

ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORT & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE ADDENDUM

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Brighton & Hove City Council

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

(iii) Area U resident parking scheme extension- Roy Pennington

The Council's controlled parking zone development is piecemeal and apparently confusing to some people (see ETSC Oct 7th 2014 agenda item 35, para 5.28 in the report), in which light-touch such as Zone U adjoins full-touch such as the larger Zone C and in both of which there is no waiting list : what financial costs would there be now to consult and implement a partial transfer of the new extended light-touch Zone U (to consist of Bakers Bottom streets plus Dawson Terrace and Cuthbert Road) into the current full-touch Zone C?

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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.

Deputations received:

(i) Deputation: Old Town transport scheme

I am here to speak in favour of the proposal to close East Street to traffic between the hours of 11am and 7pm - speaking on behalf of a number of East street businesses and others in the locality which are fully supportive of this final proposal. As stated in the report at peak times East Street is used by over 20,000 people walking on 3ft wide pavements spilling into road with cars and trucks causing significant safety issues. Further restrictions are caused by parked vehicles. There is no room for wheelchairs or prams which seems ironic when East Street acts as a pedestrian link between the seafront and northern area of the city centre.

There is a definite need for a more fluid and safer pedestrian route from the station, the North Laine through the south lanes through onto the seafront, a friendly and clear route, offering a space inviting positive lingering within the area – which will improve expenditure within retail and hospitality but not hinder other business or residential occupants. Calm safe and stress free city centre experiences make people return. Brighton must continue to be a family friendly safe city for residents and visitors.

The majority of local businesses that I have spoken to directly affected by this current proposal are enthusiastic about the opportunities that could come from it including applying for further outdoor dining licences, engaging more as a community and claiming responsibility for their surrounding area. The Pedestrianisation of the remaining part of East Street would provide a safer, less polluted atmosphere for locals and visitors to what is a prime location in the heart of Brighton. The already spacious pedestrianised area of East Street is testament to this. Outside diners will undoubtedly experience a more inviting and pleasant experience. The impact would bring a much needed boost to Locals, traders and tourists alike thereby adding to the appeal of the city as a whole.

This proposal will create a better environment for cyclist as well as pedestrians, but also offer a space where the unique and independent face of Brighton can be seen in all its colour. This proposal will improve the environment around pool valley and perhaps inspire the council and the tenants of the pool valley area to make it a more attractive arrival to the city... offering coach visitors a more engaging city view. I have been involved in the consultation period for this proposal for over 3 years and have found it very accessible, I attended the public enquiry and agree with some of the requests regarding Little East Street, I believe the recommended changes are clear and promise to resolve all concerns. I do also feel that the Old Town Transport plan on a whole will bring improvements to Little East Street, increasing visibility and accessing more general footfall.

As somebody who has been actively involved in East Street developments for nearly 10 years, including attending a Local Action Team meetings for the area I believe the

proposal we are discussing today has the potential to change the atmosphere the area which is desperately needed. We need brighter more open streets where visibility and transparency will assist crime prevention, where business owners alongside residents will take responsibility for their surrounding area and its potential growth and improvement.

Supported by:

Olivia Reid: Terre a Terre (Lead Spokesperson) Philip Taylor: Terre a Terre Fiona Mills: VBites Ltd Karl Jones: Moshimo Opticon Jonathan Dickson: Scoop and Crumb Minesh Agnihotri: Indian Summer Shoshana Plail: 'Child Friendly Brighton' Christian Cucco (ii) **Deputation:** Church Road South Portslade, traffic & road safety improvements: Community consensus and initiatives

Recent event since audit

- 23-09-14, cyclist hit by vehicle at the junction of St Peters and Church Rd
- Police are asking for witnesses, it is under investigation. Bike is still in situ.

Community response to proposal from Road Safety Team

- The best location for a crossing is at the junction of St Peters Rd and Church Rd, as this is the natural flow to/from the school and creates the most risk
- A crossing away from St Peters Rd exposes pedestrians to an unacceptable increase in risk due to exposure to Church Rd, and will be underused.
- In support of changing traffic flow at the North St and Church Rd.
- Immediate posting of a crossing patrol at St Peter's Rd.

Who We Are

- Established 1 yr ago, 100+ active members and 1,000+ supporters
- Concerned parents & community created petition, 800+ signatures 36 hr
- School involvement and community support and cohesion.
- Work directly with established organizations, businesses, groups and council

Meetings and Presentations

- Community consultations with Martin Health, 24th June and 24th July
- Petition, October 13. Deputation December 13.
- Meetings with LAT, school, businesses, organisations, parents, residents

Press

- "Safer Roads, Safer Communities", TV documentary on BBC/ITV
- BBC Sussex Radio, 2 interviews for morning programme
- Argus newspaper and online coverage, 5 articles
- Brighton and hove news and Latest online, 3 articles
- National and local press release from Brake.org

Support for our Campaign

- Brake, charity to support communities' road safety
- Royal Haskoning DHV, international engineering consultancy firm
- Shoreham Port, governing body of port that creates most of the lorry traffic
- Friends of Vale Park, Friends of St Peters
- Our wider community of N Portslade

St Peters Primary School initiatives

- Child Pedestrian Training, hosted by Keith Baldock, the Meerkat and PSO
- Beep Beep Day, hosted by Brake.org and Zak the Zebra.
- Students wrote to Pete West asking for a safe road crossing, as well as raised money for Brake and competed safe roads poster contest, with the winner honoured by Mayor Denise Cobb
- Involved in Safer Routes to School, improving School Travel Plan with input from parents, Royal Haskoning DHV and Safe Roads Team

