

Council	Agenda Item 89 (1)
28 March 2019	Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject:	Madeira Arches - Concorde Petition for Debate		
Date of Meeting:	28 March 2019		
Report of:	Executive Lead Officer for Strategy, Governance & Law		
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Wards Affected:	All		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 Under the Council's Petition Scheme if a petition contains more than 1,250 signatures and is not petition requesting officer evidence, it will be debated by the Full Council.
- 1.2 The e-petition has resulted in triggering a debate at the council meeting, having exceeded the threshold with a total of 2,870 signatures confirmed at the time of printing the report.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the petition is noted and referred to the Tourism, Development & Culture Committee for consideration at its meeting on the 20th June 2019.

3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION / CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:

3.1 The Petition

We the undersigned petition Brighton & Hove Council to restore the 3 arches nearer to Concorde 2

Lead Petitioner – Derek Wright

Additional Information:

Justification:

- The council's choice of arches are untypical – in fact, they are not generally referred to as the same as the open arches - so their costing per arch will be flawed.
- They have not consulted nor shown visuals of the 3 arches chosen to the crowd funding community or wider public.

- Building works along Madeira Drive are already having a disastrous effect on trading; having more building works at the Western end of Madeira Terraces will make the outdoors seating that the traders rely on noisy, dirty, dusty & visually unattractive.
- Restoring 3 arches near Concorde 2 would not disturb the local business as they are on the beach side, apart from Concorde 2, which is not active in the day time.
- The area around Concorde 2 will better benefit from having 3 arches being restored because they will create an all year-round destination, thus encouraging the visitors & residents to travel along from the pier.
- It would lead to more use of the of the Volks railway midway station & workshop gallery.
- If E.H.L.F funding is agreed & the restoration of 59 arches can go ahead then the arches around Concorde 2 are in more urgent need as they are already supported.
- The repair of the Concorde 2 roof, public toilets & the Madeira Lift are urgent & will give more benefits to traders, residents and visitors around this area than anywhere else along Madeira Terraces.
- Having the lift working all year round leads to the possibilities of less parking & less pollution as there are bus stops nearby offering a good local & long trip bus service. This would also benefit families & disabled visitors wanting to access the Barefoot Cafe, Jungle Rumble & Sea-lanes, all of which have disabled & child friendly pursuits.
- The traders could offer combined entrance and bus use admission.
- It makes better business sense to restore the 3 crowd funded Arches at the Concorde 2 end of Madeira Drive, therefore creating a business plan & releasing the £1m from the i360, ear-marked for the Terraces.

4. PROCEDURE:

4.1 The petition will be debated at the Council meeting in accordance with the agreed protocol:

- (i) The Lead petitioner will be invited by the Mayor to present the petition and will have up to 3 minutes in which to outline the prayer of the petition and confirm the number of signatures;
- (ii) The Mayor will then open the matter up for debate by councillors for period of 15 minutes and will first call on the relevant Committee Chair to respond to the petition and move a proposed response. The Mayor will then call on those councillors who have indicated a desire to speak in the matter, before calling on the relevant Committee Chair to respond to the debate;
- (iii) An amendment to the recommendation in paragraph 2.1 of the report or to add additional recommendations should be submitted by 10.00am on the day of the meeting; otherwise it will be subject to the Chair's discretion as to being appropriate. Any such amendment will need to be formally moved and seconded at the meeting;

- (iv) After the 15 minutes set aside for the debate, the Mayor will then formally put:
- (v) (a) Any amendments in the order in which they are moved, and
 - (b) The substantive recommendation(s) as amended (if amended).

