

Geoff Raw – Chief Executive
Brighton & Hove City Council

26th September 2017

Dear Geoff

We are submitting the following letter under Council Procedure Rule 23.3 to be included on the agenda for the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee meeting of 10th October 2017.

We have been contacted by residents, over many years, about illegal and anti-social parking outside schools in our respective Wards of Patcham and Hangleton & Knoll.

On many occasions we have used a variety of measures to address this issue, and we praise officers, the schools, the Council's parking enforcement contractor, NSL, and the Police for their work improving child safety. We are now looking to ensure that all schools throughout the City can utilise existing powers, which are seldom used effectively at present as they are not widely known.

There is not a single document that brings all of the elements together, providing a guide for stakeholders, on how to go about the process; even though the council does have information on its website.

In discussions with council officers, it has also been highlighted that no single point of contact exists to help facilitate a multi-agency campaign.

To that end, we respectfully ask that The Executive Director of Economy, Environment and Culture be requested to produce a report for E. T.& S. Committee to consider the following:

1. A summary to assist Schools, Councillors and officers that identifies what is available to deliver a multi-agency campaign such as, but not limited to, banners, leaflets (for enforcement officers), school take home packs, routes to schools, "park & stride" type initiatives, and enforcement (civil and criminal). The summary should include who to contact, what the process is for each element and what actions rely on another to be able to progress (perhaps a Gantt chart). It should also include advice on what parking restrictions exist, or could be imposed, and the benefits of them.
2. Advice on the creation of a single point of contact within the Council; someone who can manage and bring together all the component parts, including liaison with the Police, parking enforcement and schools.

3. Guidance on how Public Space Protection Orders could be used to prevent on-pavement parking, between certain times on school days; and if there are no such applicable uses of a PSPO, the report should explore ways of using local by-laws to achieve this goal.

In addition to provisions already available, could the report explore potential uses of body-worn c.c.t.v. – with a view to not only protecting staff from abuse, but to also provide evidence for enforcement and aid in prosecution. Similarly static traffic cameras outside schools will also act as a significant deterrent, whilst issuing instant fines for offences.

Yours sincerely

Cllrs. Tony Janio and Lee Wares