

West Sussex County Council Petitions Scheme – Petitions to the Council July 2022 to current date

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Petition

The following ePetition opened on [the Council's e-petitions webpage](#) on 28/03/24 and will run to TBA (when the petition closes)

Scrap 'Book to recycle' online Westhampnett [a waste recycling site, just outside Chichester]

We the undersigned petition the council to remove 'Book to recycle' online scheme and public can arrive anytime to site. Over-processed. Time waste. Inconvenient to public. Common sense does not prevail.

Number of Verified Signatures

TBA

Date received by the County Council

02/04/24

Date acknowledged by the County Council

02/04/24

Current Status

Acknowledgement sent to lead petitioner.

Petition

The following ePetition was opened on [the Council's e-petitions webpage](#) on 10/06/24 and rejected on 12/06/24

A smartphone free childhood for West Sussex schoolchildren

We the undersigned petition the council to ensure that all schools in West Sussex prohibit entirely the use of smartphones by children in primary and secondary schools. In "The Anxious Generation", the psychologist Jonathan Haidt describes the ubiquitous use of smartphones by children as "the largest uncontrolled experiment humanity has ever performed on its own children". The results are in, and they are poor. "Evidence from a variety of cross-sectional, longitudinal and empirical studies implicate smartphone and social media use in the increase in mental distress, self-injurious behaviour and suicidality among youth; there is a dose-response relationship, and the effects appear to be greatest among girls. Social media can affect adolescents' self-view and interpersonal relationships through social comparison and negative interactions, including cyberbullying; moreover, social media content often involves normalization and even promotion of self-harm and suicidality among youth. High proportions of youth engage in heavy smartphone use and media multitasking, with resultant chronic sleep deprivation, and negative effects on cognitive control, academic performance and socioemotional functioning." (US National Library of Medicine - <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7012622/>). Our children are simply not prepared to encounter all the information in the world, good or ill, nor should they be. If smartphones have negative effects on academic performance - and that is the least of it - how can our educational authorities permit their continued use in good faith? For this reason, and for the health, safety, happiness, and natural self-fulfilment of our children, we urge you to debate and to support this petition.

Number of Verified Signatures

N/A

Date received by the County Council

10/06/24

Date acknowledged by the County Council

10/06/24

Current Status

Acknowledgement sent to lead petitioner. Petition rejected. Guidance issued by central government in February 2024

supports schools in creating and implementing policies to prohibit the use of mobile phones in school during school hours. The County Council adheres to education guidance issued by central government. This would be applicable, as required, for maintained schools. Academies and academy trusts are responsible for their own implementation of policies.

Petition

The following ePetition opened on [the Council's e-petitions webpage](#) on 28/03/24 and will run to TBA (when the petition closes)

Pedestrian crossing and traffic calming on Canada Road, Arundel

We the undersigned petition the council to carry out a comprehensive traffic study on Canada Road to assess the extent of the speeding issue and its impact on safety. Based on the study's findings, evaluate the feasibility of installing a pedestrian crossing and other traffic calming measures at appropriate locations on Canada Road. Please prioritise the safety and well-being of Arundel residents, in alignment with the town's commitment to promoting safe and liveable communities, by taking prompt action to address this concern. Canada Road and the surrounding streets is a family-oriented community with numerous children, pedestrians, and pets that frequently traverse the area. Canada Road play area has undergone some fantastic improvements over the last couple of years and is a popular spot for families, children and their friends. It remained busy over the winter period and as the warmer months approach it will become busier. Unfortunately, the current speed limit of 20mph is often exceeded by motorists, particularly at certain times of the day when the road becomes a 'rat run' to avoid the heavy build-up of traffic on the A27 at the Ford Road roundabout. We believe that speed bumps strategically placed on Canada Road could serve as an effective traffic calming measure, encouraging drivers to slow down and adhere to the speed limit. We also believe that a pedestrian crossing would not only have a positive effect on traffic but would certainly benefit those utilising the park as well as those who need to access the doctor's surgery or the pharmacy on foot. At present, parents and children have to cross from between multiple parked vehicles, where visibility is low and the flow of traffic is not adhering to the speed limit. The more popular times for using the park often coincide with the heavier, rush hour traffic. As part of the Government's Active Travel Fund (ATF) initiative, West Sussex County Council implemented the School Street trial to promote Active Travel at Arundel C. of E. Primary School on Jarvis Road. The intention is 'to provide a safer and more attractive environment to the roads that will ultimately encourage an active form of travel to and from the school gates, mitigating congestion and improving air quality'. I now deem the roads too dangerous. I suggest this scheme can only be considered a success if the surrounding streets are also safe for people to travel to and from the school.

