at Council on 20 October 2011 by Mr Chris Kift and signed by 563 people:

“We the undersigned petition the council to put disabled citizens first in making our city safe for wheelchair and mobility scooters. The dropped curbs are dangerous and need to be relaid to stop more accidents. Millions are spent on cycle tracks, but we are told there is no money for dropped curbs. This must change and we ask BHCC to take this forward as a priority. This work needs to be done now and disabled people should be involved in planning this.”

3. (iii) Clean up Hanover's Streets

To receive the following e-Petition and accompanying paper petition presented at Council on 20 October 2011 by Councillor Lepper and signed by 59 people:

“We the undersigned petition the council to recognise that there is a particular problem with rubbish in Hanover’s streets, and that these unacceptable amounts of refuse are unsightly, causing hygiene problems and blocking the narrow pavements. We call on the council to put in place measures which will keep rubbish off Hanover’s streets, and to publicise fully what these measures are.”

3. (iv) Save Our Roses - Dyke Road Park

To receive the following e-Petition petition submitted by Ms Fiona Goffe and signed by 18 people:

“We the undersigned petition the council to not remove the roses from the ROSE GARDEN in Dyke Road Park. The Rose Garden is the most distinctive part of the park and the only facility that is particularly appreciated by older people. A survey done early this year identified that the roses were the thing people most often commented on as liking about the park. It is A ROSE GARDEN and the Friends of group are prepared to helping with maintenance. The formal nature of the hedging does not lend itself well to bedding plant. The variety, colour and scent of these roses are stunning despite years of neglect and they are very much loved.”

3. (v) Visitor Parking, Lorna Road

To receive the following paper petition presented at Council on 20 October 2011 by Councillor Phillips and signed by 38 people:

“We call on the council to restrict visitors parking to 2 hours, including Sundays, on Lorna Road.”

3. (vi) Open Up B&H Bus Lanes

To receive the following paper petition presented at Council on 20 October 2011 by Councillor Janio and signed by 1028 people:

"In a world of increasing regulation & conformity motorcycling represents one of the last bastions of individuality and diversity. This freedom of expression & individuality is not a 'given'; it has to be protected and fought for. This is why MAG is focussed on promoting motorcycling & to represent, protect & defend the interests of all riders.

In September last year Bedford Borough opened up its bus lanes to motorbikes as way to reduce congestion around the town centre. Bristol has operated permanent motorcycle access since 1996, with Reading following suit in 1999. Motorcycle access to bus lanes has also been made permanent in Birmingham, Colchester, Bath & Hull.

None of the above towns & cities has reported any safety issues attributed to the above & in fact accidents amongst riders in the above town have reduced.

This being the case we would welcome your signature to support our proposal to B & H Council to open up the A259 Ovingdean/Newhaven and A23 Bus Lane to bikers, with a view to extend this citywide subject to positive outcomes."

3. (vii) Save Our Buses

To receive the following paper petition presented at Council on 20 October 2011 by Councillor Janio and signed by 607 people:

"We the undersigned, support Councillors Dawn Barnett and Tony Janio in their campaign to preserve our 3 local bus services - 16, 56 & 66. They are vital to the residents of Hangleton & Knoll - both young and old - and must not be axed!"

3. (viii) Duke Street, lorry access

To receive the following paper petition presented at Council on 20 October 2011 by Councillor Jason Kitcat and signed by 23 people:

"We as the traders of Duke Street are in support of measures being taken to restrict access, of lorries to Duke Street during trading hours. This is due to fact that these lorries pose a danger to this pedestrianised street and constantly are a source of disturbance and nuisance to our businesses and the general public."

3. (ix) Proposed Traffic order- Newlands Road

To receive the following paper petition presented at Council on 20 October 2011 by Ocean Reach Residents Limited and signed by 12 people:

"We the undersigned are the directors and members of Ocean Reach Residents Limited. With regard to our request for double yellow lines at the entrance to our car park. We would ask the Environment Cabinet Member

when they consider the above proposal, to view our request as a separate issue to the Limited Waiting proposal for Newlands Road. We feel that drivers safety is significantly compromised with the entrance as it is at present”.