

# Report to Cabinet Petitions Committee

**1 March 2023**

<b>Subject:</b>	Petitions Progress Report
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## 1 Recommendations

That the Cabinet Petitions Committee approve the action taken or proposed as details in the third column below.

## 2 Reasons for Recommendations

To receive petitions and approve action taken/proposed in response.

## 3 How does this deliver objectives of the Corporate Plan?

		Petitions are one of the many ways in which people who live and work in the Borough can influence the decision-making process. Many of the issues typically raised by petitions underpin the Council's Vision. Petitions alert members and officers to current local issues and ensure that services are being targeted appropriately in delivering the Council's priorities.
		
		



## 4 Context and Key Issues

Section 46 of the Localism Act 2011 removes the requirements for principal local authorities in England and Wales to make, publish and comply with a scheme for the handling of petitions made to the authority, with effect from 1 April 2012. At its meeting on 22 May 2012, the Council decided to retain a petitions scheme, although there was no longer a statutory requirement to have such a scheme.

## 5 Background Details

### 5.1 Petitions received since last reporting period

Signatories	Subject	Action Taken/Proposed
5.1.1 175 – Residents in and around Wellington Road, Tipton	Request for the easing of traffic problems on Wellington Road, Tipton	This matter is being investigated by officers and an update will be submitted to a future meeting. (Received 14/02/2023)
5.1.2 97 – Residents in and around Wolverhampton Road, Oldbury	Concerns regarding road safety on the junction of Wolverhampton Road/Queensway	This matter is being investigated by officers and an update will be submitted to a future meeting. (Received 31/01/2023)
5.1.3 35 – Residents from various addresses across Sandwell	Concerns regarding green waste collection charges and surrounding communications involving the matter.	A petition regarding the introduction of charges was received and a response provided to the Committee at its meeting on 18 January 2023 (Minute No. 4.23 refers). The issues raised concerning communication/consultation will be investigated and a response will be submitted to a future meeting. (Received 20/2/2023)

### 5.2 Progress on outstanding petitions



<b>Signatories</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Action Taken/Proposed</b>
5.2.1 141 – Convenience Store Customers, Toll End Road, Smethwick (Smethwick)	Request for a ramp outside a convenience store to enable easy access for customers.	This matter is being investigated by officers and an update will be submitted to a future meeting. (Received 4/10/2022)
5.2.2 146 - Residents in and around Europa Close, West Bromwich (West Bromwich Central)	Concerns with the proposed cycle route between Europa Avenue and Sandwell Valley	Following representations made by the petitioners in relation to their concerns around the consultation process and the cycle route proposals, officers will submit a report to Economy, Skills, Transport and Environment Scrutiny Board. A report will be submitted to a future meeting. (Received 1/11/2022)
5.2.3 31 – Residents of Hales Crescent, Smethwick (Smethwick)	Request for removal of a large portion of grass area and for further parking bays to be identified, including designated disabled parking spaces.	Officers will engage with residents to further understand their concerns. APCOA have reviewed all of the Penalty Charge Notices issues to ensure they were issued correctly. (Received 21/11/2022)

### 5.3 Petitions requiring final approval

<b>Signatories</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Action Taken/Proposed</b>
5.3.1 128 – Residents of Lightwoods Hill, Smethwick (Abbey)	Request for traffic calming measures	Consultation was undertaken with local residents regarding the implementation of a road safety scheme along Lightwoods Hill. Objections, suggestions and comments were raised and the proposed



road safety scheme for Lightwoods Hill had been altered in accordance with objections received to the initial proposal and considered by the Cabinet Member for Environment. A consensus could not be reached with residents over a suitable scheme within the identified budget. There have been no recorded casualties since 2020, particularly at the identified problem location of Galton Road junction following the work already undertaken. It is therefore recommended, in consultation with the Cabinet Member, that the 20mph zone is extended past Lightwoods Primary School and that Vehicle Activated Speed Signs are installed along Lightwoods Hill to help satisfy the community concern regarding vehicle speeds.

(Received 19/7/2021)

5.2.4 692 – Users of Carnegie Building, Tipton (Tipton Green)

Request for community use of the Carnegie Building

Tipton Carnegie building currently forms part of a Council plan around locally based council services which are subject to the outcomes of the ongoing customer strategy review. The Head Petitioner will be informed of any future updates.

(Received 29/11/2022)



**6 Source Documents**

Copies of petitions from various groups of residents (exempt information).