Number of Verified Signatures

TBA when the petition closes.

Date received by the County Council

28/03/24

Date acknowledged by the County Council

28/03/24

Current Status

Acknowledgement sent to lead petitioner.

Petition

The following ePetition ran on [the Council's e-petitions webpage](#) from 05/03/24 to 20/05/24

Expansion of St Anthony's Specialist School

We the undersigned petition the council to Continue to consider the local movement of Jessie Younghusband School, to the new Minerva Heights development Chichester. Enabling 50 more desperately needed spaces for SEN children within St Anthony's specialist school. St Anthony's school has over (estimated) 200 applicants each school year. Which is astonishing considering currently they are only able to accept a maximum of 30 SEN students per reception year. We are petitioning FOR the move for Jessie Younghusband primary school to move onto the new Minerva Heights development where a new school (currently 1 FE, later expanding to a 2 FE) is being built. St Anthony's school is at maximum capacity and moving Jessie Younghusband will create desperately needed extra spaces for SEN children in our county. We understand that there are currently no other alternatives being considered by WSCC, so in the absence of any other solution, this proposal is welcomed, and potentially life-changing, for the 50 families who will benefit from the additional 50 places that St Anthony's will be able to offer. St Anthony's school have specialist, dedicated teams to provide an outstanding education for children with disabilities such as Autism Spectrum Disorder and social communication difficulties plus a wide range of other disabilities. Their current position at Woodlands Lane, Chichester, has proven to be outstanding and expanding their school will enable more children to access their specialist supporting teams. Many of our SEN children are missing out on the education they deserve and the support specialist teams can provide and are being placed into mainstream settings. These settings are often unable to provide the support needed resulting in reduced timetables and disruption to other children without additional needs in class. Please support this move and welcome the extra desperately needed specialist school places in our county.

Number of Verified Signatures

409 verified (474 submitted)

Date received by the County Council

05/03/24

Date acknowledged by the County Council

05/03/24

Current Status

Acknowledgement sent to lead petitioner. Because the petition refers to a matter that is the subject of a statutory consultation, the petition details and signatory information have been passed to the service and will be considered as part of the response to the formal statutory consultation on the proposals to relocate Jessie Youngusband Primary School – a decision on this matter is pending.

Petition

Halt the Proposed Relocation of Jessie Younghusband School

We, the concerned citizens of Chichester, adamantly oppose the proposed relocation of Jessie Younghusband School to Minerva Heights. The decision to relocate threatens the educational access and safety of our children and disregards the needs of our community. We demand an immediate halt to this ill-conceived plan for the following reasons:

Closure by Relocation: The proposed relocation effectively amounts to the closure of Jessie Younghusband School. Minerva Heights, with its imminent need for a 2-form entry school within 5 years, will absorb the current catchment, leaving no space for children of the current catchment. This will deprive the children of North Chichester of their catchment school, leaving families and the council without a viable solution.

Shortage of School Places: Council data reveals a significant shortage of school places in central Chichester, exacerbating the urgency of addressing this issue. Relocating Jessie Younghusband School will only exacerbate this shortage, leaving families and students in limbo.

Increased Car Usage: The relocation to Minerva Heights will result in a surge of car usage, directly contradicting the current environmentally friendly mode of transportation. With 86% of children currently walking to school, the proposed relocation will lead to a significant increase in car usage, exacerbating traffic congestion and pollution in the area.

Safety Concerns: The proposed route to the new school poses serious safety concerns for our children. Crossing St. Paul's Road and navigating the narrow, uneven path alongside fast-moving vehicles present imminent risks. The alternative route, Centurion Way, is poorly lit, prone to flooding, and unsuitable for young children. The council's dismissal of these safety concerns is alarming and unacceptable.

