ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORT & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM 62(c)i

Geoff Raw – Chief Executive Brighton & Hove City Council

5th March 2017

Dear Geoff

We are submitting this letter under Council Procedure Rule 23.3 to be included on the agenda for the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee meeting of 20th March 2018.

Whilst assisting residents in having posts installed on the verge outside their property by the Council, for which residents would pay, the Highways team has advised that the Council are now deciding if such a service will continue or not. They further advise that all outstanding requests for posts (of which there is apparently a large backlog) are being held back pending a decision. It is understood that the Council presently provide the service via a contractor.

Having now suspended this service, we respectfully request that the Executive Director of Economy, Environment and Culture be requested to advise urgently on the following:-

- 1. The reasons behind the service being suspended.
- 2. The decision as to whether or not the service will be continued.
- 3. In the event the service is discontinued, what guidance the Council will give to residents who wish or need to protect verges with appropriate installations and what plans, procedures and processes the Council has in place to deal with instances when installations are placed on verges by residents that the Council deems inappropriate.

Yours sincerely

Cllrs. Lee Wares and Tony Janio