ENVIRONMENT CABINET MEMBER MEETING

Agenda Item 54

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject: Petitions

Date of Meeting: 5 November 2009

Report of: Director of Strategy & Governance

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Key Decision: No

Wards Affected: Goldsmid; Regency; Stanford; Woodingdean

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1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 To receive the following petitions presented at Council or any petitions presented directly to the Environment Cabinet Member Meeting.
- **54. (i)** To receive the following petition presented at Council on 8 October by Councillor Davis and signed by 289 people:

Safer Pedestrian Crossing for Residents on Davigdor Road and Osmond Road junction.

We the undersigned urge the Council to take measures to reduce speeding cars in our neighbourhood and ensure a safer crossing for young families and more vulnerable pedestrians at the junction of Osmond and Davigdor Roads.

54. (ii) To receive the following petition presented at Council on 8 October by Councillor Brown and signed by 59 people:

We the undersigned petition Brighton & Hove City Council to immediately take such steps as are necessary to **safeguard Chalfont Green from any form of development, encroachment or change of use** in accordance with formal Council policy on public open space set out in Policies QD20 (Urban Open Space) and SR20 (protection of Public and Private Outdoor Recreation Space) of the current Brighton & Hove Local Plan.

54. (iii) To receive the following petition presented at Council on 8 October by Councillor Wells and signed by 333 people:

We, the undersigned, with the council to give due consideration to putting in some form of pedestrian crossing on the Falmer Road at the bottom of Crescent Drive South enabling safe crossing to the area known as "Happy Valley Park", Woodingdean. The reasons for this are as follows:

- The road is crossed by a large number of people every day
- There have been several near misses
- The access to the park is just over the brow of a hill

- The temporary traffic camera used by the police is having no effect on the cars speeding down this road
- The "Friends of Happy Valley Group" are actively encouraging people to use the area
- Long terms aims also include a Café and the re-installation of a children's park.
- **54. (iv)** To receive the following petition presented at Council on 8 October by Councillor Kitcat and signed by 92 people:

We, the undersigned as the Council to

- remove the parking spaces adjacent to the green on the west side of Regency Square, in order to prevent tailbacks, which occur when the car park is full and which disrupt through traffic;
- remove the corresponding spaces on the east side of the square in order to improve the appearance of the square, which has too many parked vehicles;
- 3. replace the resident spaces lost as a result of these changes, and create some additional new resident spaces, inside the Regency Square car park, thus increasing the number of resident spaces available and making better use of the car park, which is often largely empty;
- 4. take steps to improve the appearance and security of the Regency Square car park so that more people will use it.
- **54. (v)** To receive the following petition presented at Council on 8 October by Councillor Kitcat and signed by 14 people:

We value the current parking restriction and enforcement in the zone at the Stone/Castle Street junction but we are now asking for this to be extended to be 24hrs no parking/loading at any time for the following reasons:

- 1. To reduce the disruptive early morning noise which is on the increase and now much earlier since the current restrictions have been in force hence negating previous arrangements made with commerce for the benefit of residents in the area regarding early morning noise/deliveries.
- 2. **To reduce congestion** around the Stone/Castle Street junction and facilitate easy egress for commercial traffic on this busy one-way thoroughfare at all times.

The level of disturbance and damage to street furniture is on the increase, as the BHCC Highways team can attest. We believe this increased restriction will make aggress easier for delivery drivers, reduce the damage to street furniture and will improve the quality of life of residents.

54. (vi) To receive the following petition presented at Council on 8 October by Councillor Bennett and signed by 34 people:

Elrington Road and The Droveway

Due to the ongoing parking problems – commuter parking – long term parking, we ask the council to investigate the possibility of single/double yellow lines of safety grounds and consult with residents.

54. (vii) To receive the following petition presented at Council on 8 October by Councillor Bennett and signed by 18 people:

Hove Park Way / Onslow Road

We call upon Brighton & Hove City Council to investigate the possibility of extending double yellow lines around the junctions on our road; of considering restricted time parking bays in our road; of installing single or double yellow lines, to be shared between south and north sides of the road so as to act as a calming measure.

54. (viii) To receive the following petition presented at Council on 8 October by Councillor Bennett and signed by 142 people:

Petition in support of a New Club House for the Tennis Clubs of Hove Park.