



E-PETITIONS FACILITY

E-petitions

The Council welcomes E-petitions which are created and submitted through the E-petitions section of our website **add link**. E-petitions must follow the same guidelines as paper petitions. As the petition organiser you will need to provide us with your name, postal address and email address. You will also need to decide how long you would like your petition to be open for signatures. Most petitions run for 6 months, but you can choose timeframes of 1, 3, 6 or 12 months.

When you create an e-petition, it may take 7 days before it is published online. This is because we have to check that the content of your petition is suitable before it is made available for signature. If we feel we cannot publish your petition for some reason, we will contact you within this time to explain. You will then have an opportunity to change and resubmit your petition if you wish. If you do not do this within 14 days, a summary of the petition and the reason why it has not been accepted will be published under the 'rejected petitions' section of the website.

When an e-petition has closed for signature, it will automatically be submitted to Democratic Services. In the same way as a paper petition, you will receive an acknowledgement within 10 days of submission.

How do I 'sign' an e-petition?

You can see all the e-petitions currently available for signature in the e-petitions section of our website.

When you sign an e-petition you will be asked to provide your name, a valid email address and your postcode if you live in the Borough or the name of your employer or college if you work or study in the Borough. When you have submitted this information you will be sent an email to the email address you have provided. This email will include a link which you must click on in order to confirm the email address is valid. Once this step is complete your 'signature' will be added to the petition. People visiting the e-petition will be able to see your name in the list of those who have signed it but your contact details will not be visible.