

LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM

Report to: Full Council

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Subject: Petitions Monitoring Report 2023/24

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SUMMARY

This report outlines the operation of the Council's Petitions Scheme during the 2023/24 Municipal Year.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the operation of the Council's Petitions Scheme be noted.

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	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 2023/24 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 2023/24, 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 2023/24

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No	Petition Subject	Date Received	No of Signatures	Response
1	Caxton Village (W12) Parking Problems	16/05/2023	272	Cabinet addressed the issues raised. Details can be found: https://democracy.lbhf.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=116&MId=7473&Ver=4
2	Stop the Clean Air Neighbourhoods in South Fulham from killing off Local Businesses	29/06/2023	503	Response: https://democracy.lbhf.gov.uk/mgEPetitionDisplay.aspx?ID=152&RPID=104126596&HPID=104126596
3	End tree felling on Shepherd's Bush Green	28/07/2023	15	Officer response: https://democracy.lbhf.gov.uk/mgEPetitionDisplay.aspx?ID=153&RPID=104126596&HPID=104126596
4	Build More Low Cost Social Housing	13/02/2024	1	Officer response: https://democracy.lbhf.gov.uk/mgEPetitionDisplay.aspx?ID=155&RPID=104126596&HPID=104126596
5	Brook Green Puddles	26/02/2024	14	Petition closed on 26/05/2024. Response pending.
6	Frithville Gardens Parking Restrictions	01/05/2024	1	Petition closes on 30/07/2024.