

20 March 2018

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 deputations from members of the public. Each deputation may be heard for a maximum of five minutes.

Deputations received:

**(i) Deputation: Consultation on a Controlled Parking Zone in the Surrenden Area****Introduction**

The Surrenden Area Parking Campaign (SAPC) is a community group representing the residents of 22 streets in an area bounded by Surrenden Crescent, London Road, Preston Drove and Surrenden Road to the junction with Braybon Road. Surrenden Road from Braybon Road to Ditchling Road is also included. The Surrenden Area streets are listed in the annex<sup>(A1)</sup>.

**Proposition**

Parking in the Surrenden Area is chaotic and causing danger to road users. SAPC seeks urgent public consultation on a controlled parking zone (CPZ) proposal before the end of 2018.

**Issues**

SAPC promoted a petition (38 Degrees<sup>(A2)</sup>) and a parallel paper petition<sup>(A3)</sup> over the 22 streets in the Surrenden Area between 28 November 2017 and 20 January 2018, calling for an urgent CPZ consultation. The selection of this area responded to community concerns that smaller CPZ designations cause parking diversion effects, which can and should be avoided<sup>(A4)</sup>. Aggregating paper and e-responses, 549 households were in support (55% of households in the area). Support for a CPZ has broadly doubled since summer 2015, when 264 households in the same area supported a Council CPZ proposal<sup>(A5)</sup>. Support has extended into many streets that did not support the 2015 proposal. Then, a CPZ was supported by a majority of households in 3 streets. By 2018, it was supported by a majority in 14 streets accounting for 459 (82%) of responding households, distributed evenly across the whole area.

SAPC undertook an electronic public opinion poll (Survey Monkey<sup>(A6)</sup>) over the same period. Key poll findings include that 89% of respondents felt that residents' parking in the Surrenden Area has become more difficult in the past 3 years. 61% felt that inconsiderate parking is making local roads more dangerous for the elderly. 64% had the same view for school children. 80% felt that it was hazardous for other motorised road-users and that poorly parked high-sided vehicles were a particular concern. 80% were concerned at widespread parking in the limited number of on-street spaces by non-residents.

SAPC considers that the worsening parking situation in the Surrenden Area together with the substantial shift in public opinion that has occurred represent material

changes in the circumstances since the ETS Committee considered CPZ consultation priorities in October 2017.

Brighton & Hove City Council makes the largest parking revenue account surplus of any local authority in England outside London<sup>(A7)</sup>. A CPZ can repay consultation and capital costs within 3 years and render a positive income stream for transport initiatives in the city from year 4. A large CPZ for the Surrenden Area would enjoy wide support and justify the re-prioritisation of human and financial resources to consult residents and undertake a designation.

SAPC has met the Ward Members for Withdean Ward who have recognised the increased seriousness of the local parking problem, the change in community opinion since 2015 and assured us of their support for an early CPZ consultation in the Surrenden Area as a whole.

Evidence notes in support of this deputation are set out in the Annex.

**Signed by:**

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