

**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:** Consultation on a Controlled Parking Zone in the Coombe Road area

The key and sole focus of this deputation is to strongly request a consultation regarding the implementation of a Controlled Parking Zone in the area using the section 106 money linked to the developments on Preston Barracks is progressed with immediate effect

We additionally request that the residents of Saunders Rise, Bates Estate and southern half of Moulsecoomb are also included in this process.

We make this request in the context of already experiencing the very significant impact of the implementation of the controlled parking zones in the Hanover area and the related additional parking restrictions in roads such as Tenantry Down. As local residents we feel the wider community consequences of these traffic measures were not foreseen and the potential for impact on us not managed. We believe the problems resolved in Hanover and surrounding areas became ours.

We are mindful that the Preston Barracks development is now underway and that this will bring 1338 further student beds to the local area; alongside 369 private dwellings and some additional retail opportunities. We anticipate significant further parking challenges in our residential area and we would wish to have the opportunity to address this at the earliest possible opportunity and not wait until the full development is complete.

A review of the City Council's own parking map shows that without a CPZ our roads have naturally become a car park to others who live in and use the City who experience restricted parking elsewhere; thereby leading local residents to distress and despair!

As residents of the Coombe Road area, we take a pride in and maintain a concern for the safety and quality of life in our roads and feel that a consultation on and potential for a CPZ is now key to regaining the management of our streets; a state which existed prior to October 2017. We are already significantly impacted by the parking consequences of another area and see no reason for there to be a wait or delay on the consultation process. We therefore formally request that this is implemented as soon as is practically and reasonably possible; thereby refocusing on and prioritising the needs of residents in the areas named.

This deputation is presented on behalf of all Coombe Road Area residents but specifically written and agreed and signed by

**Signed by:**

Jayne Hemming (lead spokesperson)

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Paul Rix

Phil Edmunds

Jodie Potter

Jon Mann

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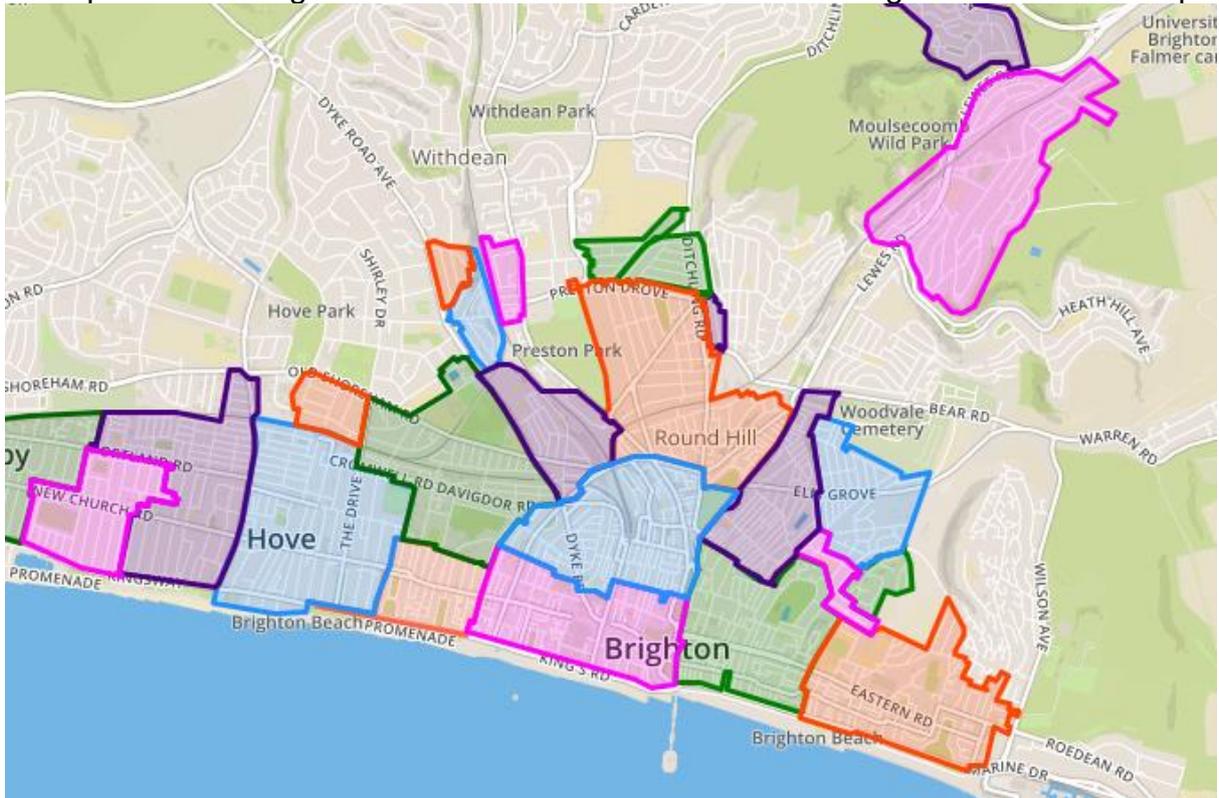
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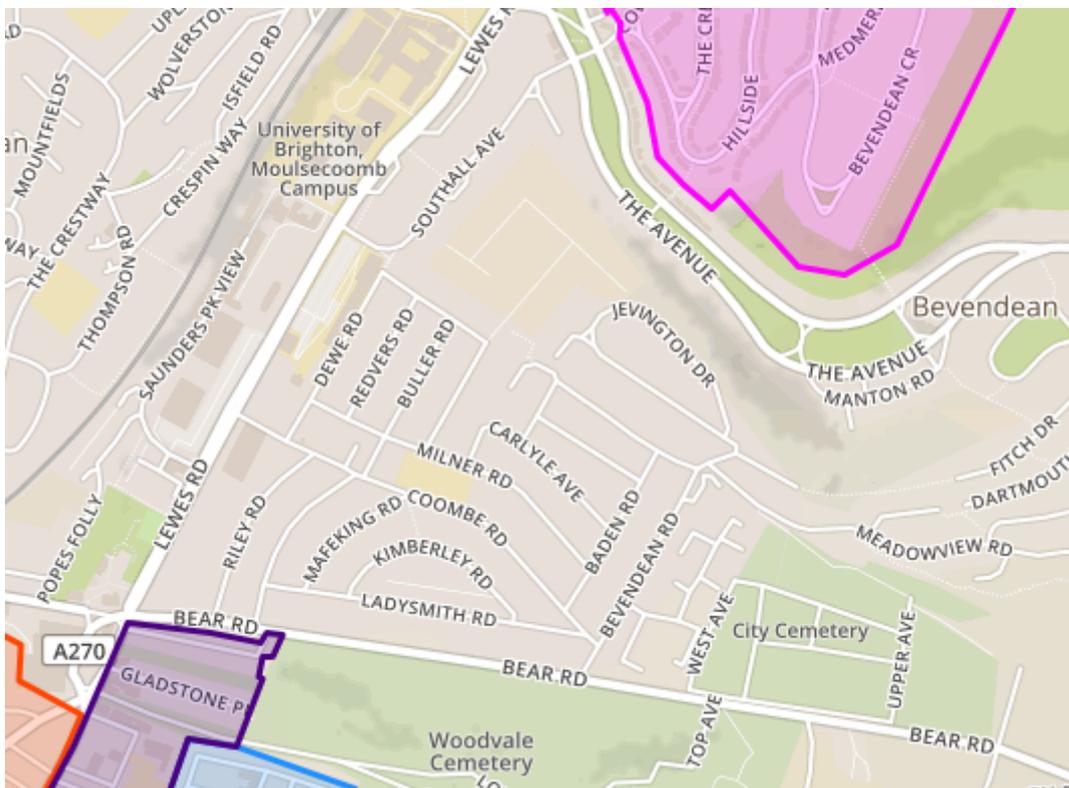
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**Supplementary Information:**