Bi partisan Initiatives and Support

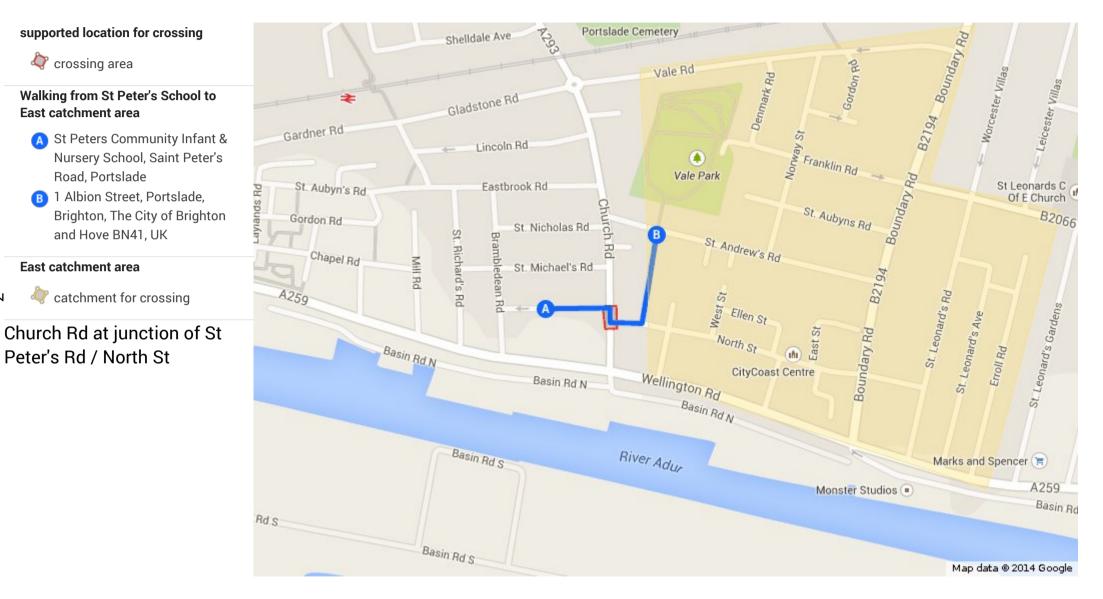
- Support from Cllr. A. Robins, Cllr. L. Hamilton, Cllr. G. Cox, Cllr. G. Mitchell, MP M. Weatherly and MP Candidate P. Kyle
- "Residents transport survey" leaflet by Ken Rist, Liberal Democrat
- "Crossing for Christmas" campaign by Peter Kyle, Labour
- Door to door campaigning about "local road concerns" by Conservatives
- Application to the crossing patrol position by Chris Hawtree, Green

Rae Powers (Lead Spokesperson) Simon Clydesdale Michele Lawrie Aideen Smith-Watson Nick Brett Tabitha Wady Helen Fry Pat Sauer Lou Murley David Pickering Nicky Thackeray Fiona Greenfield

Supported crossing location

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Zebra crossing? Crossing patrol?

..have your say on the council's plan

Community Consultation Thursday July 24th 6:30pm Scout Hut, Vale Park

All welcome, refreshments provided

"Findings support consideration of a formal crossing on Church Rd, with the expectation that a zebra crossing is the most viable. We are also progressing the assessment of a school crossing patrol site, which may be at the same location or perhaps further south. *We need to be sure that the location identified is one that would be supported by the community"*

– Martin Heath, Safe Roads Team Manager, Brighton and Hove County Council, June 2014

Your input is vital, please attend meeting and/or return to 31 Norway St or to St Peter's School. Feedback can also be given directly on our Facebook page.



Comments on plan: (write and/or draw)

South Portslade Safe Roads Campaign, 07773 394 337

(iii) Deputation: Support for proposal to an extension to Zone J controlled parking in the Lewes Road/Triangle area

We wish to urge the council to approve the Road Traffic Order which will bring in controlled parking to the Triangle/Lewes Road.

We are all residents of Park Crescent. There are a number of reasons as to why we believe that the time has come for a CPZ to be extended to include our street. Our road borders the Level; is very near the London Road and is a short walk to the seafront; city centre; and railway stations. We are extremely unhappy with the current parking do not think that the current parking situation is We are the first road out of town without residents parking and due to this we are being used as a car park by non residents. It has been a very long process getting to this stage and we sincerely hope that we will not have to wait much longer for the parking scheme. There are a number of reasons for this request:

1. Resident parking difficulties

Our road borders the Level (recently re-opened); the London Road (major regeneration); the Open Market (re-launched and new events space); is a short walk to the seafront and railway stations and is the first road which does not have residents parking. We are being used as a free car park by non residents and their inconsiderate parking is preventing all residents from being able to park anywhere near their homes. This particularly impacts the elderly and those with young families.

2. Safety

There was a near fatal fire in the street last year and the fire engine was unable to gain access due to the current parking and cars being on both sides of the street.

3. Listed buidling damage

Currently cars park on the pavements. Park Crescent houses are Grade 2* and have part of the basement and store rooms under the pavements which are at risk of damage due to pavement parking.

4. Student parking

The London Road has recently been redeveloped to include 350 student properties and they are shortly to move in. We understand that these students will not be entitled to permits and therefore will have to park in unrestricted streets such as our own. In any event students are less likely to pay for a permit and therefore in the next month we will once again be inundated with student vehicles that are left undriven for weeks.

We presented a petition to the Council in November 2013 that was limited to just residents of Park Crescent & Park Crescent Terrace. Approximately 160 residents signed this to request residents parking. We have then been consulted and the vast majority of residents voted in favour. Please vote in favour of this report so that we do not have to wait any longer.

Sarah Smith (Lead Spokesperson) Mark Tilden Smith Michael Wells Miranda Flemming Dr Jonathan Ray Roger Mashford Susan McCallum Henrietta Dom