

**NOTICE OF MOTION****GREEN GROUP****PLANNING**

This Council resolves:

To request the Chief Executive to write to:

- (1) The Secretary of State for Communities & Local Government, Eric Pickles and Planning Minister, Nick Boles;
  - (i) Insisting they respect our communities and local democratic decision-making on planning matters;
  - (ii) Expressing our deep-seated concerns with the legal changes and the proven impact on Brighton and Hove including how communities are being locked out of planning decisions;
  - (iii) To insist government amend the National Planning Policy Framework by removing the presumption in favour of so-called 'sustainable development' at all costs;
  - (iv) Give our communities and elected Councillors the power to prioritise our City Plan and our own planning policies; and
- (2) The city's MPs calling on them to join with us in lobbying ministers to hand back planning to the city's communities served by it and the city's environment protected by it.

Proposed by: Councillor Mac Cafferty Seconded by: Councillor Davey

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

**Supporting Information:**

As a result of the government market-driven deregulation of the planning system, protections for the local environment have been reduced, and local opinion and democracy flouted through the changes to permitted development, including the introduction of prior approvals.

There is less opportunity for local people, elected Councillors and the Council to shape the development of our city, because of the 'presumption in favour of sustainable development' in the National Planning Policy Framework;

There is huge pressure to build on the urban fringe;

The long term public interests of planning to protect the environment will be sacrificed for short-sighted and short-term economic growth.