

ENVIRONMENT CABINET MEMBER MEETING

Agenda Item 5

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject:	Petitions		
Date of Meeting:	4 June 2009		
Report of:	Acting Director of Strategy & Governance		
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Key Decision:	No		
Wards Affected:	Central Hove; East Brighton; Preston Park; Regency; Stanford; Wish; Withdean		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

1.1 To receive the following petitions presented at Council on 30 April or any petitions presented directly to the Environment Cabinet Member Meeting.

5. (i) To receive the following petition presented at Council on 30 April by Councillor Mrs Norman and signed by 160 people:

Westdene Playground Development

The named persons below are petitioning Brighton and Hove City Council to improve and develop our playground and its surrounding area.

5. (ii) To receive the following petition presented at Council on 30 March by Councillor Mrs Norman and signed by 90 people:

*We the undersigned petition Brighton and Hove Local Authority to include **Tivoli Crescent, Tivoli Crescent North, Tivoli Road, Tivoli Place, Matlock Road and Maldon Road,** in their continuing consultation over the proposed extension of the residents parking scheme in the Preston Park Station area. Although the majority of residents from this area rejected a residents parking scheme in the first round of consultation, views **may or may not** have changed in light of the proposed changes to the surrounding area. We believe residents of the identified roads should be consulted again in light of the proposed changes.*

5. (iii) To receive the following petition presented at Council on 30 April by Councillor Kitcat and signed by 54 people concerning a request from Preston Street Traders' Association to offer discounted car parking in Regency Square Car Park to their customers visiting in the evening.

5. (iv) To receive the following petition presented at Council on 30 April by Councillor McCaffery and signed by 192 people:

Blakers Park Playground (Playground improvement)

Dear Parent

As a visitor/user of the playground you have probably noticed that the play equipment is very poor compared with other nearby playground facilities. There is insufficient seating/shaded areas, limited equipment (which seems to be aimed at very young children only) and a sand pit which is poorly maintained. In addition I have raised concerns with the Council over the many 'trip hazards' (uneven ground/pot-holes) in the grassed area, the rotting/splintering wood surrounding the sand pit and metal gate which could easily trap 'little fingers'.

Central Government has awarded every Local Authority with a grant specifically aimed at Park (playground) improvements.

To stand any chance of directing these funds to Blakers Park it is vitally important that local feeling is expressed. Should you support this cause please would you sign below adding any comments you feel appropriate. I will ensure this Petition will be presented to the local Councillor for the information/action of the relevant Council department – Thank you!

5. (v) To receive the following petition presented at Council on 30 April by Councillor Older and signed by 31 people:

Hove Villas: Communal bins – do you want this in your street?

I do not want communal bins in any part of the road.

5. (vi) To receive the following petition presented at Council on 30 April by Councillor Kemble and signed by 62 people:

We the undersigned wish to strongly register our objection to the proposal to extend the double yellow line at the North end of Worcester Villas.

We do not believe the current arrangements for parking in this part of the street cause any obstruction to the access at the top of the road. The proposed change will also remove 2 unrestricted parking spaces and up to 2 spaces on a single yellow line.

Parking on Worcester Villas is already extremely difficult for residents due to the number of vehicles and this change will have a significant negative impact on residents.

We therefore request that the proposed change does NOT go ahead.

5. (vii) To receive the following petition presented at Council on 30 April by Councillor Bennett and signed by 13 people:

We suffer from the smoke and effects from the constant bonfires at the allotments. This affects our enjoyment of our gardens. With the spring upon us we ask the council to resolve this on-going problem for local residents. We want the council to provide a green waste collection for allotment holders, and to look at measures that curtail or restrict bonfires on the site....especially during the spring, summer and autumn.

5. (viii) To receive the following petition presented directly to the Environment Cabinet Member Meeting by Councillor Morgan:

We, the undersigned, want traffic calming insitu on Manor Hill, ie. cctv and ramps (before someone get killed).

