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No. 1	PROPOSER	Sinclair Primary and Nursery School
	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Kate Martin – Executive Director Place
	RELEVANT CABINET MEMBER	COUNCILLOR MOULTON – GROWTH? COUNCILLOR J BAILLIE – EDUCATION?
	PRESENTMENT TITLE: Car Parking	
	<p><u>Why we need more places to park</u></p> <p>As school council reps we feel like this is an important topic to talk about because the parking is getting a little busy. The reason is because a lot of people are parking down the hill which means the layby is getting filled, people are parking on the curb and in the road. To help with this problem we think it will be good to put down double yellow lines so this doesn't get out of hand. We also have alternative ideas which could work. For instance, that is a large area of space at the front of the school and outside of the school property that is just grass it has plenty of space for some carparking spaces.</p> <p><u>What we could to help out</u></p> <p>In our opinion, we think that the layby should be extended so that more people can park there. Yellow lines will help people to stop parking in dangerous places. Maybe we could put down more concrete down where the grass patch is so we could put the path more backwards to create more space for cars to park, we would also like to suggest more traffic warden presence to enforce good behaviour.</p> <p><u>Why we think this will help</u></p> <p>We all think this is important because we want pupils to be safe. The reason is because there are a lot of children around who could be hurt. The time to act is now and the opportunity is yours.</p>	

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	<u>RESPONSE:</u>
	<p>Southampton City Council runs the My Journey programme which aims to increase the number of pupils, parents and staff travelling actively and sustainably to schools, workplaces and in the community. SCC's My Journey Officers engage with schools to offer travel planning support to enable schools to work towards their Modeshift STARS national accreditation award, which recognises excellence in sustainable travel. Having an up to date and comprehensive travel plan allows schools to identify issues on the school run and on/around site, set targets to reduce the number of families travelling by car to school and implement a range of active travel initiatives to work towards the targets. SCC can offer Sinclair Primary School support in travel planning and delivery of sustainable travel initiatives as a first step towards addressing the issue that has been highlighted.</p> <p>SCC will be writing directly to the School representatives about their request and how the council can help them with the issues they have identified in this particular presentment.</p>

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No. 2	PROPOSER	Graham Linecar - ON BEHALF OF SOUTHAMPTON COMMONS & PARKS PROTECTION SOCIETY (SCAPPS)
	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Kate Martin – Executive Director Place
	RELEVANT CABINET MEMBER	COUNCILLOR MOULTON – GROWTH
PRESENTMENT TITLE: More dwellings must be accompanied by more public open space		
<p>Access to nearby, quality green space is essential for physical and mental health and well-being. Covid-lockdown brought home to all of us the importance of having parks and green spaces within walking distance. My presentment asks for effective commitment to making sure development resulting in an increase in number of dwellings is matched by an increase in the amount of public open space. I say 'effective' because a response 'It's in planning policies' is not enough. SCAPPS wants to see the timely provision of new public open spaces, and especially green spaces, in association with developments resulting in increased dwellings. We also ask the City Council, as local education authority and landowner of many schools' sites, to require schools to consider opening their grass fields for public use during school holidays.</p> <p>Recent years have seen a remarkable increase in the number of dwellings in the city centre, many, if not most, with no private outdoor space. SCAPPS appreciates how difficult it is to find sites for new public open space in a densely developed area like the city centre. That's why we welcomed and supported the City Centre Action Plan's proposal for a new green space at Albion Place, extending to the walls of the Castle. SCAPPS asks for commitment to implement that proposal of the City Centre Action Plan.</p>		

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	<u>RESPONSE:</u>
	<p>The City Council recognises the importance of maintaining and enhancing quality open space provision and the importance of this has been demonstrated during the covid pandemic.</p> <p>The Council's current planning policies aim to ensure that new housing development is accompanied by improvements to existing open spaces or provision of new open spaces in accordance with specified standards. However, policy also allows for alternative open space provision such as "green roofs" or "green walls".</p> <p>The City Council is currently reviewing its planning policy (the City Vision Local Plan). The review will seek to balance the housing needs of the city together with the requirements for other land uses such as employment, community facilities, leisure and open space. The challenge will be, as SCAPPS recognises, the ability to provide for these uses in a densely built up urban area.</p> <p>As the City Council develops its new planning policies, it will seek to engage with relevant stakeholders and hence will meet with representatives of SCAPPS to consider how new policies in respect of new housing development and open space can be progressed. Whilst Schools are being encouraged to consider opening their grass fields for public use during school holidays, being mindful of their roles within the community and balancing the need to protect resources to ensure that children can continue to use the facilities during school hours and ensuring that additional use does, in itself, not cause any additional aggravation to their neighbours.</p>

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	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Kate Martin – Executive Director Place
	RELEVANT CABINET MEMBER	COUNCILLOR MOULTON – GROWTH
	PRESENTMENT TITLE: Stop using roads in the Central Parks as a bus station	
	<p>It is wholly inappropriate for roads against and crossing the Central Parks to be used as a bus station where buses stand-over between services, often with engines running. This is particularly unacceptable in Vincent’s Walk and Poundtree Road next to a busy children’s play area.</p> <p>I acknowledge bus operators are beginning to replace diesel-engined buses with electric powered ones. Unfortunately, Vincent’s Walk is mainly used by First Bus and they are likely to be the last local bus operator to switch to an electric fleet.</p> <p>But it is not the fumes alone which make it inappropriate for roads in the Central Parks to be used as a substitute for a proper bus station. Roads in the Parks ought to be seen and treated as something special, different to other bits of highway because they are within a park. They should no longer be considered a convenient place to start and end bus services, and a useful bit of road on which to park buses between services. My presentment asks the City Council to make proper provision for start and end of bus services in a less intrusive and less damaging location.</p>	

