

Brighton & Hove City Council's Cabinet
Kings House, Grand Avenue
Hove BN3 2LS

24th February 2009

Dear Brighton & Hove City Council Cabinet Members,

The Brighton Centre and any future redevelopment is critical to the city's continued economic well-being. As feasibility work progresses on redevelopment proposals for the Brighton Centre and surrounding amenities, we would like to draw your attention to the hopes and concerns of local residents in the city centre.

The Brighton Centre occupies a key position in our sea front townscape and is bounded by the Old Town, Regency Square and Montpelier & Clifton Hill Conservation Areas. Hence any new development will have a significant impact on the townscape and some of our key heritage areas.

We must be sensitive to the context of the area: Previous development in the area destroyed one side of Russell Square leaving a number of hostile roads primarily used to serve car parks. The centre stands by the iconic Grand Hotel and surrounding residential areas are of architectural importance to the city.

Thus we call on Cabinet members to support regular involvement with residents as proposals are developed. This should include public meetings and consultation with residents, ward councillors and the Conservation Advisory Group.

Such consultation, early and often, will help to address resident and conservation concerns and could well prevent an inappropriate proposal going before planning committee forcing a key project to face refusal.

We look forward to participating in the public dialogue on this key project for our city.

Sincerely,

Cllr Jason Kitcat
Cllr Paul Steedman
Cllr Amy Kennedy
Cllr Bill Randall
Cllr Pete West
Cllr Ian Davey
Cllr Sven Rufus

