

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

NOTICE OF MOTION

GREEN GROUP AMENDMENT

CONDEMNATION OF PROPOSED SMASH EDO DISRUPTION

Insert new wording in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 as shown in bold italics and delete wording as struck through. Insert new paragraph 4 as shown in bold italics and replace the three resolutions as struck through with those as set out in bold italics below:

~~“This Council notes *plans for a ‘Smash EDO’ demonstration to on June 4th, 2012*, 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, and that the proposed demonstration will co-incide with the bank holiday to mark the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee.~~

~~This Council *notes* welcomes the fact that the right to protest is a basic human right, *guaranteed by international law, and that Sussex Police have stated their aim to ‘facilitate peaceful protest’ in the city, and welcomes current and recent pro-peace and pro-democracy demonstrations by trade unionists and others in Syria, Gaza, and across the Arab region.* 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 laments the fact that arms manufactured at the EDO-ITT factory have, reportedly, been used by armed forces using military force to crush such demonstrations, notably in Gaza.* 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.~~

~~*But this council also notes with regret that previous Smash EDO demonstrations in the city have caused some disruption to residents going about their lawful and peaceful business, and hopes the planned protest on June 4th will not do so.*~~

Therefore, this Council:

- 1) Reaffirms the right to peaceful protest in the city, but also its belief that no such demonstration should either threaten public safety nor pose any impediment to residents, businesses or visitors to the city from going***

~~**about their lawful businesses;** Calls on Smash EDO to abandon their plans to disrupt the Diamond Jubilee celebrations in the city;~~

- 2) ~~**Notes the threat any such disruption, especially to those celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, may cause to the city's reputation;** 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 Sussex Police and the organisers of the planned demonstration to work together in a spirit of trust and openness to ensure that the planned demonstration passes off peacefully, and causes no significant disruption to anyone celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, or engaged in any other lawful activity** 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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