

West Sussex County Council Petitions Scheme – Petitions to the Council – November 2019 to current date

Table 1 - List of Petitions to West Sussex County Council

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<p>The following ePetition ran on the Council's e-petitions webpage from 12/03/2021 to 28/04/2021</p> <p>We the undersigned petition the council to provide two road crossings along Shooting Field, Steyning, so that school children can cross the road in safety on their way to and from school.</p> <p>This week, my seven-year old son was hit by a car on his way home from school. This is not an isolated incident, and it has come to our attention that road safety has been a very real issue in this area for many years.</p> <p>There is nowhere safe to cross the road. This is not good enough, given the amount of traffic on Shooting Field at school drop-off and pick-up times.</p> <p>We want crossings, so that our children can walk home in safety. We feel that this is an issue that has been raised and ignored several times over at least the last 10 years, and we want action now.</p>	<p>257 verified (267 submitted)</p>	<p>12/03/21</p>	<p>15/03/212</p>	<p>Acknowledgement sent to lead petitioner. The petition has been considered by both Cllr Roger Elkins, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport and West Sussex County Council Highways. A response has been sent to the lead petitioner who has been advised to submit an application to the Community Highways Scheme</p>

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Children have been injured - do not wait for a fatality before you take action.				
<p>Halt the planned cuts to West Sussex Children and Family Centres:</p> <p>We call on West Sussex County Council to halt the planned cuts to its Early Help service and reverse the proposed closures of the Children’s and Family Centres and Find it Out advice centres across the county.</p> <p>Petition explains there is a proposal to close 32 of the 43 children and family centres in the county and all 12 of the Find It Out youth advice centres close as well. The petition further notes that these closures are not in the best interests of children and families across West Sussex, it explains the purpose of the centres and the benefits they provide, and the potential impacts of closure. The petition raises concern that the proposed closures are a cost cutting measure.</p>	3,683 verified (9,496 submitted)	22 January 2021	22 January 2021	The matter will be debated at the meeting of Full Council on 19 March 2021.
We the undersigned want West Sussex County Council to make our road safer by banning huge lorries in New Street, Worthing. The air, noise and light pollution is hazardous to physical health, and causes stress. They are a danger to people and property.	29 verified	3 October 2020	4 October 2020	Acknowledgement sent to lead petitioner. The petition was considered by West Sussex County Council Highways and a response sent to the lead

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<p>The petition notes that New Street is narrow Victorian cul-de-sac off Montague Street – one of the main shopping roads in Worthing. There are daily delivery vehicles including large lorries whose reversing down the road and maneuvering make it dangerous for pedestrians, block access to/from parking spaces, block light from the houses on the road and create a lot of noise.</p>				petitioner
<p>Remove the Pop Up Covid 19 Cycle Lanes:</p> <p>The Pop Up Cycle lanes which have appeared in Crawley and throughout Sussex are a blight on the daily commute. They are hindering FAR more people than it is helping. Motorists are experiencing further delays to their commutes which is impacting on local businesses.</p>	<p>3,705 verified (3,899 submitted)</p>	8 October 2020	9 October 2020	<p>Acknowledgement sent to lead petitioner. Petition withdrawn by the lead petitioners in advance of full Council meeting on 6 November due to a decision taken by Mr Elkins, Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure to withdraw the pop-up cycleway scheme.</p>
<p>Following the declaration by Worthing Borough Council of a climate emergency some areas on edges of parks are being left alone to grow naturally, which is a very welcome move. https://www.adur-</p>	<p>912 verified (1,029</p>	22 June 2020	23 June 2020	<p>Acknowledgement sent to the lead petitioner. A virtual meeting was held with Mr Roger Elkins, Cabinet Member for</p>

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<p>worthing.gov.uk/news/archive/pr19-106.html</p> <p>We are now calling on Worthing Borough Council and West Sussex County Council to designate a number of green areas around Worthing for rewilding. To mark 'No Mow May' we are asking that these areas are left unmown, allowing the wildflowers to grow and that the use of herbicides and pesticides is eliminated. Actions that are being asked are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ban use of Glyphosate and any other chemical spray in parks and streets. Encourage residents to use less chemicals. • Leave all road verges unmown from March until late summer, if safe to do so, to encourage the growth of wildflowers for pollinators. • Identify unused areas in town or surroundings, small or large to rewild. Join corridors, as in Bee Lines being adopted in other areas, an initiative by the Buglife charity. • Work with schools to create wildflower areas in their green spaces which will be educational and enjoyable for young people. • Promote the principles and benefits of rewilding to the public. 	submitted)			Highways and Infrastructure and relevant officers, where concerns, details of what the Council and other organisations are currently doing and what the community can become involved in were discussed. Confirmation of the outcomes of the discussion were sent to the lead petitioner following the meeting.
'Keep West Sussex Small Schools Open'.	3,200 verified	13 March 2020	18 March 2020	Acknowledgement sent to

