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King's House, Hove

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**Request for Call-in of Cabinet decision  
Pedestrian Network, Phase 2**

Dear Mr Bailey,

Please consider our request for a Call-in for scrutiny by the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee of the decision taken by Cabinet on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2009 regarding the Pedestrian Network, Phase 2.

In requesting a Call-in we believe that the Cabinet have failed to follow the expectations of Article 13.01 (b) of the Council's Constitution in regard to due consultation.

In compiling the report presented at Cabinet no mention is made of consulting residents or residents groups affected by the planned changes. We are aware of a number of detailed representations made by individual residents to officers responsible for this project. These responses or their general points have not been reflected at all in the report presented to Cabinet.

Specifically these were regarding loss of parking spaces for local residents, increased difficulty in residents of Clarendon Mansions being able to access and unload by their homes, a request to provide residents-only access to East Street and concerns over increased noise due to groups from the nearby pubs and clubs congregating on the proposed pedestrianised areas.

As none of these are reflected in the papers the Cabinet were not able to make a decision with the full knowledge of the relevant information. We do not therefore believe Cabinet were in a position to make an informed and impartial decision.

That as a matter of course residents could not be properly consulted and included in decision making is of concern for all aspects of Council projects and procedures. We believe Overview & Scrutiny should take this opportunity to ensure there are sufficient measures to ensure resident involvement in the planning of public realm projects.

We believe that our request satisfies the criteria for Call-in in that the decision by Cabinet was not taken in accordance with Article 13 of the Constitution (Para. 16.2, Part 6.1 Overview and Scrutiny Functions and Procedures).

Yours sincerely,

Cllr Jason Kitcat  
Cllr Ben Duncan  
Cllr Pete West  
Cllr Amy Kennedy

