



**Brighton & Hove  
City Council**

# **COUNCIL ADDENDUM 1**

**4.30PM, THURSDAY, 20 OCTOBER 2022**

**HOVE TOWN HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBER**



## **ADDENDUM**

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# Brighton & Hove City Council

**Council**

**Agenda Item 31**

**Subject: Petitions**

**Date of meeting: 20 October 2022**

**Ward(s) affected: All**

## **TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING PETITIONS:**

1. Speed Bumps Mile Oak Road  
Lead Petitioner: Laura Egan
2. Petition to stop juggernauts using residential roads for driver training in Hangleton Valley  
Lead Petitioner: Councillor Dawn Barnett
3. Permit dogs to enter cemeteries in the City  
Lead Petitioner: James Breeds



# Brighton & Hove City Council

**Council**

**Agenda Item 32**

**Subject: Written questions from members of the public.**

**Date of meeting: 20 October 2022**

A period of not more than fifteen minutes shall be allowed for questions submitted by a member of the public who either lives or works in the area of the authority at each ordinary meeting of the Council.

Every question shall be put and answered without discussion, but the person to whom a question has been put may decline to answer. The person who asked the question may ask one relevant supplementary question, which shall be put and answered without discussion.

The following written questions have been received from members of the public.

**1. QUESTION From: Tina Marton**

The lives of myself, my family and other residents are being made a misery by the inconsiderate behaviour of some people who visit the 24 hour McDonald's at night. Nobody is willing to help us. Not the management company at the marina. Not the police. Not the council's licensing department who say that reviewing - and possibly revoking - the 24 hour license is a big issue. Is the ability to get a burger all through the night more important than the sleep of people living nearby and what help can you give the council-tax paying residents of the marina?

**Councillor John, Chair of the Licensing Committee will reply.**

**2. QUESTION From: Mark Thomas**

The ETS decided recently not to implement a parking scheme in Roedean. I, and other residents, would like to better understand why limited, if any consideration, appears to have been given to the material health and safety risks with the current parking. These risks include children playing, road crossing, limited access for ambulances and fire engines, as well as vehicular accidents. The cost considerations appear incomplete, as they ignore likely capital expenditure from road repair which would reduce with parking restrictions. 80% of residents supported restrictions on the initial consultation so the decision appears undemocratic. Why was it taken?"

**Councillor Davis / Heley, Joint Chair of the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee will reply.**

**3. QUESTION From: Laura King**

Question to the Leader of the Council, I note on the council's website that there is currently a job advertised "Head of Communications and Public Relations"

Can I ask how many officers and other comms staff are employed in the Communications Department and how much this costs us Council Tax Payers in salaries along with its annual budget?

**Councillor Mac Cafferty, Leader of the Council will reply.**

**4. QUESTION From: Nigel Smith**

In 2018 you applied unsuccessfully for funds to tackle the sharp growth in traffic congestion that you said meant we could not meet the development plan.

As City Plan Part Two has no such reservations about the state of the transport infrastructure, can you explain how you reversed this very serious situation and what measurements you took to confirm your success?

**Councillor Davis / Heley, Joint Chair of the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee will reply.**

**5. QUESTION From: Derek Wright**

The tamarisks shrubs were cutdown on Dukes Mound and treated have all grown back and the area, with its broken benches and fences is looking neglected. They are meant to be replanted with chalk tolerant grasses and local plants. When will re landscaping start?

Secondly Madeira Drive East was dug up to lay a cable for new street lighting which has been completed and ready to plug in the new street lamps. Please can state when these are going to be installed and working?

**Councillor Davis / Heley, Joint Chair of the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee will reply.**



**Subject: Deputations from members of the public.**

**Date of meeting: 20 October 2022**

A period of not more than fifteen minutes shall be allowed at each ordinary meeting of the Council for the hearing of deputations from members of the public. Each deputation may be heard for a maximum of five minutes following which one Member of the council, nominated by the mayor, may speak in response. It shall then be moved by the mayor and voted on without discussion that the spokesperson for the deputation be thanked for attending and its subject matter noted.

Notification of one Deputation has been received. The spokesperson is entitled to speak for 5 minutes.

**(1) Deputation concerning Hove Waste and Recycling Site  
Spokesperson – Alison Lovegrove**

Supported by:

Emine and Gareth Canpolat  
Mel Reynolds  
Vicky and Damien Dunford  
Lynne Reeves  
Melissa Waters  
Helen Wade

Stella Letanka-Jeffs  
Keziah Barton-White  
Lynne East  
Sophie Taylor  
Tracey and Mike Grennan  
Sarah Horne

**Residents local to the Hove Waste and Recycling Site request that as site operations apparently can't be reduced to a level that makes the impact tolerable, it be moved to a different, non-residential location.**

I have lived in my home, which backs onto the front opening of the main hall at the Hove Waste site, for over 20 years. When we bought the house plans were in place to locate a waste site on the land behind, and we were assured that operations would not impact local residents, as indeed it did not until recent years. Residents report that their quality of life, wellbeing and ability to use their homes for recreation and work have been adversely impacted. This deputation comes after three years of complaints to Veolia, which once seemed fruitless were directed to our local councillors, then to our MP. We then attempted to have our voices heard by contacting the Head of City Clean, then the Director of the Environment, then the Head of City Environment, Strategy and Service Improvement, who eventually copied in EHL Environmental Protection Team. Despite some measures taken by Veolia to mitigate the issues, they all persist.