Lack of Infrastructure: The new school lacks adequate parking and drop-off provisions, further exacerbating traffic congestion and safety risks. The design overlooks the needs of the community and fails to provide essential infrastructure to support the influx of students and families. The County Council's handling of the proposed changes has been deeply disappointing and concerning to our community. Despite clear and valid concerns raised by local residents, the council has repeatedly failed to listen or respond adequately. The language used in the consultation summary document has been dismissive and even dangerous, exacerbating divisions within our community. By suggesting that "doing nothing" is the only alternative option in the original proposal, the council has effectively, from the outset, created a situation whereby objecting to this proposal is perceived as preventing the expansion of provisions for pupils with SEND. Moreover, the council has failed to mention viable alternatives to address the critical shortage of SEND places in the county, such as the development of a new SEND school in Worthing/Tangmere and an additional £20 million to increase SEND spaces. Despite hundreds of objections from individuals who support the Save Jessie campaign, officials like Jacquie Russell have fixated on minor concerns like travel distance, disregarding the more substantial issues at hand. The effect of this is to further polarise our communities (by attempting to render our argument invalid), to deflect from the real issue- the council has not effectively planned for both SEND and mainstream school provisions. The council's failure in this area should not cost North Chichester their wonderful and thriving school community. Our campaign aims to push for a solution that: 1. Genuinely addresses the needs of the SEND community

and the additional 300 school spaces required. 2. Provides Minerva Heights with the school that they require. 3. Ensures the preservation of JYS in its current location.

Number of Verified Signatures

245 verified (745 received)

Date received by the County Council

16/05/24

Date acknowledged by the County Council

17/05/24

Current Status

Acknowledgement sent to lead petitioner.

Petition

The following ePetition ran on [the Council's e-petitions webpage](#) from 24/04/24 to 16/05/24

Stop the relocation of Jessie Younghusband Primary School

We the undersigned petition the council to reconsider / stop the relocation of Jessie Younghusband Primary School to the new Minerva Heights development in Chichester. This proposal has already been widely opposed by local residents, local councillors, school governors and representatives due to the lack of foresight and logic behind the proposal. Over the last 5 years Chichester has been subjected to unprecedented levels of new housing developments that have impacted every quarter of the city. In parallel to this, very little has been done to support the subsequent growing need for social and local infrastructure. One of the largest of these developments has been the Minerva Heights development within the northwest area of Chichester. As part of this development, the local residents of Chichester were assured that a new Primary School would be built to cope with the thousands upon thousands of new houses being built within the local area. Following on from this pledge being provided, WSCC has reverted on these commitments and is now proposing to relocate Jessie Younghusband (full to capacity) Primary School to the Minerva Heights, rather than provide a new school to cope with the demand that will result from the amount of increased housing within the local area. In February 2024 the department responsible for the proposal for the relocation of Jessie Younghusband Primary School published a document - Planning School Places 2024. The document clearly shows that the Chichester area is scheduled to have a considerable shortage of primary school places if this proposal was to go ahead. This report is in the public domain. The proposal is scheduled to provide 50 new SEN places (by expanding St Anthony's which currently shares a site with Jessie Younghusband) however, 300 places are desperately needed. This is due to continued under-funding from the local council and government to support SEN within the local area. The creation of these 50 additional places will also be at the expense of disrupting the lives of over 200 children and leaving the catchment area short of primary school places in the future. We propose that the WSCC reconsiders these plans and focuses on securing a solution that provides for the full deficit of 300 SEN school placements. So, to summarise, we have a problem with SEN provisions created by underfunding. And a proposal that does not resolve this and also leaves a deficit of school placements in line with requirements going forward for the area in question – therefore actually creating another problem. We do not believe that relocating a full to capacity school within a new housing development of over 1,600 new homes is adequate and we ask that you support our cause and help us secure the required funding for both primary school and SEN school placements in the Chichester area.

Number of Verified Signatures

139 verified (139 received)

Date received by the County Council

19/04/2024

Date acknowledged by the County Council

19/04/2024

Current Status

Acknowledgement sent to lead petitioner. Because the petition refers to a matter that is the subject of a statutory consultation, the petition details and signatory information have been passed to the service and will be considered as part of the response to the formal statutory consultation on the proposals to relocate Jessie Younghusband Primary School – a decision on this matter is pending.

