

ENVIRONMENT CABINET MEMBER MEETING

Agenda Item 18

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject: Petitions
Date of Meeting: 26 July 2010
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Key Decision: No
Wards Affected: Various

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

1.1 To receive the following petitions presented at Council, any petitions presented directly to the Environment Cabinet Member Meeting or any e-Petition submitted via the council's website.

18. (i) To receive the following e-Petition submitted via the council's website by Councillor Rachel Fryer and accompanying paper petition both presented at Council on 15 July 2010 signed by 375 and 1526 people respectively:

We the undersigned petition the council to review the operation of the dog control order in Queens Park, and to return all areas to the dog-free status which they enjoyed prior to January 2009. We are dismayed to learn that the council Dog Control Order which came into force in January 2009 has overturned historic arrangements which were arrived at through community negotiation and campaigning. Permitting dogs free access to the southern lawns threatens the health and enjoyment of users of this popular space and undermines the value of the lake as a habitat for birds. We believe that the historic 'dog friendly' area of the northern lawn is an adequate and convivial space for those wishing to exercise their dogs, and that the council consultation failed to take account of specific local issues and arrangements, or to adequately seek out local opinion and has created an imbalance between the needs of those affected by dogs and the needs of those seeking to exercise dogs in Queens Park, where none previously existed.

18. (ii) To receive the following e-Petition submitted via the council's website by Paul Mendlesohn and accompanying paper petition both presented at Council on 15 July 2010 signed by 68 and 333 people respectively:

We the undersigned petition the council to NOT ban dogs from the Southern Lawns, lake and Wild Park areas of Queens Park.

18. (iii) To receive the following e-Petition submitted via the council's website by Alasdair Buchan and signed by 63 people:

We the undersigned petition the council to include Springfield Road, Florence Road and the section of Southdown Avenue between them in the extension to the existing Controlled Parking Zone J (London Road Station area residents parking scheme). We find parking in our own streets very difficult already. We call upon the Council to address the fact that displacement from south of the railway line will make parking much worse for us if our streets are not included in this scheme.

18. (iv) To receive the following e-Petition submitted via the council's website by Stephen Hodgkinson and signed by 26 people:

We the undersigned petition the council to undertake a parking survey covering all of the streets included in the Area J Extension implemented in November 2009.

18. (v) To receive the following petition presented directly to the Environment Cabinet Member Meeting by David Denyer and signed by 287 people:

The council intends to introduce sheep, penned within electric fencing, on Ladies Mile Nature Reserve, depriving the people of Patcham of the right to use that area for recreation and dog-walking. We, the undersigned, oppose this action as we wish to retain the limited leisure facilities which we have and also because sheep carry ticks and other diseases and are inappropriate in a residential area.

18. (vi) To receive the following two petitions presented directly to the Environment Cabinet Member Meeting by Councillor Bennett and signed by 50 and 49 people respectively:

We, the undersigned residents of the upper section of The Droveaway (Shirley Drive to Dyke Rd) and Elrington Road respectfully request Brighton and Hove council to consider our proposals to ease Long term parking and safety issues in the above mentioned roads.

We request that the council consider treating this part of The Droveaway as a separate issue to that of the Stanford section (area B)

This Part of The Droveaway has unique issues unfelt in other areas.

- 1 – Tesco Express
- 2 – Lancing School
- 3 – Tennis Club
- 4 – A Dairy

There are no other roads with so many issues to take into consideration in such a small area and therefore we feel The Droveaway and Elrington Road needs to be considered again, separately, for parking restrictions on the grounds of the safety of the children coming and going into the school and our own families and harmony amongst the people using this area.

The issue of safety with speeding cars could easily be resolved with a number of speed bumps along The Droveaway.

Petition 1

The first proposal and preferential to the majority of residents is :

SINGLE YELLOW LINES WITH TIME RESTRICTIONS

As have been implemented in the surrounding Roads such as Hove Park Road, Rigden Road and a great number of Roads in the Hove area.

This scheme would work well in this road allowing parents to drop off and pick up either end of the day and shoppers to use the Tesco store easily without parking on pavements, in front of peoples driveways and sometimes in their driveways!

It would also dispel the long term parkers and campers in this road that are sometimes here for months at a time.

Petition 2

The second proposal and acceptable to the majority of residents is :

THE PROPOSED PARKING SCHEME AS LAID OUT BY THE COUNCIL PLANNERS-STANFORD AREA B:

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE 11 HOUR LIMITS IMPLIMENTED ON THE SHARED PERMIT HOLDERS AND LONG TERM PARKING (WE REQUEST IT BE REDUECED TO 4 HOUR)

If this section remained 11 hours we would still have the long term parking problem we already have and it would again prevent parents dropping off and picking up to and from the school.