Since operations and have increased under the management of Veolia, as in over the last few years, we who live near the site have increasingly experienced intolerable disruption to our rest, relaxation and experience of living and working at home in the following ways - **appalling odour, intrusive noise, presence of excessive numbers of flies, and vermin infestations.**

## **Noise**

My first complaint about intrusive noise to Rob Allen, Contract Administrator, then Martin Benson Household Waste Recycling Cites Manager at Veolia was in December 2020 having my household woken on a holiday day at 7am. I was told there were specific 'cleaning' days when the noise was allowed to start earlier than usual, around once a month. A few months later the noise was starting at 7am every week day and 8am on weekends, with no consultation with, information or explanation to local residents. The noise comprises could be described best as loud bangs which sounds like explosions, grinding noises, engine noise and reversing alarms. We have been repeatedly told that Veolia gained permission in March 2021 (3 months after the 7am noise started) to extend operation hours until March 2023. That this permission was granted is the first issue, that our repeated complaints and calls to cease these extended hours not just reduce the number of days they happen, have come to nothing is another. Veolia built an 'acoustic fence' without consultation with residents, and which had no effect at all.

## **Odour**

Complaints regarding the intolerably bad odour from the site have been made repeatedly, especially since the summer of 2020, when the very occasional day of increased odour became almost daily and more noticeable. On some days, local residents notice the odour from early in the morning and still late into the evening, even outside of the hot weather season. The odour is noticeable as far up as the Sackville crossroad, to down into Poet's Corner despite Veolia apparently using 'deodorisers'.

## **Flies and Vermin**

Residents report that for over 2 years now they have had elevated numbers of flies in their homes. Veolia eventually responded to repeated complaints by 'fogging' occasionally and setting 'fly traps' at the site. These measures seemed to reduce the number of flies this summer overall, but still not to an acceptable level. Officers from these organisations explain that our issues with these vermin infestations are due to our proximity to the Waste Site, and that these issues are increasing locally due to the increase in operation capacity at the site over recent years.

## **Supporting Information**

### **Noise - impact**

The impact of the noise, which is generally elevated above that in years prior to 2020, as well as occurring at anti-social hours, is marked reduction in quality of life. An acoustic fence was put up, without consultation with residents, and which was completely ineffective but when we continue to complain, we are reminded about the fence. Sleep and rest is still interrupted, especially for those of us who don't choose to wake before 7am, or who work unconventional hours, the noise is also causing stress from the invasive effects on cognitive functioning, disruption of work for those of us working from home when windows are open, and reduction of enjoyment of use of our gardens. We have residents of various ages who are noise sensitive for medical reasons, who are finding the situation intolerable. It is our view that the level of noise that the current operational level of the site is causing, is not acceptable in a residential area. Local residents do not accept we have to wait until March 2023 for the 7am start to cease, nor that we have to continue to tolerate the increase in noise during the day both in the week and at weekends.

### **Odour - impact**

Residents report not being able to use their gardens, open windows, and are repulsed by the smell when walking in the surrounding streets. The smell is repugnant and as it's deemed intelligent to keep ventilation at its maximum due to virus contamination risk, it is unacceptable to have to keep windows shut to reduce the experience of the vile smell from the site, let alone being at best uncomfortable and at worst a health risk in the warm months. We have been told that deodorizers have been used to reduce the smell, and arguably the issue was slightly less frequent this summer than last summer, but it is still way beyond what is tolerable in a home environment and is having a huge impact on our quality of life, wellbeing and experience of our homes in general.

### **Flies and vermin - impact**

We were offered a pest control visit to our homes at Veolia's expense instead of an acknowledgement of the problem persisting despite the measures taken in the form of fogging and fly traps. We have refused this on the grounds that so many households are affected, it is clear the problem is coming from the site, and treating the problem in our homes is not preferable or efficient as the problem will persist. A few days before a recent scheduled fogging, residents were reporting 48 flies on fly paper in their kitchen within a few hours. The issue of high number of flies seems to be reaching the Old Shoreham Road homes and down into Poet's Corner. The large clusters appear in cycles of a few weeks but are also noticeable most days. The impact of these flies is that we can not leave food out for even for a few seconds without clusters of flies landing on the food. When eating, residents report flies diving onto their faces and onto their plates. Residents are repeatedly buying fly paper and have photographic evidence of the problem. We all expect flies in the summer, but this goes far beyond a normal experience of flies in the warm months, and even in the winter months. Vermin infestations are very common in households near the site, causing risk to health, stress and huge costs in hiring professional pest control teams to repeatedly treat the problem in our homes and gardens. Local residents have had to remove compost piles and bins from their gardens as they attract rats from the site.

Residents call for the operations to be reviewed in the short term, and in the mid term for the re-location of the site to a non-residential area where local residents can not be affected by the noise, odour, flies and vermin from the site.

Page 2 – reports submitted to Veolia, situation has continued since but we did not receive replies so we stopped

## RESIDENTS' REPORT W/...

Key for Aldrington Avenue residents' weekly report Summer 2021 -

0 / white not noticeable or away; 1/yellow - noticeable, 2/orange - Bad, 3/red - Terrible

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Poll to residents in Knoll and Hove Park wards on 23 March on NextDoor app -

Question for those living near Hove Recycling Centre. Are you adversely affected during warmer months in terms of smell, flies or noise?

**58% replied yes, 34% of those said 'Very much so'.**

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0 Flies are SO bad this week! Noise and lorry movement is not just in the flies major problem. Cant have ANY food out or cook without having to c  
Smell was noticeable all the way through Poet's Corner. Flies are unbea

On vacation

0 Noisy work began at around 7am on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday desj