	<u>RESPONSE:</u>
	<p>Through it’s long-term transport strategy Connected Southampton 2040, the City Centre Action Plan and Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) the Council is working with local bus operators on how buses move around and interchange in the City Centre. The aspiration is to create a bus ‘ring’ with a series of bus hubs where bus services can terminate or travel through. These bus hubs are proposed to be at Albion Place, Central Station, Vincent’s Walk, and Above Bar Street, along with other busy bus stop locations. These hubs provide the opportunity to concentrate buses, reduce bus journey times which in turn reduces layover time for operators.</p> <p>A public survey that informed the development of the BSIP 68% of respondents supported having better connections and interchange between bus services and with other modes such as rail in one place. The next step following the submission of the BSIP is to develop an Enhanced Partnership (EP) by end of March 2022, which will have legal commitments from both the Council and the bus operators on implementing the ambitions from the BSIP.</p>

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Through the Southampton Transforming Cities (TCF) programme we are progressing the implementation of the Albion Place bus hub by 2023. This will provide capacity for terminating and through bus services with space for buses to use reducing their impact around Castle Way and can incorporate services that currently layover around Pound Tree Road. Vincent's Walk is also an important bus hub and there is an ongoing need for buses to stop there as part of the bus 'ring'. The passenger waiting environment at Vincent's Walk is poor and the Council is investigating how this can be improved and what its role is within the bus network in the City Centre.

Within the BSIP we are planning a Journey Time Review for the network that will look holistically to plan together for how buses can move around Southampton to be benefit of passengers and the city. This, linked with the focused work on the City Centre network, will consider what routes buses will take and where they can stop and layover. This will inform whether buses need to remain in Pound Tree Road or are able to be relocated to the new and enhanced bus hubs being created. Pound Tree Road provides a mix of bus stops and bus stands, bus stops are used to pick up and drop off passengers where a bus is stationary for a short period of time, bus stand is used for layover purposes and engines should be turned off.

Over the past three years the Council has worked with the bus operators to ensure that all buses operating in Southampton meet the latest emissions standards. We have secured Government funding to retrofit all non-Euro VI buses with equipment that brings these vehicles up to Euro VI standard so all buses operating in Southampton are Euro VI or equivalent. Buses also have start-stop engine technology The Council is working with the University of Southampton and UniLink on submitting a bid to the Government's ZEBRA (Zero-Emission Bus) scheme for new all-electric buses for the UniLink fleet. If successful these would be the first all-electric buses in Southampton and start the decarbonisation of buses in Southampton.

Part of the BISP there is a commitment to work with the operators on reducing engine idling at bus stops where they are stopping for more than 1 minute. This is voluntary but we will be monitoring it and targeting key areas such as Vincents Walk.

Officers would be happy to meet with SCAPPS as part of the development of the City Centre bus network to help develop suitable plans for buses in the City Centre.

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	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Kate Martin – Executive Director Place
	RELEVANT CABINET MEMBER	COUNCILLOR MOULTON – GROWTH
	PRESENTMENT TITLE: Tenure and use of the restored pavilion in Hoglands	
	<p>SCAPPS has been impressed by the number of recent initiatives improving the Central Parks. The Queen’s Peace Fountain has been refurbished, the new lights and water play are so much more fun than the previous fountain. We were pleased to see completion of the fenced and surfaced games area in Hoglands. We hope having that available for free use will reduce the frequency of casual ball games elsewhere in the Central Parks where they risk damaging ornamental planting and trees, and disturbing those seeking more relaxed enjoyment of the Parks. SCAPPS awaits an opportunity to see the brief and specification for replacement of the skate-park.</p> <p>We were pleased to have been consulted and involved in securing repair and renovation of the pavilion in Hoglands as part of the Police and Crime Commissioner’s Safer Cities project. However, we are anxious the City Council, as owner, should take steps, and soon, to make sure the pavilion is in frequent use, preferably by organisations using the sports facilities. We know many hope to see club cricket matches again taking place in Hoglands.</p>	
	<u>RESPONSE:</u>	
	<p>The Pavillion is in regular use by SOCO music project and the building is leased to Active Nation.</p> <p>City Services are working on a review of the Green Space Strategy 2008 and your comments will be considered as part of this review.</p>	

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	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Kate Martin – Executive Director Place
	RELEVANT CABINET MEMBER	COUNCILLOR MOULTON – GROWTH / COUNCILLOR VASSILIOU – CULTURE, HERITAGE AND COMMUNITIES ?
PRESENTMENT TITLE: More diverse use of the fenced part of Andrews (East) Park at the Guildhall Square entrance		
<p>Use as grass tennis courts ceased a number of years ago. The enclosing fence was not removed as it was claimed to provide an enclosed space for dogs to run free, and has in the past year or so also been used by a commercial operator providing dog training classes. SCAPPS is very anxious it should not become, or be considered as, exclusively a dog exercise and training space.</p> <p>My presentment asks the City Council actively to promote other uses. This is a prominent location at the entrance to the Parks from Guildhall Square, where events frequently take place. It is close to the arts activities in the theatre and gallery, & to the City Art Gallery. One suggestion the Sheriff, and so our next Mayor, might want to consider is using it as an attractive outdoor venue for civic entertaining in easy walking distance of Civic Offices and the Mayor’s Parlour.</p>		
<u>RESPONSE:</u>		
<p>This area of park is free for anyone to use. Event applications can be found here: Event-and-Promotions-Application-2021.pdf (dc-southampton.s3.amazonaws.com) and further information can be requested from events@southampton.gov.uk</p>		