



## Surrenden Area Parking Campaign

Working for better, fairer & safer parking

### **PRESS RELEASE**

Residents campaigning for urgent action over lorries, mobile homes, commercial vehicles and cars parking nose-to-tail for months on end outside their homes are to lobby Brighton Council on Tuesday 20 March.

Campaign leaders are to submit a proposal to the council's Transport Committee to bring forward consultations for a controlled parking zone from 2021 to this year. They will be supported at the meeting by residents of Surrenden Road and 21 surrounding streets who say they are fed up with paying council tax to live in a car park.

Up to 70 vehicles have been parked on a long-term basis in the area by owners who refuse to pay parking charges in other parts of the city. A recent check found national car rental company Alamo/Enterprise had been using Surrenden Road to park 18 of their hire cars. Residents say the situation is chaotic and causing danger to road users, pedestrians and preventing car owners from parking near their homes. They claim the problem is substantially worse than when the council conducted a survey in 2015 and has now reached crisis levels.

A survey has shown that 89% of respondents felt that parking has become more difficult in the last three years and 80% say that it has made the area more hazardous for traffic using the roads. Poorly-parked high-sided vehicles are a particular problem.

The residents action, which includes a petition signed by nearly 550 people, is now being supported by Withdean Ward councillors who have recognised the seriousness of the current situation.

Campaign chair Mary Allen, who lives in Surrenden Road said: "We cannot allow this situation to go on for another three years. Our main concerns are for elderly residents, students and children who find it difficult to cross the roads, bus services unable to pull in fully at some bus stops and access for emergency vehicles."

The situation has worsened since the council introduced resident parking zones in other parts of the city. Vehicle owners who did not want to apply for permits or pay for parking moved their trucks, motor homes and vans into the Surrenden Road area to avoid the charges.

#### FURTHER DETAILS

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*Residents are planning to meet at Hove Town Hall at 3.30pm on Tuesday 20 March before the 4pm meeting of the City Environment Transport & Sustainability Committee*



**Long-term parking in Surrenden Road Brighton. Some of these vehicles have been left there for months.**

