

(iii) Deputation: Support for proposal to an extension to Zone J controlled parking in the Lewes Road/Triangle area

We wish to urge the council to approve the Road Traffic Order which will bring in controlled parking to the Triangle/Lewes Road.

We are all residents of Park Crescent . There are a number of reasons as to why we believe that the time has come for a CPZ to be extended to include our street. Our road borders the Level; is very near the London Road and is a short walk to the seafront; city centre; and railway stations. We are extremely unhappy with the current parking do not think that the current parking situation is We are the first road out of town without residents parking and due to this we are being used as a car park by non residents. It has been a very long process getting to this stage and we sincerely hope that we will not have to wait much longer for the parking scheme.

There are a number of reasons for this request:

1. Resident parking difficulties

Our road borders the Level (recently re-opened); the London Road (major regeneration); the Open Market (re-launched and new events space); is a short walk to the seafront and railway stations and is the first road which does not have residents parking. We are being used as a free car park by non residents and their inconsiderate parking is preventing all residents from being able to park anywhere near their homes. This particularly impacts the elderly and those with young families.

2. Safety

There was a near fatal fire in the street last year and the fire engine was unable to gain access due to the current parking and cars being on both sides of the street.

3. Listed buidling damage

Currently cars park on the pavements. Park Crescent houses are Grade 2* and have part of the basement and store rooms under the pavements which are at risk of damage due to pavement parking.

4. Student parking

The London Road has recently been redeveloped to include 350 student properties and they are shortly to move in. We understand that these students will not be entitled to permits and therefore will have to park in unrestricted streets such as our own. In any event students are less likely to pay for a permit and therefore in the next month we will once again be inundated with student vehicles that are left undriven for weeks.

We presented a petition to the Council in November 2013 that was limited to just residents of Park Crescent & Park Crescent Terrace. Approximately 160 residents signed this to request residents parking. We have then been consulted and the vast majority of residents voted in favour. Please vote in favour of this report so that we do not have to wait any longer.

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