

LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM

Report to: Full Council

Date: 12/07/2023

Subject: Petitions Monitoring Report 2022/23

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SUMMARY

This report outlines the operation of the Council's Petitions Scheme during the 2022/23 Municipal Year.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the operation of the Council's Petitions Scheme be noted.
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Wards Affected: All

Our Values	Summary of how this report aligns to the H&F Values
Doing things with local residents, not to them	The Council's petitions scheme offers an important route for residents to take part in the democratic process.

Background Papers Used in Preparing This Report

None.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Proposals and Analysis of Options

1. The Council's Petitions Scheme was approved by the Council under the provisions of Section 11(1) of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009. It incorporates procedures to comply with the requirement under the act for the Council to set up an e-petitions scheme.
2. The Council welcomes paper petitions, petitions submitted via e-mail, or e-petitions submitted through the e-petitions portal on the Council's website. All petitions and petition responses are recorded on the Council's e-petition portal:

<http://democracy.lbhf.gov.uk/mgEPetitionListDisplay.aspx?bcr=1>

3. The table below shows how petitions are responded to based on the number of signatures they attract.

Minimum number of signatories	Type of petition	Decision maker
5,000	Council debate	The Full Council
2,000	Calling a director to give evidence	Policy and Accountability Committee
250	Cabinet debate	The Cabinet
100	Petitions to Cabinet Members	The relevant Cabinet Member
Below 100	Officer petition	The relevant officer, in consultation with the appropriate Cabinet Member

4. The petitions scheme is available in full on the Council's website:
<https://www.lbhf.gov.uk/councillors-and-democracy/councillors-committees-and-decisions/take-part-democratic-process>
5. Appendix 1 contains a summary of all petitions received during the 2022/23 municipal year, including the subject of the petitions, where the petition was submitted, the number of signatures they received, and a link to the Council's response.
6. Overall, the petitions scheme has continued to operate well in 2022/23, offering an important route for residents to express their views to the Council and take part in the democratic process.

LIST OF APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Summary of Petitions received in 2022/23

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No	Petition Subject	Date Received	Submitted to	No of Signatures	Response
1	Recycling bins in busy areas and parks	23 rd May 2022	N/A	0	This petition did not meet the threshold for a response.
2	Hunt Close and Swanscombe Road (W11) parking problems	15 th June 2022	Officers in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Public Realm	18	Response outstanding.
3	Encouraging responsible dog ownership and ensuring dogs essential needs are met.	2 nd December 2022	Cabinet on 6 th February 2023	318	Cabinet addressed the issues raised. Details can be found: here
4	Wood Lane Estate – lock the gates on match days	5 th December 2022	Cabinet Member for Housing and Homelessness	120	Letter from Cabinet member to petition organiser. Details can be found: here
5	Enable Motorcycles to use any bus lanes in LBHF	9 th December 2022	Officers in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Public Realm	2	Response outstanding.
6	Queensmill School funding crisis	7 th February 2023	Cabinet Member for Children and Education	144	Letter from Cabinet member to petition organiser. Response: ePetition - Queensmill School Funding Crisis LBHF

7	Closure of youth provision for young people aged 11-19 years at the Sulgrave Youth Club	29 th March 2023	This petition did not receive a formal response.	173	This petition was closed for the reasons detailed: ePetition - Closure of Youth Provision for Young People Aged 11-19 Years at The Sulgrave Youth Club LBHF
8	Hammersmith Bridge – Letter of support for a feasibility study into the use of lightweight electric autonomous shuttles to help people cross the river	5 th May 2023	Cabinet on 5 th June 2023	269	Cabinet addressed the issues raised. Details can be found: here
9	Caxton Village (W12) parking problems	16 th May 2023	Cabinet	272	The petition will be considered at Cabinet.