

Subject:	Family Homes Not HMOs		
Date of Meeting:	20 October 2016		
Report of:	The Monitoring Officer		
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Wards Affected:	All		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE**1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:**

- 1.1 Under the Council's Petition Scheme if a petition contains more than 1,250 signatures and is not petition requesting officer evidence, it will be debated by the Full Council.
- 1.2 A combined e-petition and paper petition has resulted in triggering a debate at the council meeting, having exceeded the threshold with a total of 1,446 signatures confirmed at the time of printing the report.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the petition is noted and referred to the Housing & New Homes Committee for consideration at its meeting on the 16th November 2016.

3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION / CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:**3.1 The Petition****Family Homes Not HMOs**

We the undersigned petition Brighton & Hove Council to prohibit the issuing of any future HMO certificates in the Bevendean/Moulsecoomb ward.

Over 800 'Houses In Multiple Occupation' (HMO) certificates have been currently issued in the Bevendean/Moulsecoomb ward, the ward includes Coombe road.

Families that have lived in this area all their lives are being out-priced of the housing market by HMO developers. That's the loss of over 800 affordable family homes that have been converted into HMOs. With the vast majority being exclusively let to University Students.

We believe it is the biggest threat to our community and to the affordable family homes housing market in the City of Brighton. There are, at present over 800

family homes that have been lost to HMOs in the Bevendean & Moulsecoomb ward alone. With another 4 HMO proposals as I write.
Sign this Petition and join us in calling for a halt to this practice

3.2 The options open to the council are:

- To note the petition and take no action for reasons put forward in the debate; or
- To refer the petition to the relevant Committee meeting; or
- To refer the petition to the relevant Committee meeting with recommendations.

4. PROCEDURE:

4.1 The petition will be debated at the Council meeting in accordance with the agreed protocol:

- (i) The Lead petitioner will be invited by the Mayor to present the petition and will have up to 3 minutes in which to outline the prayer of the petition and confirm the number of signatures;
- (ii) The Mayor will then open the matter up for debate by councillors for period of 15 minutes and will first call on the relevant Committee Chair to respond to the petition and move a proposed response. The Mayor will then call on those councillors who have indicated a desire to speak in the matter, before calling on the relevant Committee Chair to respond to the debate;
- (iii) Any councillor may move an amendment or recommendation, having regard to the recommendation in 2.1 above and any such proposal will need to be formally seconded;
- (iv) After the 15 minutes set aside for the debate, the Mayor will then formally put:
- (v) (a) Any amendments in the order in which they are moved, and
(b) The substantive recommendation(s) as amended (if amended).