

DEPUTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A period of not more than fifteen minutes shall be allowed at each ordinary meeting of the Council for the hearing of deputations from members of the public. Each deputation may be heard for a maximum of five minutes following which one Member of the Council, nominated by the Mayor, may speak in response. It shall then be moved by the Mayor and voted on without discussion that the deputation be thanked for attending and its subject matter noted.

Notification of one Deputation has been received. The spokesperson is entitled to speak for 5 minutes.

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| Council | Agenda Item 68(a) |
| 12 December 2013 | Brighton & Hove City Council |

Deputation concerning Brighton & Hove Transport Survey

(Spokesperson) – Mr. Lev Eakins

DEPUTATION FROM MR EAKINS

“We submit the following proposals for the Council to consider as part of it's future transport plans.

Pedestrians

- We ask the Council to be mindful of how popular pedestrianised areas of the city are, and to consider further pedestrianisation of areas with high footfall.

Cycling

- We suggest the Council to review it's strategy on the installation of bike parking (or “racks” as we have described them). Whilst we support the Council's existing mechanism of inviting resident's to request new bike parking facilities via the website, we don't believe this is sufficient to meet the high demand of cycle parking. Perhaps local residents are unaware of the mechanism, or not inclined to use it. We suggest the council advertise this facility better and conduct a more thorough review of bike parking as opinion is solidly in favour of more provision.
- We call on the Council to audit existing cycle lanes and ask cyclists and local cycle groups to participate in identifying dangerous or badly constructed cycle lanes. Cyclists do not feel safe in Brighton and we believe badly designed cycle lanes contribute to this. Of particular concern is the cycle lane configuration from the Level to Palace Pier, where the flow of cycle lanes is jumbled, confusing and inadequate.
- We request the council to install extra signage advising pedestrians of the sea front cycle lane and review the cycle lane itself, to see if anything could be done to make it safer for cyclists and pedestrians crossing it. Someone has suggested it's painted a different colour or a raised kerb is installed.

Motor Transport

- We ask the Council to introduce free Sunday Parking across the city, as it currently enjoys considerable public support.
- We suggest the council to help motorists get around the city more easily and ease congestion by opening bus lanes to private car usage in off peak hours.

Buses

- We call on the council to work with local bus companies to improve bus services during snowy and icy conditions..”

Brighton and Hove Transport Survey

The Brighton and Hove Liberal Democrats conducted a resident's Transport survey in November and December 2013 across the wards of South Portslade, Hove Central and Brunswick and Adelaide.

On the second page are the results of the survey along with suggestions made by local residents over what public transport improvements they would like to see to across the city. We request these suggestions are submitted into the policy forming process of the Council's Local Transport Plan 4. A summary of proposals is made at the end of the document.

The survey itself was constructed by presenting a series of statements and asking local residents if they agreed or disagreed with them.

| Transport Mode | Comment | Statement | Agree | Disagree |
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| Walking | People largely feel safe crossing roads, and strongly support the pedestrianisation of congested areas of the city centre. | I feel safe from vehicles when crossing roads | 65.22% | 34.78% |
| | | I support Pedestrianisation of congested areas of city centre | 84.21% | 15.79% |
| Cycling | Residents feel there aren't enough bike racks. Although the Council invites residents to submit any requests for new bike racks via its website, perhaps the mechanisms for doing so aren't well known, and the Council may do well to advertise these methods more widely. | There are enough bike racks in Brighton and Hove | 32.88% | 67.12% |
| | Whilst cycling fatalities are mercifully low in Brighton, we should still do what we can to help improve resident's sense of safety. Quite a few comments were received that people stopped cycling as they felt it was too dangerous, with some commenting they have had accidents. | I feel safe cycling in Brighton and Hove | 25.00% | 75.00% |
| | We call on the Council to audit existing cycle lanes and ask cyclists and local cycle groups to participate in identifying dangerous or badly constructed cycle lanes. Some residents felt the cycle lanes from the Level to the Palace Pier were badly designed and dangerous. | There are certain cycle lanes in the city that need improving | 85.00% | 15.00% |
| | We ask the council to install additional signage advising pedestrians of the cycle lane, and to review the cycle lane itself to see if anything could be done to make it safer. Residents have suggested it could be painted a different colour or a raised kerb should be installed. | Pedestrians look before crossing the cycle lane at the sea front | 28.85% | 71.15% |
| | Good news for Brighton and Hove Bus Company, as our survey shows their drivers have been well trained. | Bus drivers are generally considerate and aware of cyclists | 68.83% | 31.17% |
| Motor transport | Interesting result, as there are many vocal opponents to this policy. Our survey suggests that there is a significant majority in favour of 20mph limits on residential streets. | I support the 20mph speed limit on residential streets | 59.43% | 40.57% |
| | A very strong response. We ask the Council to introduce Free Sunday Parking across the city. | There should be free sunday parking across the city | 81.00% | 19.00% |
| | Local residents clearly feel there aren't enough parking spaces for residents or visitors to the city. | There are enough parking spaces for residents | 37.50% | 62.50% |
| | | There are enough parking spaces and car parks across the city | 32.65% | 67.35% |
| Opinion is pretty clear. Local residents have suggested that bus lanes are opened to private car use outside peak hours, replicating the practise in other cities such as London and Manchester. | The roads aren't congested | 28.74% | 71.26% | |
| Trains | Although there is little the Council can do to influence train sizes or fares, we include these results to show the Council what public opinion is on these statements. | Trains have enough carriages | 33.33% | 66.67% |
| | | Train fares are fair | 17.98% | 82.02% |
| | | Station staff are helpful and courteous | 85.42% | 14.58% |
| Buses | Local residents seem very happy with the amount of buses available, punctuality and cleanliness. They are slightly unhappy about the cost of bus fares and the inability of buses to run in icy conditions. Perhaps the Council could investigate how it could assist bus companies during icy conditions? | There are enough buses to get around the city fairly easily | 96.61% | 3.39% |
| | | Bus fares are reasonable and affordable | 43.82% | 56.18% |
| | | Buses run on time | 82.52% | 17.48% |
| | | Buses are able to get me where I need to go even when it snows | 42.86% | 57.14% |
| | | Buses are clean and tidy | 87.37% | 12.63% |