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<p>The petition is from Rumboldswyke School, Clapham and Patching School and Stedham School and their communities and is in response to the Council's 'Small Schools Proposal' regarding consultations on the potential closure of these schools.</p>	<p>(3,260 submitted)</p>			<p>lead petitioner. Recommendations on small schools were made a meeting of Children and Young People's Services Scrutiny Committee on 14 April and response from Mr Nigel Jupp, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People was noted at its meeting of 4 June 2020. The matter was discussed at a meeting of Cabinet on 22 April, and a decision was made about the matters at a meeting of Cabinet on 16 June 2020.</p>
<p>Stop the enforcement of £520 licensing fees for traders with outdoor seating; and set the rate at a reasonable and affordable level</p> <p>A campaign to help our town centres flourish by stopping the enforcement of the £520 licencing fee for traders with outdoor seating.</p> <p>West Sussex County Council are increasing licence fees for traders with outdoor seating to</p>	<p>2,361 verified</p> <p>(2,634 submitted)</p>	<p>11 March 2020</p>	<p>13 March 2020</p>	<p>Acknowledgement sent to lead petitioner.</p> <p>A decision was made on the matter on 8 June 2020.</p>

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<p>£520 - a hike of 260%. That is much more than other councils charge. In comparison, East Sussex businesses are charged £260 a year for licences, while Brighton and Hove operates on a sliding scale - £176 for a small number of tables and £360 for large cafés in busy streets, with additional charges for the amount of highway space taken up. West Sussex's charge is similar to the cost for cafés in Westminster, Central London.</p> <p>Local traders are suffering from the lowest footfall since 2010. They are struggling after 10 years of austerity and they need help to survive and thrive, not more punitive measures that could cause them to fold. However, West Sussex County Council are introducing a licence fee for traders with outdoor seating of £520. But these businesses are an integral part of our economy and bring life to many towns in West Sussex. This extortionate charge would hit smaller cafes hardest and have a damaging impact on our town centres. The tables and chairs are vital for many of cafes, pubs and restaurants and we need to support these businesses, not punish them for years of central government cuts.</p>				

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<p>We, the current users of The Rowans, are petitioning to save and relocate our gym, following drastic changes being undertaken and implemented in March 2020, in the Adults In-house Social Care Provision, West Sussex.</p> <p>The changes intended will result in insufficient room for our current size gym and equipment, in addition to a reduction in fitness classes, held by the highly qualified and experienced trainers at The Rowans. Both of which benefit us individuals with disabilities and additional needs.</p> <p>We demand that West Sussex County Council support us, the users of The Rowans, in saving and relocating our gym and fitness classes.</p>	<p>1,361 verified</p> <p>(1,580 submitted)</p>	<p>09 March 2020</p>	<p>18 March 2020</p>	<p>Acknowledgement sent to lead petitioner.</p> <p>Petitioners have discussed the matter with Mrs Amanda Jupp, Cabinet Member for Adults and Health, and will be seeking a private alternative. A decision on Day Serves, including this matter, will be made in due course by the Cabinet Member, and information about this can be found in the Forward Plan.</p>

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<p>We, the undersigned, petition West Sussex County Council to provide a safe pedestrian and cycle crossing on Bognor Road [Chichester]. The road near the Co-Op, pet shop, pub and hairdressers is very busy with traffic, and people on foot find it difficult to cross the road.</p>	<p>115 submitted and verified</p>	<p>03 March 2020</p>	<p>04 March 2020</p>	<p>*Petition on hold due to the Coronavirus pandemic* Acknowledgment sent to Lead Petitioner. Petition was handed in at South Chichester County Local Committee meeting on 03 March 2020. The petition was passed to Highways team to contact for consideration.</p> <p>This petition is currently on hold at the request of the lead petitioner.</p>

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<p>Safecrossing in Wiston Avenue, Tarring</p> <p>"We call West Sussex County Council to install a crossing on Wiston Avenue and keep local school children safe."</p>	<p>916 verified</p> <p>(952 submitted)</p>	<p>02 March 2020</p>	<p>03 March 2020</p>	<p>Acknowledgement sent to lead petitioner. Petition was handed in at Worthing County Local Committee meeting on 02 March 2020 and debated by the Committee and will be followed up by the Committee in due course..</p>

