

Letter to Transport Committee from Cllr Alan Robins

Ms Catherine Vaughan
Acting Chief Executive
Brighton & Hove City Council

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Dear Catherine,

Please could this letter be placed on the agenda of the next Transport Committee?

I would like to draw the attention of the committee to the very real problems being experienced on a daily basis by local traders in relation being able to obtain parking waivers.

I have been approached by a constituent who is a builder and who had won a contract to carry a week's work in The Lanes. As he needed to have his van parked nearby to be able to access his tools he queued at the Parking Shop at Hove Town Hall for a waiver but was told that because there were no waivers issued for that particular area he would have to use on-street parking.

This works out at a cost of £6 for 2 hours and would necessitate the moving of his van every two hours throughout the day so that in an 8 hour day he would have to move his van 4 times at a cost of £24. Over 5 working days this would total £120 for 20 moves of his van making the total parking charge equal to one day's work.

Please could the Chair of the Transport Committee explain the following?

- How many streets are there in the city where parking waivers for traders are unavailable and which are they?
- Has the issue of Traders Permits and Waivers been looked at as part of the citywide parking policy review?
- Does he accept that the type of difficulty being experienced by my constituent and other local traders like him is hampering their ability to make a living in these tough times as well as disadvantaging customers living in the city centre?
- Will he undertake to review the allocation of parking waivers in light of the problems outlined above and to incorporate this into his promised review of parking tariffs.

Yours sincerely,

Councillor Alan Robins
North Portslade Ward

