

ENVIRONMENT CABINET MEMBER MEETING

Agenda Item 74

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject:	Petitions		
Date of Meeting:	11 December 2008		
Report of:	Director of Strategy & Governance		
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Key Decision:	No		
Wards Affected:	Various		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

1.1 To receive the following petitions presented at Council on 4 December 2008, and any petitions presented directly to the Environment Cabinet Member Meeting.

74. (i) To receive the following petition presented at Council on 4 December by Councillor Steedman and signed by 108 people:

We the undersigned urge Brighton & Hove City Council to press on as a matter of urgency in establishing a safe cycle route along Madeira Drive from the Brighton Pier to the Brighton Marina. The route is required as a leisure cycling facility for families and for commuters. It is the only section of the National Cycle Route 2 in Sussex that is not marked.

74. (ii) To receive the following petition presented at Council on 4 December by Councillor Bennett and signed by 425 people:

We, the undersigned, call upon Brighton & Hove City Council to introduce parking restrictions in our part of Stanford Ward instead of imposing the Council's proposed parking scheme.

The restrictions would include a single yellow line with parking prohibited for one hour each day on weekdays only. The restrictions would therefore be very similar to those already in successfully operating in Hove Park Road and adjacent roads to the south.

In addition, there would be a reasonable number of parking bays allowing parking for up to 11 hours a day.

The Council's consultation documentation did not offer parking restrictions as an alternative to the Council's permit scheme and this petition is therefore to request parking restrictions and it over-rides my consultation response.

74. (iii) To receive the following petition presented at Council on 4 December by Councillor Bennett and signed by 72 people:

We the residents of Shirley Drive urge the Council to re-consider the proposed parking scheme.

The introduction of parking bays between Hove Park Rd and Woodruff Avenue will narrow an already busy and congested road, forcing traffic on to the wrong side of the road. This we believe to be potentially very dangerous, particularly during rush hour.

Our other issue is the resulting ban on parking on our crossovers. At present residents and visitors park on their wide crossovers without hindrance to traffic or pedestrians. This ban will force all these vehicles to take up valuable parking bays elsewhere. Surely this will only add to the on road parking problem in the area. We believe white lines over crossovers would alleviate this problem.

Please re-consider Shirley Drives unique situation.

74. (iv) To receive the following petition presented at Council on 4 December by Councillor Lepper and signed by 88 people:

We, the undersigned, are gravely concerned about the ever increasing volume and speed of traffic in Stanmer Villas. This is particularly noticeable during weekday rush hours: at weekends the road suffers from 'boy racers'. Stanmer Villas is used as a rat run: it is the only road with direct access to the top of Hollingdean.

In recent weeks there have been at least 2 cats killed and some injured on this road. The road is extremely dangerous to cross especially for the young and the elderly.

*It is imperative that Brighton & Hove City Council take appropriate measures before someone is seriously injured or worse, there is a fatality: **we ask the Council to implement a traffic calming scheme.***

74. (v) To receive the following petition presented at Council on 4 December by Councillor Norman and signed by 285 people:

We the community residents & vehicle owner's living or working within the boundrey of Dyke Road – Millers Road - & The Drove wish it to be know that we are emphatically against the proposed parking scheme.

74. (vi) To receive the following petition presented at Council on 4 December by Councillor Mrs Theobald and signed by 307 people:

We, the undersigned residents of Patcham, Westdene, & Withdean in Brighton & Hove City, petition the Council to order the removal of the mobile phone mast that is placed on the grass land opposite No 3 Brangwyn Way on the following grounds:

1. *We believe the mast was originally sited illegally on Council land, as there is a covenant stating nothing should be built on it and proper local community consultations and consent were not undertaken;*
2. *The mast has increased in height, size and shape and does not blend with the area;*
3. *The mast has detrimental effects on the value of properties in the area.*
4. *The mast is a macrocell site, for both T-Mobile and 3 Mobile networks, providing both GSM / GPRS and 3G technology and now has an obvious increase in the volume of traffic it carries;*
5. *The mast is potentially adverse for public health of local children and others who are vulnerable healthwise;*

We, thereby, request the Council to order the removal of this mast and to refuse applications for further masts within the immediate area.