Excerpt from the Brighton and Hove Council Website – Parking Zone Borders Map



Street Named Version of the Above Map for Inclusion in the Consultation on a CPZ



### **The day to day lived experience of residents of the Coombe Road area:**

- Streets overcrowded with the cars that are no longer able to park in Hanover
- Long term residents have continual difficulties parking within a reasonable distance of our homes – not the situation prior to October 2017
- Our streets are now dangerous to pedestrians and users of wheelchairs, prams and buggies Those challenged to park cars appropriately are often blocking the pavements, making the free flow of walking our streets very difficult.
- Those driving in our streets often have restricted vision due to dangerously parked vehicles
- Parents using cars to transport shopping and small children home face a notable walk from vehicle to homes, this is challenging and at times stressful and unsafe
- Carers and relatives are challenged to park near to the homes of older residents for whom their visits and regular contact are a matter of practical care and social connection.
- We experience constant day time parking from those who work and study at the University buildings at Mithras House and Watts buildings
- We are additionally impacted by the parking of those who work at the Brighton Bus depot in Lewes Road, who leave their cars on our streets for the duration of their shift.
- We experience long term parking for weeks and months at a time from those non-local residents who simply do not use their vehicles regularly and for some of whom vans are additional storage space – now left on our streets
- Our streets are now full of the caravans, campervans and vans of numerous shapes and sizes that were previously parked long term in Tenantry Down and similar streets
- We believe our streets have become the place that those wishing to leave their cars for the duration of flights from Gatwick now park
- We observe car users leave their vehicles in our streets and then cycle into work in other areas of the city
- We suffer the weekend parking by those whose CPZ's do not allow full weekend parking.
- Our streets are filled with the weekend and holidaying visitors to the City who arrive by car and have no use of it for the duration of their stay.
- Residents experience challenges in delivery drivers and visiting trades people being able to access our homes
- We experience double parking which exacerbates safe driving issues within our streets.
- Despite the provision of a park and ride scheme at the University on Lewes Road; residents who live in the nearby streets experience an influx of parking on match days for the Amex Stadium. The provision of the controlled parking zone in Moulsecomb on football days is insufficient and too limited in its boundaries.
- For us many of in the absence of a good bus service or working outside the City; not having a car is not an option
- The frustrations arising from this quite acute situation has led to vehicle vandalism and damage and some degree of inappropriate social interaction and engagement between residents and neighbours and with visitors to the area using the streets for parking