ENVIRONMENT TRANSPORT & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM 8c

Penny Thompson – Chief Executive Brighton & Hove City Council King's House

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Dear Penny

I would be grateful if you could include this letter on the agenda of the 1st July Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee meeting under Council Procedure Rule 23.3.

On page 118 of the 2012/13 Budget papers there was a saving in the Highways budget, that I suspect many members will not have picked up on at the time, to the effect that no new yellow lines or signs would be allowed outside of Controlled Parking Zones in the city. This has become a real bone of contention for residents in my ward and those in the other outlying wards in the city who have had perfectly legitimate requests for new lines turned down by the Council. In addition, in recent months this policy has been thrown into confusion by the fact that several areas, outside Controlled Parking Zones, now appear to be being considered for new parking restrictions.

The Council has been given a record Local Transport Plan funding allocation for this year of £7.5 million, in addition to numerous other generous grant awards from the Government and the Coast to Capital LEP, such as Better Bus Areas, Local Sustainable Transport Fund and funding for the Valley Gardens project.

As we are currently consulting stakeholders for the LTP 4 process, now would seem to be the ideal time to revisit the 2012/13 decision. I would, therefore, like to propose that an officer report is presented to the next meeting of this Committee which will give members of the Committee the opportunity to reverse the blanket policy which I believe unfairly penalises residents living in areas outside of the city centre.

Yours sincerely

Cllr. Geoffrey Theobald OBE