- 18. (vii)** To receive the following e-Petition submitted via the council's website by Bill Cowell and signed by 107 people:

We the undersigned petition the council to to get together with the Police urgently to organise a way forward which will put a stop to the BBQ damage and desecration of Hove Lawns. The Council says the police should enforce the by-laws. The police say it is the Council's responsibility. Meanwhile 'Hove Lawns' along the seafront in Hove are damaged by large numbers of people having BBQs on The Lawns every summer.

- 18. (viii)** To receive the following e-Petition submitted via the council's website by Jacqueline Storey and signed by 57 people:

We the undersigned petition the council to Allocate some funding to refurbish and upgrade Victoria Park's play area to bring it up to date with other parks in the city.

18. (ix) To receive the following petition presented directly to the Cabinet member Meeting by Councillor Allen:

PROPOSED AREA J CPZ EXTENSION ORDER

(1) We object to the petition from Florence Road/Springfield Road as it has been prepared without any communication with or reference to the residents of the other roads north of London Road Station. Many roads north of the railway have parking problems and will be affected by the CPZ. The proposal to include Florence and Springfield Roads in the CPZ was voted on in February and we were informed by our councillors that the vote was decisively against the proposal and that Florence Road and Springfield Roads would not be included in the CPZ. We are therefore surprised to learn that the proposal to include Florence and Springfield Roads is to be considered at the cabinet meeting and that Councillor Kennedy will be presenting the petition. **The previous vote (organised by the Council) must surely takes precedent.**

(2) The Traffic orders for the CPZ take no account of the significant displacement that will occur. Currently approximately 1000 cars are parked in the area south of the railway so there is the potential for displacement of hundreds of vehicle to the area north of the railway. The imposition of parking restrictions for 7 days a week and 11 hours per day will deter many motorists from parking south of the railway, resulting in partially empty roads as has happened in Preston Park Avenue. This will result in excessive displacement of cars. The council's own consultants have reported that the roads north of the railway currently have severe parking problems so the council are fully aware of the potential problems of displacement within the area. **The council should therefore reconsider the level of planned parking restrictions to ensure that any scheme meets the needs of the whole area (north and south of the railway) and to ensure that any implemented scheme does not just move severe parking problems from one set of roads to another.**

(3) The area north of London Road Station is part of the Preston Park Conservation Area. There is a requirement on Local Authorities to only introduce traffic schemes in conservation areas that will improve the environment of the area.

(4) The effects of the implementation of a CPZ in this area should be examined immediately following the start of any controlled parking scheme. Mott MacDonald, the council's consultants, have predicted that the roads north of the railway will have severe parking problems if a CPZ south of the railway were implemented. **As the council are fully aware of the potential problems, they have a duty to examine and correct any problems caused by a decision to impose a CPZ.**

18. (x) To receive the following petition presented at Council on 15 July 2010 by Councillor Alford and signed by 30 people:

We the residents of Carden Court, Chalky Rd, North Portslade, call on Brighton and Hove City Council to install either additional trees, OR bollards along the grass verge in front of Carden Court, to protect the grass verge from destruction by irresponsible drivers, who are turning the verge into a muddy quagmire across the 50 metre frontage.

Apart from the obvious visual appearance, this has major health and safety implications for the older residents of Carden Court, as throughout the winter, the pavement was covered in mud and they could not even cross the verge to visit the doctors surgery across the road.

18. (xi) To receive the following petition presented at Council on 15 July 2010 by Councillor Mitchell and signed by 27 people:

We the undersigned call on Brighton & Hove City Council to ensure that the remedial works to the pavements in Great College Street are undertaken without further delay.

Completion of these works had been promised in January 2010 but have not been done.

Since the pavement resurfacing carried out in November 2009, residents have been left with ridges in the pavement surface, uneven levels and bitumen smeared walls.

18. (xii) To receive the following petition presented at Council on 15 July 2010 by Councillor Morgan and signed by 160 people:

To BHCC

As a customer of the Co-op in Whitehawk, I strongly oppose the placing of metered parking bays directly outside this shop. The existing arrangement of free parking for a limited time has worked well for many years, so why change it?

As far as I know, there has been no survey, by the council, of Co-op customers' wishes in this matter.

18. (xiii) To receive the following petition presented at Council on 15 July 2010 by Councillor Mrs Norman and signed by 34 people:

Application to have Tivoli Crescent North (Withdean Road to Tivoli Crescent section) included within Brighton & Hove Council controlled parking Zone A.

18. (xiv) To receive the following petition presented at Council on 15 July 2010 by Councillor Kemble and signed by 780 people:

As regular users of Stoneham Park we are devastated by the arson attack on our climbing frame, we urge the council to replace it immediately, please!

- 18. (xv)** To receive the following petition presented at Council on 15 July 2010 by Councillor Peltzer Dunn and signed by 516 people:

As children who use and love this park we are adding our names to this petition to ask the council to immediately replace our much loved climbing frame that was destroyed by fire.