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Brighton &amp; Hove City Council

**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 depositions from members of the public. Each deposition may be heard for a maximum of five minutes.

Deputations received:

**(ii) Deputation: Controlled Parking Zone for Hollingbury Road**

This deputation is on behalf of residents in Hollingbury Road to request consultation for inclusion in the existing Controlled Parking Zone J.

Residents presented a petition with 142 signatures to the ETS committee on 15 March 2015 requesting inclusion in a proposed consultation for a CPZ north of Fiveways. Our petition had been put together in just three weeks and the level of response in this short time reflects the strength of feeling amongst residents of Hollingbury Road.

Hollingbury Road intersects with the existing CPZ J at Ditchling Road and Preston Drove. Residents understood that the new consultation was to extend the existing CPZ J. At the meeting it became clear the consultation was for a new CPZ.

Our petition was rejected and minuted as follows:

“The technical officer view is that Hollingbury Road does not connect to the current consultation area. The consultation proposed is also for a new area not an extension to the current Area J. Therefore, this would need to be considered as part of another area when the future parking scheme timetable is considered later in the year”

Hollingbury Road residents have experienced huge problems with parking since the CPZ J was extended northwards to Preston Drove. Factors which compound the problem are:

- Visitors to the shops, pubs and restaurants at Fiveways.
- Commuters parking and walking/ taking the bus into town.
- Workers from the waste transfer station, now a 24 hour operation.
- Residents of existing CPZs parking their second vehicles and trade vehicles.
- A high proportion of houses of multiple occupation with more than one car.
- Traffic calming measures which further limit the available parking space.

The creation of a new zone north of Fiveways will further increase our problems, particularly since Ditchling Road north of Fiveways, Hollingbury Park Avenue and Hollingbury Terrace are now to be included in this proposed zone. If this new zone is implemented as planned Hollingbury Road will be the only road of the Fiveways junction with free parking.

Hollingbury Road is a very busy road linking the east and west of the city. More importantly it is a residential road and a key route for children walking to primary and

secondary schools in the area. The traffic calming measures introduced in the 1990s reflect the fact that Hollingbury Road has had significant traffic issues for a long time.

There is a recent precedent for adding a road to an existing CPZ. Tivoli Crescent was added to an existing CPZ due to parking/ traffic related problems which had an adverse impact on Tivoli Crescent residents after the zone was implemented.

Residents of Hollingbury Road request that the committee actively pursues a solution to our parking issues now rather than wait for our issues to be made intolerable by the added displacement issues a new CPZ will inevitably cause.

**Deputation presented by:**

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