

ENVIRONMENT CABINET MEMBER MEETING

Agenda Item 68

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject: Petitions
Date of Meeting: 17 December 2009
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Key Decision: No
Wards Affected:

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1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

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

68. (i) To receive the following petition presented at Council on 10 December 2009 by Councillor Drake and signed by 40 people:

As a result of the excessive numbers of cars now parking in Tivoli Crescent North due to the introduction of Council Parking Restrictions in Zone A around Preston Park Station on 5 October 2009, the majority of residents in TCN now formally ask Brighton & Hove City Council to take the following action as soon as possible:

1. ***The painting of double yellow lines on the 'odd' house numbered side of Tivoli Crescent North.*** *Tivoli Crescent North is not wide enough for parking on both sides of the road, and even cars parked partly on the grass verge cause congestion, dangerous 'blind spots' for traffic, damage to the verges and the obstruction of emergency and other large vehicles.*
2. ***The introduction of a controlled Residents Parking Scheme for the entire 'even' house numbered side of Tivoli Crescent North.*** *This scheme would run the full length of the 'even' numbered side of Tivoli Crescent North and its object would be to provide parking for all residents of the road within a short distance of their house.*
3. ***The allowing of residents in Woodside Lodge flats to buy Residents Parking Vouchers for Zone A and thus be able to park in Woodside Avenue.*** *It is very evident that the restricted parking spaces in Woodside Avenue are currently very under-used; at any one time some 75% of spaces are empty whilst Tivoli Crescent North is swamped with cars and vans!! Residents in Woodside Lodge who used to park in Woodside Avenue are unable to get a voucher to continue to do so and are therefore adding to the congestion by parking in Tivoli Crescent North.*
4. ***A review of the effects of the parking restrictions introduced in Zone A around Preston Park Station on 5 October 2009 with a view to increasing usage of the restricted areas.*** *Just as Tivoli Crescent North (and Tivoli Crescent) have become choked with parked cars, so*

neighbouring roads with new restrictions (Woodside Avenue, Hampstead Road, Reigate Road) have become largely empty of parked cars. A better balance must be struck and this can probably best be done quickly by some relaxing of the parking restrictions – eg removing the restrictions for weekends, reducing the £4-a-day charge to £2 to encourage commuters to use the restricted spaces (and thus increase Council revenue!).

The above requests are submitted for URGENT ACTION by Brighton & Hove Council.

- 68. (ii)** To receive the following petition presented at Council on 10 December by Councillor Drake and signed by 105 people:

We, the undersigned residents of Tivoli Crescent, do thoroughly oppose the decision not to be included in the recent residents parking scheme and demand that our exclusion be overturned with immediate effect.

- 68. (iii)** To receive the following petition presented at Council on 10 December by Councillor Mitchell and signed by 1056 people who agreed with some of all of the four options detailed below in relation to the introduction of the controlled parking zone in the Preston Park Station Area Zone A:

- 1. Parking restrictions at weekends should be removed.*
- 2. A review of weekday times is required.*
- 3. I believe consultation on the CPZ was inadequate.*
- 4. 100 visitors permits per annum, per person are necessary.*