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Brighton & Hove City Council
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Dear Penny

Lewes Road Triangle CPZ - Brighton Sea Cadets

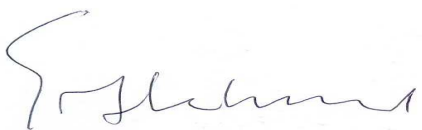
I am submitting the following letter under Council Procedure Rule 23.3 to be included on the agenda for the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee meeting of 20th January 2015.

The Brighton Sea Cadet Unit has its premises in Brewer Street, which is within the new Lewes Road Triangle Controlled Parking Zone – a scheme that the Conservative Group voted against because we could see problems such as this arising.

Since the new parking scheme was introduced, the volunteers who give up their time to help the young people, and come from across Sussex, mainly at evenings and weekends, have found it virtually impossible to park within walking distance of their premises. The Sea Cadets have raised the problems that they have had since the CPZ was brought in with the parking department and have been told that there is nothing that can be done as they don't qualify for permits either as 'residents' or as 'businesses' (even though they are classified as a business for local taxation purposes).

The Brighton Sea Cadet Unit, which has been established in these premises since the 1930s, cannot be unique amongst voluntary organisations in the city in experiencing these problems with new CPZs. Given that we all presumably want to encourage community organisations, and their many volunteers who give up so much of their time, across the city to flourish, I am requesting that Officers bring a report to the next meeting of this Committee (17th March) presenting some possible solutions to this specific problem with the Sea Cadets and the wider issue of community organisation parking. One option that has been mentioned to me is the possible introduction of some sort of specific Community Organisation permit, which could be issued in limited numbers to affected groups within CPZs.

Yours sincerely,



Cllr. Geoffrey Theobald

