

Agenda Item 21 Appendix 1

Dear Mr Barradell

I would like to request that decision No: CMM112 – 16/09/10 made in relation Agenda item 45 at the Cabinet Member Meeting for the Environment last Thursday, September 16th, 2010, be called-in as per Section 6 of the Council's constitution.

I believe the decision not to extend the parking area 'U' to the Northern end of Queen's Park Rise, or to implement parking restrictions of any sort in either Canning Street, or the area identified in the report to the meeting as 'Richmond Heights', was taken improperly, as it ignored the results of the consultation that were made in the streets concerned – where a majority of residents voted FOR such parking schemes – and because of flaws in the consultation process itself.

In short, figures show many residents who do not own cars chose not to respond to the consultation, thus skewing the results, and because of fear of 'death threats' (as reported in The Argus of 22/9/2010) many residents felt it was unsafe to state their views accurately.

This decision has important ramifications, both for community safety in the streets concerned (as emergency vehicles have experienced problems accessing some residences on said streets due to unregulated parking of cars restricting access), and democratically, as residents feel their views as expressed in the consultation should have been taken into account.

The consultation document itself made clear that results for small areas within the full consultation zone could lead to new parking restrictions in those areas, even if a majority of residents in the entire area voted against any such scheme.

I would hope a call-in would lead to the decision being revisited, both to reconsider establishing a CPZ in the 'Richmond Heights' area, and extending the existing Area H scheme to cover Canning Street, and existing Area U scheme to cover the whole of Queen's Park Rise, in line with residents' wishes.

Of course those areas that voted against any CPZ scheme should not have such a scheme imposed on them.

Yours,

Cllr Pete West

Supported by:

Cllrs Ben Duncan, Rachel Fryer & Paul Steedman

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