

NOTICE OF MOTION**GREEN GROUP****IMMIGRATION**

This Council resolves:

“In view of Hove and Brighton's long tradition of welcoming people from all parts of the country and beyond, this council opposes the Immigration Bill which is currently before Parliament and calls upon the city's MPs to vote against it.”

Proposed by: Councillor Hawtree Seconded by: Councillor Buckley

Supported by: Councillors Bowden, Davey, Deane, Duncan, Jarrett, Jones, Kennedy, A Kitcat, J Kitcat, Littman, Mac Cafferty, Phillips, Powell, Randall, Rufus, Shanks, Sykes, Wakefield, West.

Supporting Information:

The government's Immigration Bill reduces recourse to appeal for migrants and creates administrative burdens for many people and organisations – including landlords, the DVLA, doctors, and banks – who would be obliged to check that those in contact with them are not illegal immigrants.

Many, including the United Nations, fear that the Bill's proposals would bring about an atmosphere of “judge first, ask later” and ethnic profiling. One MP has described it as “the most racist piece of legislation that this country has witnessed since the 1960s... aimed at setting up a regime of harassment for migrants.” And the Children's Legal Centre has said that they “fear that thousands of the most vulnerable children will be hit by these measures”.