

(iii) Deputation: Support of report to extend CPZ to Lewes Road Triangle Area

We wish to support the report which proposes to extend Area J CPZ to include the Lewes Road/Triangle area. We are all residents of Park Crescent in Brighton which is within the proposed extension. A petition was recently presented to the Committee with approximately 200 signatures which sought a CPZ to be brought in to cover the Park Crescent/Park Crescent Terrace area.

Parking in our streets has become a daily horror. Our street is the first uncontrolled road out of the city and is being used as a car park by non-residents. The situation is only going to get worse due to the improvements in the Level and London Road; the Open Market relaunch and the 100s of new student flats that are due to open on our doorstep in the autumn.

Every morning we see commuters and business owners from London Road (who do not wish to pay to park) hovering and waiting to park for the day near. We are also now being utilised as parking spaces by van dwellers and students who dump their cars for the term.

Elderly residents and those with young children are particularly suffering. Those with heavy shopping have to park illegally with hazard lights on in order to unload. Then there is the inevitable long drive in order to find anywhere to park at all. There have been arguments between commuters and residents and an increasing tendency for the braver to attempt to save spaces with the use of cones and building materials. This does not bode well for community relations.

We ask that the committee supports the implementation of controlled parking within this area. The Council Officers have listened to our concerns and have done their best within the proposals to cater for the needs of residents. We do not want to pay to park outside our homes but this is now the only option for us. We hope you agree.

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