

Subject: Petitions
Date of Meeting: 24 January 2012
Report of: Strategic Director, Resources
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Key Decision: No
Wards Affected: Various

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

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

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

2.2 That the Cabinet Member responds to the petition either by noting it or writing to the petition organiser setting out the Council's views, or where it is considered more appropriate, calls for an officer report on the matter which may give consideration to a range of options, including the following:

- taking the action requested in the petition
- considering the petition at a council meeting
- holding an inquiry into the matter
- undertaking research into the matter
- holding a public meeting
- holding a consultation
- holding a meeting with petitioners
- referring the petition for consideration by the council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- calling a referendum

3. PETITIONS

3. (i) Parking- One Hour Option

To receive the following e-Petition and accompanying paper petition presented at Council on 15 December 2011 by Ms McMinn and signed by 648 people:

"We the undersigned petition the council to provide a one hour parking option to the current half or two hour option".

3. (ii) Stop the leafleting ban

To receive the following e-Petition presented at Council on 15 December 2011 by Mr Thorne and signed by 137 people:

“We the undersigned petition the council to review the leafleting ban.”

3. (iii) Falmer Road Cycleway

To receive the following e-Petition presented at Council on 15 December 2011 by Ms Joanna Goddard and signed by 272 people:

“We the undersigned petition the council to provide a safe path for cyclists and walkers alongside the Falmer Road between Falmer Village and Woodingdean.”

3. (iv) Speed bumps on St Leonards Road and adjoining roads

To receive the following e-petition submitted by Mr David Brothwell and signed by 35 people:

“We the undersigned petition the council to install speed bumps on St Leonards Road and adjoining roads. St Leonards and Seaford Road in particular are used as "rat runs" by vehicles avoiding the traffic and traffic lights on Boundary Road. We believe speed bumps would help alleviate this problem.”

3. (v) Safer Streets - Tivoli/Matlock/Maldon

To receive the following e-petition submitted by Maryam Teschke Panah and signed by 96 people:

“We the undersigned petition the council to improve road safety in the Tivoli/Matlock/Maldon area. Current traffic conditions put the safety of people at risk. We request that the Council introduces appropriate warnings and traffic calming signs and measures. These are particularly important given that this is a residential area which, however, is frequently used by vehicles as short cuts to the main thoroughfares. Moreover, given the strong evidence of increased pedestrian safety at 20 mph, we also request that the Council introduces a blanket 20 mph limit throughout our residential area.

We particularly feel that all our community, including children and young people, should have the opportunity to spend more time outside with the peace of mind that the streets are safe and we urge the Council to take urgent action to make them so”.

3. (vi) Say no to pay and display in Preston Park

To receive the following paper petition submitted by Leia Monsoon and signed by 252 people:

“The Council say there is a problem with parking in Preston Park. This is because of their seriously flawed parking scheme in the nearby roads, with extortionate costs to pay and display which means bays are empty most of the time. They want to charge to park in Preston Park to raise money, and then push cars into parking in the Surrenden Road area, so they can justify trying to have a parking scheme there too.

I am fed up with this council trying to squeeze more money out of us and doing so by giving us reasons which frankly insult our intelligence.

The solution to the over use of Preston Park is to de-restrict the Preston Park Avenue parking to resident only between 1-2pm like they have here by the station. This will reduce commuter parking but allow people to use the park without blocking inner roads.

