

**ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORT &
SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE**
Agenda Item 6(a)

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject:	A259 South Coast Road Petition: Extract from the proceedings of the Council Meeting held on the 6 April 2017		
Date of Meeting:	27 June 2017		
Report of:	Executive Lead for Strategy, Governance & Law		
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Wards Affected:	All		

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Action Required of the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee

To receive the item referred from the Council for consideration.

Recommendations:

That the petition be considered by the Committee.

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL**COUNCIL****4.30PM 6 APRIL 2017****COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL****MINUTES**

Present: Councillors West (Chair), Marsh (Deputy Chair), Allen, Atkinson, Barford, Barnett, Bell, Bennett, Brown, Cattell, Chapman, Cobb, Daniel, Deane, Druitt, Gibson, Gilbey, Greenbaum, Hamilton, Hill, Horan, Hyde, Inkpin-Leissner, Janio, Knight, Lewry, Littman, Mac Cafferty, Meadows, Mears, Miller, Mitchell, Moonan, Morgan, Morris, Nemeth, A Norman, K Norman, O'Quinn, Page, Peltzer Dunn, Penn, Phillips, Robins, Russell-Moyle, Simson, Sykes, Taylor, C Theobald, G Theobald, Wares, Wealls and Yates.

89 PETITIONS FOR COUNCIL DEBATE**(b) A259 SOUTH COAST ROAD**

- 89.1 The Mayor stated that where a petition secured 1,250 or more signatures it could be debated at the council meeting. He had been made aware of five such petitions and would therefore take each in turn.
- 89.14 The Mayor then invited Nigel Smith and Lynne Moss as the lead petitioner to present the petition calling on the Council to undertake a joint traffic impact study along the A259 South Coast Road with East Sussex County Council and Lewes District Council.
- 89.15 Mr. Smith thanked the Mayor and stated that the petitioners were hoping that the three authorities would work together to undertake a traffic congestion study, taking in to account the air quality in Rottingdean High Street. It was difficult to monitor the full length of traffic queues and the level of traffic which they believed exceeded the capacity of the road infrastructure and was likely to lead to the loss of the A259.
- 89.16 Ms. Moss stated that there was a need for the requested impact study and noted that level of congestion in Rottingdean High Street was unmerited. She also noted that there were planning applications for future developments which would add to the overall situation and pressure on the A259, and asked that officers ensure local ward councillors are kept up to date on the progress of the applications, as over 4,500 people had signed the petition.
- 89.17 The Mayor thanked Mr. Smith and Ms. Moss and called on Councillor Mitchell to respond to the petition.

- 89.18 Councillor Mitchell thanked the petitioners and noted that there had already been a great deal of cross-boundary work with other local authorities in relation to impact studies along the A259. She noted that low emission buses had been introduced and that passenger numbers had increased and suggested that more buses were needed along with connecting services to other areas around the city. She also felt that because of the various studies already undertaken it would be better to simply note the petition rather than refer it to the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee.
- 89.19 Councillor Mears stated that she felt that further action was necessary and that additional information would help to formulate an action plan to address the issues caused by the level of traffic along the A259. She noted that the air quality in Rottingdean was poor and that it was difficult to collect data and therefore joint action by all the authorities would be helpful.
- 89.20 Councillor Greenbaum stated that she believed the bus lane worked well and additional buses and the encouragement of more passengers rather than car use would also be beneficial. She therefore felt that the petition should be given further consideration at committee.
- 89.21 In response to the debate Councillor Mitchell noted the comments and stated that she was happy to accept the desire for the petition to be considered at the next committee meeting.
- 89.22 The Mayor noted that it was recommended to note and refer the petition to the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee for consideration and put it to the vote which was **carried** unanimously.
- 89.23 **RESOLVED:** That the petition be noted and referred to the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee for consideration at its meeting on the 27th June 2017.