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<p>'Stop the closure of Oving traffic lights / Save Oving Lights':</p> <p>The petition asks that plans to prevent all traffic, apart from buses travelling northbound, from exiting the B2144 Oving Road east at the A27 junction be stopped (a Traffic Regulation Order is being considered in order to implement this change.</p> <p>The petition explains that plan is part of proposals agreed for the new homes being built at the Shopwhyke Lakes site, which will see upwards of 7000 cars travel through the centre of the estate per day.</p> <p>The petition noted concerns about danger to young children at play in the estate.</p> <p>It further notes that Chichester District Council attempted to change the plans to keep the lights, but was overruled by the government's planning process.</p>	<p>2,433 verified (3,188 submitted)</p>	<p>24 February 2020</p>	<p>27 February 2020</p>	<p>The petitioner has been directed to Highway England - a Traffic Regulation Order proposal for changes to vehicle movements at the A27/Oving Road junction was consulted upon by the County Council because it was assumed part of the affected road is within the Council's control as highway authority. It later became clear that all of the affected road space is controlled by Highways England. The Council's plans for Traffic Regulation Order were, therefore, withdrawn and the petition can no longer be considered by West Sussex County Council.</p>

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<p>The petition advises that following a serious traffic incident involving a young child outside Durrington Infant and Junior Federated School on 7 November, the petition of local people calls for the installation of a [permanent] Pelican crossing outside the school on Salvington Road.</p> <p>The petition goes on to explain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The safety concerns raised due to the busy nature of Salvington Road and for an investigation into other potential methods of traffic calming along the road. • Previous campaigns have led to a flashing 20mph sign and a crossing patrol person, but driver behaviour remains a concern, with cars exceeding 30 mph. • The concerns of parents and staff regarding the risk to children are noted • A crossing is needed for access to the Family Centre, school and sports and social clubs <p>A crossing will help the elderly cross safely and assist those using the library and local shops.</p>	527 submitted and verified	25 November 2019	27 November 2019	<p>Acknowledgement sent to lead petitioners. The petition was received and accepted at Worthing County Local Committee on 25 November 2019. The CLC agreed that Highways officers will investigate the matter with the aim of making recommendations, which will be reported back at the next appropriate County Local Committee meeting.</p>

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<p>We are concerned parents/ students, local residents and supporters of Clapham and Patching C of E Primary school.</p> <p>The petition wording explains that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school is one of a few small schools in West Sussex under review to determine its future, which could mean permanent closure from July 2020. • This amazing, nurturing school has been a lifeline parents who have been able get to know each other and the children. • The differences the school and teaching staff makes for children, including those with mild and moderate learning needs. • Housing in the area is increasing rapidly and local schools are oversubscribed, so to close Clapham and Patching makes no sense. • That other places for children with difficult needs are not easy to find. • The school is and has been an important part of the community for 200 years. 	<p>623 verified</p> <p>(1,024 submitted)</p>	<p>25 November 2019</p>	<p>27 November 2019</p>	<p>Acknowledgement sent to lead petitioner.</p> <p>Recommendations on small schools were made a meeting of Children and Young People's Services Scrutiny Committee on 14 April and response from Mr Nigel Jupp, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People was noted at its meeting of 4 June 2020. The matter was discussed at a meeting of Cabinet on 22 April, and a decision was made about the matters at a meeting of Cabinet on 16 June 2020.</p>

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<p>Keep Rumboldswyke Infants' School open We are concerned supporters, residents, past and present parents and former students: The petition wording explains that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The local council wants to close this amazing school. • The school is a fantastic, nurturing and safe environment for our children to begin their school education. • Demands that the school remains open in September 2020. • The Ofsted rating of inadequate was predominantly due to administrative issues. And that the school have resolved the key issues and are progressively tackling those remaining. • Increases in housing in the locality are mentioned and it is noted that closure will exacerbate the strain on remaining schools, the majority of which are at full capacity. 	<p>1,151 verified (1443 received)</p>	<p>19 November 2019</p>	<p>20 November 2019</p>	<p>Acknowledgement sent to lead petitioner. Recommendations on small schools were made a meeting of Children and Young People's Services Scrutiny Committee on 14 April and response from Mr Nigel Jupp, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People was noted at its meeting of 4 June 2020. The matter was discussed at a meeting of Cabinet on 22 April, and a decision was made about the matters at a meeting of Cabinet on 16 June 2020.</p>