Petition

The following ePetition was opened on [the Council's e-petitions webpage](#) on 23/04/24 and rejected on 10/05/24

Immediate action to seize illicit products and seek prosecution

We the undersigned petition the council to Take immediate action to seize illicit products from rogue retailers. Trading standards resources need to be deployed urgently to visit stores that have been identified as stocking and selling illicit products, to include stock seizure and severe sanctions which must include the ability to remove trading licences and force closure. Rogue retailers are openly displaying and selling illicit vape products in every town across the UK, significant amounts of evidence have been submitted to various authorities of rogue stores in West Sussex. Underage sales continues to be another issue within many stores. Underage sales is a significant issue that requires tackling, every high school across the UK is facing issues of underage vaping, the ease of access to these products is of huge concern.

Number of Verified Signatures

N/A

Date received by the County Council

23/04/24

Date acknowledged by the County Council

23/04/24

Current Status

Acknowledgement sent to lead petitioner. The petition was rejected because the Council's Trading Standards service already has sufficient powers to carry out the requested actions, including to seize goods, documents or other items that may be required as evidence, for testing or for other lawful purposes. They also have a range of powers of enforcement and prosecution that enable them to deal with the sale of illicit products, this includes instituting a review of licenses, if required.

Petition

The following ePetition ran on [the Council's e-petitions webpage](#) from 22/03/24 to 03/05/24

Make New Broadway (BN11) a CPZ

We the undersigned petition the council to New Broadway, is mainly a mix of shops and flats. People who live and work there are frustrated because they often get parking tickets, even when they're parked near their own place, and they can't buy a permit to avoid this. The parking rules aren't enforced consistently, leading to a lot of tickets when the wardens do show up. Also, Enterprise Rent-A-Car is using a lot of the available parking spaces and means the surrounding roads get congested with traffic and people who wish to not only park outside their properties but go to work and use the local businesses struggle to park often, and end up with parking tickets. We therefore would like the council to consider making this a CPZ in order to satisfy the people who live, work in and visit the area. Creating a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) in this area may benefit the local council in several ways:

- Revenue generation: Selling parking permits generates additional revenue for the council, which can be used to fund various public services and infrastructure projects.
- Regulation of parking: By issuing permits, the council can better regulate parking in residential areas, reducing congestion and ensuring fair access to parking spaces for residents with more frequent and regular patrols by wardens.
- Encouraging compliance: Permit systems can encourage residents to comply with parking regulations, as they have a vested interest in maintaining order and accessibility in their neighborhoods.
- Data collection: Permit systems provide valuable data on parking demand and usage patterns, which can inform future planning and policy decisions related to transportation and urban development.
- Improved resident satisfaction: Offering parking permits to residents can enhance their overall satisfaction with local government services by providing a convenient parking solution tailored to their needs.

Number of Verified Signatures

13

Date received by the County Council

22/03/24

Date acknowledged by the County Council

22/03/24

Current Status

Acknowledgement sent to lead petitioner. Lead petition advised to apply for a Traffic Regulation Order and that the petition could be provided as evidence of some community support for the application.

Petition

The following ePetition was opened on [the Council's e-petitions webpage](#) on 22/03/24 and rejected on 26/03/24

Reopen Southwater Footpath 1652

We the undersigned petition the council to End early the temporary footpath closure order. It was closed in July 2022 on the grounds of protecting public safety whilst development works are undertaken in the vicinity and the order was extended in January 2023 to end 21 May 2025. No development has in fact taken place and with the site now mothballed, there is no reasonable prospect of development works taking place between today and 21 May 2025. This footpath closure is no longer justified on the grounds of public safety. It has deprived the community from access to the wider countryside on the edge of the built-up area and there is no alternative route or diversion available. Accordingly it should be brought to an end forthwith and should a closure be required in the future the developer can make a new application at the relevant point in their programme.

Number of Verified Signatures

N/A

Date received by the County Council

22/03/24

Date acknowledged by the County Council

22/03/24

Current Status

Acknowledgement sent to lead petitioner. Petition rejected because the Public Rights of Way Team advised that they are currently in discussions with the site developer about this route, so this is already a matter under investigation by the Council and, therefore, a petition is not required in order to suggest that the Council needs to take action.

