# NEIGHBOURHOODS, COMMUNITIES & EQUALITIES COMMITTEE

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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 Committee for the hearing of deputations from members of the public. Each deputation may be heard for a maximum of five minutes following which, the Chair will speak in response.

Notification of 1 Deputation/s has been received. The spokesperson is entitled to speak for 5 minutes.

### (a) Deputation Late night disturbance in Surrey Street Spokesperson – Charlotte Glasson

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#### Deputation concerning the late night disturbance in Surrey Street, Brighton Spokesperson – Charlotte Glasson

Since the Station Gateway development our street has become an unofficial taxi rank, as taxis queue to pick up passengers off the trains. The neighbourhood has really suffered from the taxi drivers' anti-social behaviour, especially at rush hour and throughout the evening through to 2.30am when the last train comes back from London.

Residents can't sleep due to engines left running, radio blaring out of their cabs, swearing, hooting of horns as traffic is unable to pass. When asked to move on by residents they are often threatening, even on one occasion shouting racial remarks to a young mother, and intimidatory, leaving us feeling unsafe.

Residents have also stepped in to break up fights late at night between taxi drivers as they fight over spaces.

There a quite a few children living in the street. Other residents have been signed off work due to depression and stress due to lack of sleep etc.

We would like to see greater policing of the area, we would like a CPO to help manage the situation and hope a solution can be found as we have been suffering for 3 years and it seems to be getting worse.

Charlotte Glasson