



CLIFTON - MONTPELIER - POWIS
COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

Martin Randall,
Planning Policy Team,
Brighton & Hove City Council,
Hove Town Hall,
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Dear Mr Randall,

The Management Committee meeting of the Clifton, Montpelier and Powis Community Alliance (CMPCA) on Tuesday, 7 February, demonstrated that there is profound concern locally about the large, ugly parking Zone Entry Signs which have been installed in our Conservation Area, to the huge detriment of townscapes and vistas. We have been informed that the number of these has been reduced from original projections as the result of protests. Nevertheless the new signs that remain disfigure the whole area.

We cannot see that all of these new signs are necessary. The ones in question are not located at entry points into a Controlled Parking Zone from uncontrolled areas, and their only function is to announce a transition from Zone Y to Zone Z (or vice versa), something which is amply indicated by the smaller parking signs, of which vast numbers are being installed on every street.

We would welcome action on this. These signs are in our view redundant and visually intrusive, contradicting one of the professed aims of the new parking scheme, which was to reduce signage. If the numbers of signs have fallen in central Brighton as a whole, this is not the case in our area, where one count puts the increased number of signs at around 280 (and the true figure may be even higher).

The CMPCA would be happy to work with you in trying to achieve these aims.

I look forward to hearing from you with regard to the above matter.

Yours sincerely

Adam Jones

Chair, CMPCA