Petition

The following ePetition ran on [the Council's e-petitions webpage](#) from 01/02/24 to 23/03/24

Restricted parking times Fairfield Close [Shoreham-by-Sea]

Fairfield Close is a small residential area close to Southlands Hospital, parking spaces are very limited. Many hospital staff are using this small close to park their vehicles all day, rather than use the hospital car park which charges a small fee. These people are blocking drives at early hours of the morning, parking over white lines causing issues when residents are trying to exit properties and causing obstructions as the road is quite narrow. Fairfield Close is generally a quiet close but the traffic flow with staff from the hospital is becoming more busy and unsafe. Staff are arriving earlier and earlier in order to obtain a free space. This residential Close is not a car park. Parking restrictions would not only allow residents to park but make it a lot safer with less noise pollution.

Number of Verified Signatures

0 submitted

Date received by the County Council

01/02/24

Date acknowledged by the County Council

01/02/24

Current Status

Acknowledgement sent to lead petitioner. The County Council is unable to consider this particular petition because it does not show adequate representation from the local community; there needs to be adequate evidence that a petition has been supported by people who live, work or study in West Sussex. Petitioner advised to apply for a Traffic Regulation Order

Petition

The following ePetition ran on [the Council's e-petitions webpage](#) from 19/12/23 to 02/22/24

Pedestrian Crossing (Sherbourne Road/Norwich Road, Chichester)

We the undersigned petition the council to Create a pedestrian crossing controlled by traffic lights across B2178 (St Paul's Road) at the junction of Sherbourne Road and Norwich Road in Chichester. since the building of Minerva Heights but not the southern access road, traffic on the B2178 has increased dramatically. Crossing it has now become much more dangerous. And now there is a WSCC proposal to move Jessie Younghusband Primary School from the East Broyle estate to Minerva Heights. This will mean all children on the East Broyle estate who walk to school now having to cross this road at this junction.

Number of Verified Signatures

23

Date received by the County Council

19/12/23

Date acknowledged by the County Council

19/12/23

Current Status

Acknowledgement sent to lead petitioner. Petition passed to the service for consideration and a response. The petitioner would be required to apply to the Community Highways Scheme for a crossing. Note: regarding the mentioned proposals to relocate Jessie Younghusband school, a decision on this matter is pending.

Petition

Reduce the speed limit on the 40mph sections of Goring Road and Goring Way to 30mph

Goring Road, Mulberry Lane and Goring Way are residential streets with nearby schools, shops and a library. They form part of the local route to school for many children of all ages. The current speed limits that switch between 30 and 40 mph and back again are confusing for drivers and contribute to speeding traffic, poor road safety and an intimidating environment for active travel. This is evidenced by more than 50 collisions between George V Avenue and Aldsworth Avenue over the last 5 years according to the WSCC Road Safety data <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/road-safety/accident-locations-map/>. We ask West Sussex County Council to adjust the speed limit on Goring Road and Goring Way to a consistent 30mph, This will make the roads safer for everyone.

Number of Verified Signatures

661 verified (673 submitted)

Date received by the County Council

01/12/23

Date acknowledged by the County Council

05/12/23

Current Status

Acknowledgement sent to lead petitioner. Petition passed to Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport for consideration. Petition passed to Highways and Transport for consideration and a response, which included response regarding a Traffic Regulation Order for the 30mph zone, which is not supported, including by the local County Councillor.

Petition

The following ePetition ran on [the Council's e-petitions webpage](#) from 15/05/2023 to 07/11/2023):

Hard surface for the Stockbridge Road Bus stop (nr Grosvenor Rd) [Chichester]

We the undersigned petition the council to install a hard surface at the Stockbridge Road bus stop (heading south, near Grosvenor Road). The bus stop on Stockbridge Road is currently situated on a piece on grass. This petition is to gather support for installing a hard surface at this bus stop to improve accessibility for getting on and off the bus, prevent bus users from having to wait on the grass/mud, provide a more stable surface to aid getting off the bus, and overall provide an improved experience.

Number of Verified Signatures

1 submitted

Date received by the County Council

15/05/23

Date acknowledged by the County Council

15/05/23

Current Status

Acknowledgement sent to lead petitioner. The County Council is unable to consider this particular petition because it does not show adequate representation from the local community; there needs to be adequate evidence that a petition has been supported by people who live, work or study in West Sussex.

