

DEPUTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A period of not more than fifteen minutes shall be allowed at each ordinary meeting of the Council for the hearing of deputations from members of the public. Each deputation may be heard for a maximum of five minutes.

Deputations received:

- (i) **Deputation:** to bring the Extended Surrenden Road Area residents parking consultation to the front of the council's timetable

The residents of the 'Extended Surrenden Road Area' have pulled together petitions from local residents who have asked Brighton & Hove City Council to consult residents on the issue of residents parking. The roads included are all roads within the boundaries of Surrenden Road, Surrenden Crescent, London Road and the bottom half of Preston Drove. There are a number of reasons why this has now become a pressing issue and should be brought to the front of the parking consultation schedule:

1. When residents were consulted in a recent parking consultation (47.4% response rate), it was not made clear to residents that parts of the consultation area could receive parking whilst others would not. Overall 53.3% of residents in this consultation wanted a residents parking scheme.
2. In 2015 following consultation of residents, residents parking was introduced in the Fiveways area. Many residents in the Extended Surrenden Road Area were unhappy that their roads had not been included, despite majority views for this - Harrington Road 52.8%, Harrington Villas 63.2%, Bavant Road 83.3%, Surrenden Road 56.6%, and Surrenden Crescent 75%. It was felt that the decision to exclude these roads, was based more on the views of the Withdean Councillors rather than those of the local residents.
3. These figures were higher than for Balfour Road 47.6%, Loder Road 30.9%, Gordon Road 44.4% and Bates Road 43.1%, who have now been provided with residents parking, following a recent consultation.
4. The pressures on the Extended Surrenden Road Area are created by a greater set of complex issues and now a **significant safety** factor:
 - Commuters and holidaymakers parking as close as they can to Preston Park Station.
 - Parents dropping off children at 3 local nurseries (Pumpkin Patch, Growing Up Green and Hopscotch) and St Bernadette's School. Due to the already full roads, parents are double parking, parking at the end of roads blocking views and on double yellow lines, creating dangerous situations on a regular basis. Photos attached.
 - There are other facilities locally that add to the pressure to park locally during the week and at the weekend - St Johns Church, St Marys Church, Preston Tennis Club, Preston Bowls Club and a private swimming school near Varndean Close.

- The roads are being used as taxi ranks and taxi drivers also park their own vehicles in the area, whilst they are in service.
- Vehicles are being parked in the local area and used as storage for local workmen, who visit to unload equipment and tools.
- Proximity to Preston Park, where events are held about twice a month, means that attendees park on the surrounding roads to avoid paying to park in the Preston Park car park.

5. There is a history of the council decisions preventing residents from creating driveways. As a consequence some residents create driveways without permission, making it even harder for those residents without off street parking (56.2% based on the 2015 consultation).

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