

Subject: Petitions
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Report of: Monitoring Officer
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Wards Affected: Various

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 To receive any petitions submitted directly to Democratic Services or any e-Petition submitted via the council's website.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.2 That the Committee responds to the petition either by noting it or where it is considered more appropriate, calls for an officer report on the matter.

3. PETITIONS

3. (i) Review of Residential Parking & Resident Consultation on Southall Avenue

To receive the following petition signed by 20 people at the time of publication:

We the undersigned petition Brighton & Hove Council to Consult residents and review the current parking arrangements on Southall Avenue in line with the Review of parking Zone U. To understand the situation and implement solutions that better meet the needs of the residents of Southall Avenue.

Southall Avenue sits in a precarious position and has for a number of years seen a massive increase in the number of cars parking in the road. This problem has been made worse recently with the implementation of Parking Zone U, the increase in cars from the residents of the new University Site (Who do park on Southall Avenue even though the agreement was that they wouldn't be allowed cars), the increase in staff and those teaching and studying on the university site and still for the time being builders from the development. The result is that Southall Avenue has become the last viable free unpermitted place to park within any reasonable distance of the university site. As a result, those from Zone U who don't wish to pay a permit park vehicles here and don't move them all week, students from the new accommodation do the same and it is becoming impossible for residents to park at almost any

point of the day but particularly difficult between 8am and 6pm. It is made significantly worse by the fact it is a one way street and therefore, there is no opportunity to stop even temporarily

3. (ii) Stop the Round Hill Rat Run

To receive the following petition signed by 138 people at the time of publication:

We the undersigned petition Brighton & Hove Council to stop the rat run through Round Hill, along Prince's Crescent and Wakefield Road. Specifically, Round Hill residents would like the Council to: (1) introduce traffic-calming measures, such as speed bumps; (2) review the 20mph road markings and signage; (3) station a mobile vehicle-activated warning sign along the route; and (4) deliver the report into the narrowing of the junction of Crescent Road with Prince's Crescent, promised by the ETS Committee in October 2019 in response to a request by Round Hill residents to improve pedestrian safety. Drivers often fail to respect the 20mph speed limit on the route through Round Hill along Prince's Crescent and Wakefield Road, using it as a rat-run to avoid the junction of Ditchling Road with Upper Lewes Road. The problem has only worsened since the introduction of the new traffic system at this junction in Spring 2021. After years of countless near misses, sadly a 10-year-old child was knocked down on Prince's Crescent on 18 October, 2021. Thankfully, she is recovering. It is clear the Round Hill rat run poses an increasing danger to pedestrians, as well as other road users. These are residential streets with many families and young children, and the rat run route is the way local children walk to and from the nearby Downs Infant and Junior Schools. The range of traffic-calming measures requested by Round Hill residents in this petition are in line with Council initiatives to promote active travel and low-traffic, liveable neighbourhoods across the city. Children in Round Hill are designing posters to launch our stop speeding campaign. What will the Council do?

3. (iii) Washington Street Bins

To receive a paper petition signed by 56 people from residents of Washington Street in support of individual refuse bins over communal bins