Petition

The following ePetition was opened on [the Council's e-petitions webpage](#) from 09/10/2023 and rejected on 17/10/23:

School Crossing Patrol, Lindfield Primary Academy

We the undersigned petition the council to bring back the school crossing patrols to the roads adjacent to Lindfield Primary Academy at peak times. The school crossing patrol officers outside Lindfield Primary performed a vital service on increasingly busy roads until they were sadly reallocated at the start of this school year. LPA is a massive school and with 180 kids across year 5 and 6 with the potential to leave school independently. The weeks since term resumed in September have seen several near misses and it feels like an accident is increasingly likely. We would like West Sussex County Council to return the school crossing patrols on Backwoods Lane and Lindfield High Street near the pond to ensure the children of the village cross the busy roads safely.

Number of Verified Signatures

485 submitted and verified

Date received by the County Council

09/10/23

Date acknowledged by the County Council

11/10/23

Current Status

Petition rejected because the matter involved a recruitment plan that was in place at the time of the petition. The lead petitioner was provided with contact details with whom they may discuss their concerns.

Petition

20 mph Community Safe Zone in Horsham, Forest Ward

New Street and neighbouring roads, Devonshire, Cambridge, Oxford, Bedford, Livingstone, Barrington, Station, Depot and Victoria are all part of a residential areas made up of predominantly older streets with little or no off-road parking. This is a mixed community includes homes with young families, many older and, in some instances, infirm residents. Cars regularly speed dangerously along these narrow road and on accession have damaged parked cars and caused a number of accidents. Many older people are afraid to walk New Street. Amend the current maximum of 30 mph to 20 mph and in doing so create a safe zone for those living in this part of Horsham. Twenty is Plenty!.

Number of Verified Signatures

485 submitted and verified

Date received by the County Council

15/09/23

Date acknowledged by the County Council

15/09/23

Current Status

Acknowledgement sent to lead petitioner. Petition passed to Highways and Transport for consideration and a response. Petitioner may to be asked to apply to the Community Highway Scheme.

Petition

A259, Speed Camera between Roundstone and Blue Star Roundabouts

Request for a speed camera and closed fencing between the Roundstone roundabout and the Blue Star roundabout on the A259 because it is a residential and built-up area.

Number of Verified Signatures

48 submitted and verified.

Date received by the County Council

19/09/23

Date acknowledged by the County Council

22/09/23

Current Status

Acknowledgement sent to lead petitioner. Petition passed to Highways and Transport for consideration and a response. Petitioner may to be asked to apply to the Community Highway Scheme.

Petition

The following ePetition ran on [the Council's e-petitions webpage](#) from 21/09/23 to 07/11/23:

Provide safe access to pedestrians to Highdown Gardens and South Downs National Park.

Both are important amenities that should be accessible to all citizens irrespective of their ability drive. Both of these amenities are inaccessible to pedestrians as there is no safe crossing area. On the A259 dual carriageway at the access point to the gardens and park. Currently the only facilities for pedestrians are a foot/cycle path on the opposite side of the road. A sign alerting motorists to pedestrians on the side of the footpath none on the opposite side for pedestrians leaning the area. There is a crossing point in the center of the road which is of no use as Due to poor maintenance of the crossing point pedestrians are obscured from drivers view by the overgrown vegetation. In addition to these obstacles to pedestrians the speed and volume of the traffic prevents anyone but the foolhardy from crossing the road. Given the climate issues and the fact we should be discouraging driving wherever possible provision of a crossing is long overdue.

Number of Verified Signatures

6 submitted

Date received by the County Council

28/08/23

Date acknowledged by the County Council

21/09/23

Current Status

Acknowledgement sent to the lead petitioner. The County Council is unable to consider this particular petition because it does not show adequate representation from the local community; there needs to be adequate evidence that a petition has been supported by people who live, work or study in West Sussex.

Petition

Keep community advocacy and self-advocacy group support in West Sussex.

Each year these community advocacy services in West Sussex helps more than 450 customers to: have a say in things that affect them; understand their rights; get the help that they need; tell people who make decisions about services what works well and how to make things better; find out about and take part in groups and activities in their local community. The funding for 1 to 1 help from a community advocate and for the support for 6 self-advocacy groups in West Sussex is being stopped by West Sussex County Council Please sign the petition if you want to try and protect advocacy and self-advocacy services in West Sussex from being cut on 30th September 2023.

