

Subject:	A259 South Coast Road Congestion – Petition for Debate		
Date of Meeting:	6 April 2017		
Report of:	The Monitoring Officer		
Contact Officer:	Name:	Mark Wall	Tel: 01273 291006
	E-mail:	mark.wall@brighton-hove.gov.uk	
Wards Affected:	All		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE**1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:**

- 1.1 Under the Council's Petition Scheme if a petition contains more than 1,250 signatures and is not petition requesting officer evidence, it will be debated by the Full Council.
- 1.2 The e-petition and paper petition has resulted in triggering a debate at the council meeting, having exceeded the threshold with a total of 5,188 signatures confirmed at the time of printing the report.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the petition is noted and referred to the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee for consideration at its meeting on the 27th June 2017.

3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION / CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:**3.1 The Petition****A259 South Coast Road Congestion**

We the undersigned petition Brighton & Hove Council to , alongside East Sussex County Council and Lewes District Council, carry out a joint traffic evaluation study on the A259 South Coast Road between Newhaven and Brighton Marina as well as carrying out an economic impact study of the detrimental effects caused by traffic congestion on the A259 from Newhaven to the Brighton Marina, (particularly at peak times) on the local economy for this area as well as looking at air quality and the quality of life for residents in this whole area. Once the results of these studies have been reviewed, we call upon the councils to clearly identify what new physical road infrastructure improvements will be required to meet any identified capacity shortfall, along with a schedule of works for when those improvements will need to be implemented before any further development takes place.

Lead Petitioner – Lynne Moss

<https://present.brighton-hove.gov.uk/mgEPetitionDisplay.aspx?ID=530&RPID=18152465&HPID=18152465>

3.2 The options open to the council are:

- To note the petition and take no action for reasons put forward in the debate; or
- To refer the petition to the relevant Committee meeting; or
- To refer the petition to the relevant Committee meeting with recommendations.

4. PROCEDURE:

4.1 The petition will be debated at the Council meeting in accordance with the agreed protocol:

- (i) The Lead petitioner will be invited by the Mayor to present the petition and will have up to 3 minutes in which to outline the prayer of the petition and confirm the number of signatures;
- (ii) The Mayor will then open the matter up for debate by councillors for period of 15 minutes and will first call on the relevant Committee Chair to respond to the petition and move a proposed response. The Mayor will then call on those councillors who have indicated a desire to speak in the matter, before calling on the relevant Committee Chair to respond to the debate;
- (iii) Any councillor may move an amendment or recommendation, having regard to the recommendation in 2.1 above and any such proposal will need to be formally seconded;
- (iv) After the 15 minutes set aside for the debate, the Mayor will then formally put:
 - (a) Any amendments in the order in which they are moved, and
 - (b) The substantive recommendation(s) as amended (if amended).