

Penny Thompson – Chief Executive
Brighton & Hove City Council
Grand Avenue
Hove

25th June 2015

Dear Penny,

I am submitting the following letter under Council Procedure Rule 23.3 to be included on the agenda for the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee meeting of 7th July 2015.

Last Spring, 2014, the City Council asked every household in Baker's Bottom and the Craven Vale Area whether they wanted the Council to extend the Area U Car Parking Zone (CPZ) which already existed in Dawson Terrace, Cuthbert Road and the top part of Sutherland Road

Following this consultation, the Council agreed to extend the CPZ to include Baker's Bottom (Hendon Street, Bute Street, Livingstone Street and Rochester Street) where the majority had voted in favour. However, the vote in the Craven Vale Estate was – at that time – against having a Car Parking Zone, and it was not introduced there. There was a low turnout to the consultation in 2014, and the decision was based on just 65 responses.

Since the CPZ was introduced last autumn in Baker's Bottom, there has been a notable increase in pressure on car parking spaces throughout the Craven Vale Estate, mainly due to non-residents no longer being able to park in Baker's Bottom, and parking in Craven Vale instead.

At an open meeting of the Craven Vale Community Association held in March, the over-riding view of those present was that the parking situation had worsened significantly this year, and that another consultation was needed. At the subsequent committee meeting in April, various options were considered as to how to take this forward, and the conclusion was reached that the Association should send a very short questionnaire to every household in Craven Vale and ask whether or not they wished to have another full consultation organised by the Council. This was agreed at the open meeting held on May 13th.

The Craven Vale Community Association circulated questionnaires on 3rd June with a closing date of 30th June. As of the 24th June, 84% of residents agreed with the need for a new Council consultation and 79% stated they were likely to vote in favour of a CPZ at a response rate of 27%.

We, as ward councillors for East Brighton, wish to support the Craven Vale Community Association in their request that a new CPZ consultation be undertaken in their area and ask that a report be submitted to a future committee meeting with proposals on a way forward for consideration by Members.

Yours sincerely

Cllrs Barradell and Morgan