Number of Verified Signatures

306 verified (745 submitted)

Date received by the County Council

12/09/23

Date acknowledged by the County Council

No acknowledgement could be sent because no contact details were provided with the petition.

Current Status

Petition considered by the Director of Law and Assurance and passed to Director of Adults of Services for consideration in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Adults Services, taking into account comments from service users.

Petition

The following ePetition ran on [the Council's e-petitions webpage](#) from 12/07/2023 to 21/08/2023:

Trucks parking on Lavant Road pavements

To Install bollards and yellow lines alongside the pedestrian paths either side of the Summersdale Service Station on the Lavant Road. Reason: trucks are continually parking on the pedestrian paths, destroying the surfaces, completely blocking access, forcing pedestrians into the roadway and significantly reducing visibility of traffic turning in and out of the service station and roadways either side.

Number of Verified Signatures

46 submitted and verified.

Date received by the County Council

12/07/23

Date acknowledged by the County Council

12/07/23

Current Status

Acknowledgement sent to lead petitioner. Petition was passed to Highways and Transport for consideration and a response. Petition has applied to the Community Highway Scheme. The petition can be used as evidence of community support when the application is being considered.

Petition

The following ePetition ran on [the Council's e-petitions webpage](#) from 06/07/2023 to 17/07/2023:

City-Wide 20mph Speed Limits – Chichester.

Despite having good coverage of 20mph, Chichester's restrictions are often poorly complied with. Leaving out arterial roads encourages disrespectful driving and normalises rat-running. With better 20mph coverage and driver education new driver norms can be set. Reason: There are so many benefits from making the change, fewer collisions and casualties, big fuel savings, cleaner air, less noise, better quality of life, and more active travelling. Like wearing seatbelts, there are few, if any, downsides. Where we find resistance, we find misunderstanding about the impacts. We can bust those myths. This change would make a really significant difference to our road network for the people who live, study, work, and visit here.

Number of Verified Signatures

165 verified (168 submitted)

Date received by the County Council

06/07/23

Date acknowledged by the County Council

06/07/23

Current Status

Acknowledgement sent to lead petitioner. Petition was passed to Highways and Transport for consideration and a response. Petitioner has applied to the Community Highway Scheme. The petition can be used as evidence of community support when the application is being considered.

Petition

The following ePetition ran on [the Council's e-petitions webpage](#) from 14/06/2023 to 30/06/2023, plus paper signatories

Light controlled crossing by Hunston Village Hall

We the undersigned petition the council to Provide a light controlled crossing by Hunston Village Hall to allow residents, including children and other vulnerable users, to safely cross the B2145 Road to access the children's playground, the multi-use sports area and the Hunston playing field. Hunston Parish Council applied for a community highways scheme for such a crossing in 2019. However, due to significant delays at the County Council the scheme did not get considered until 2022 and the guidelines for assessing such a scheme appeared to have changed significantly. Reason: The B2145 is one of the busiest B roads in the country. Significant housing development has already taken place in Selsey, which has increased the number of vehicles using the road. Further development is planned for Hunston which additionally will not only increase the volume of traffic but also the number of residents wishing to access the facilities on the playing field. In 2020 there was significant development to a hardcourt area on the field which now provides a much used multi-use sports area for residents as well as increased items within the children's playground. The playing field is widely used by 2 adult football teams on a Saturday and a junior team on Sundays, thereby increasing the number of people who need to cross the road safely to access these facilities.

Number of Verified Signatures

541 verified (566 submitted)

Date received by the County Council

14/06/2023

Date acknowledged by the County Council

14/06/2023

Current Status

Acknowledgement sent to lead petitioner. A Highways scheme was approved in 2022 for improvements to the bus stop and crossing to the playground. The Highways service is in touch regarding the improvement scheme.

Petition

The following ePetition ran on [the Council's e-petitions webpage](#) from 07/03/23 to 18/04/23

A29 Pulborough

We the undersigned petition the council to Please fix the landslide issue on the A29 in Pulborough, so that the road can be reopened... WSCC Highways have advised it is a 'simple fix' and yet the road is still closed (with no plan/date/advice to open) approaching the 10th week of closure. The residents of Pulborough are frustrated at the lack of action to re-open the A29. Traders are suffering loss of income. Residents in the south of the village have difficulty accessing the GP and chemist in the North of the village.

