

Subject:	Regency Square & i360 - Petition for Debate		
Date of Meeting:	19 July 2018		
Report of:	Executive Lead Officer for Strategy, Governance & Law		
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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 has resulted in triggering a debate at the council meeting, having exceeded the threshold with a total of 1,446 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 9th October 2018.

3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION / CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:**3.1 The Petition**

The opening of the BAi360 is bringing thousands of visitors to our area and we, the undersigned ask the Council to improve the front of the Square by addressing the following problems.

1. Illegal motorcycle parking on the crazy paving/pebbled hard standing section of the front lawn.
(Note - it is only a handful of motorcycles who park here regularly but their high visibility on the front of our square encourages many motorcycles passing by to turn right into Regency Square and on busy weekends we can have up to 40 motor cycles illegally parked. A small M/C bay (perhaps for 5) either side of the square should satisfy the regular offenders.)
2. Perhaps consideration could be given to allowing resident parking permit holders (Z) access to the car park which would enable the car parking bays

on either side of the square to be greatly reduced and so reduce the congestion of those queuing to get into the car park.

3. The front lawn pebbles are hazardous for elderly pedestrians and entirely unsuitable for wheelchairs and pushchairs. (a cement screed or decking over these pebbles would remove the problem.)
4. The lighting for this area is inadequate for what will be a very busy vantage point for visitors.
5. The stone steps around the memorial statue and the statue itself are in need of cleaning and the railings around the whole area are also in need of repair and decoration.

Lead petitioner: Neil Rosborough

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) An amendment to the recommendation in paragraph 2.1 of the report or to add additional recommendations should be submitted by 10.00am on the day of the meeting; otherwise it will be subject to the Chair's discretion as to being appropriate. Any such amendment will need to be formally moved and seconded at the meeting;
 - (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).