

Council	Agenda Item 91(c)
22 March 2012	Brighton & Hove City Council

NOTICE OF MOTION

CONSERVATIVE GROUP

CONDEMNATION OF PROPOSED SMASH EDO DISRUPTION

“This Council condemns Smash EDO over their plans to disrupt the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee celebrations, as part of a wider ‘Summer of Resistance’ in Brighton & Hove.

This Council welcomes the fact that the right to protest is a basic human right in the UK but also agrees that with that right comes a concurrent responsibility to the wider community. Smash EDO has demonstrated, over a number of years of activity in Brighton & Hove, that they have little regard to upholding these responsibilities.

Furthermore, this Council deeply regrets that Smash EDO consistently refuse to work with Sussex Police, and other agencies in the city, to ensure that the danger to the general public, the impact on city businesses and the cost of policing the protests themselves is minimised. This Council also believes that the current Administration’s policy of designating Brighton & Hove a ‘protest city’ will inevitably encourage Smash EDO to cause further disruption and endangers the city’s reputation as a top national and international tourist destination.

Therefore, this Council:

- 1) Calls on Smash EDO to abandon their plans to disrupt the Diamond Jubilee celebrations in the city;
- 2) Calls on Smash EDO to work with Sussex Police at the earliest opportunity in order to minimise the cost and disruption of any future demonstrations;
- 3) Calls on the City’s 3 MPs to write to Smash EDO, urging them to abandon their plans to disrupt the Diamond Jubilee and calls on the Leader of Brighton & Hove City Council to consider doing likewise.

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