Number of Verified Signatures

638 verified (642 submitted)

Date received by the County Council

07/03/23

Date acknowledged by the County Council

07/03/23

Current Status

Acknowledgement sent to lead petitioner. This petition was undertaken at a time when the Council was aware of the issue and engaged in working to try to resolve matters that were restricting the re-opening of the road. The petition considered and a response sent by Cllr Joy Dennis, the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport.

Petition

The following ePetition ran on [the Council's e-petitions webpage](#) from 15/04/23 to 27/05/23

Fix the potholes in Crawley

We the undersigned petition the council to We want the council to start fixing all these potholes and actually sort the roads out instead of leaving the roads in the state that they are in, make these roads safer and less dangerous for road users by fixing the potholes. Everyday more and more of us have tyres popped due to these road conditions that are unsafe.

Number of Verified Signatures

60 submitted and verified

Date received by the County Council

15/04/23

Date acknowledged by the County Council

15/04/23

Current Status

Acknowledgement sent to lead petitioner. Clarification also sought about which areas of Crawley the lead petition would wish to be considered. Petition passed to service for consideration and a response.

Petition

The following ePetition ran on [the Council's e-petitions webpage](#) from 05/05/2023 to 16/06/2023:

Traffic calming measures and railings along A259 Worthing Road (eastbound)

To add a speed camera between entrance to Oliver Acre and Windroos Drive to reduce speeding traffic and erratic lane switching on approach to The Body Shop roundabout. Add railings along both sides of the A259 Worthing Road to protect cyclists and pedestrians who are using the pavements. Reasons: a series of accidents along the new dual carriageway with speeding traffic and there are currently no railings for protection of pedestrians and cyclists should a vehicle mount the kerb. Some road users are treating the new dual carriageway as if it is national speed limit (70mph) and this makes turning in and out of Oliver Acre and Windroos Drive extremely dangerous. Any traffic calming measures would be welcomed, but it must be acknowledged that largely the 40mph speed limit is not being adhered to and this puts all road users, cyclists and pedestrians at risk. The area is surrounded by schools and is used by children and parents who have to walk to and from school, along with people who walk towards Morrisons and residents of Windroos Drive, Oliver Acre, Daisyfields etc. Now people feel frightened to walk because of the busy road and no protection.

Number of Verified Signatures

9 submitted

Date received by the County Council

05/05/23

Date acknowledged by the County Council

05/05/23

Current Status

Acknowledgement sent to the lead petitioner. The County Council is unable to consider this particular petition because it does not show adequate representation from the local community; there needs to be adequate evidence that a petition has been supported by people who live, work or study in West Sussex.

Petition

The following ePetition ran on the [Council's e-petitions webpage](#) from 15/03/23 to 24/04/23

Burgess Hill Place and Connectivity Programme (PCP).

To: 1. Halt all existing works related to the PCP around Burgess Hill (including Worlds End / Wivelsfield Station). 2. Schedule and invite meaningful consultations with all interested stakeholders. 3. Engage an independent and unbiased chartered engineer's review of the design and implemented works to date and share the report with all interested stakeholders. The review should address how the PCP design and implementation: i) adheres to all relevant and stated design standards and guidelines; ii) impacts safety and amenity to all stakeholders; iii) impacts traffic flow; iv) build materials and workmanship are to a good standard 4. Revert all implemented Burgess Hill PCP works including: i) Reinstate the Church Road / Mill Road / Station Road roundabout and remove the newly introduced intersection traffic light system; ii) Reinstate the Station Road pedestrian crossing traffic lights; iii) Reinstate the original carriageway width.

Number of Verified Signatures

N/A

Date received by the County Council

15/03/23

Date acknowledged by the County Council

15/03/23

Current Status

Petition rejected because West Sussex County Council had followed due process in relation to the scheme. It would not be appropriate to re-engage on consultation which had already taken place as part of the project or to seek independent review or reinstate original structures.

Petition

Fix the Landslip on the A29 Pulborough

We the undersigned petition the council to please fix the landslide issue on the A29 in Pulborough, so that the road can be reopened. WSCC Highways have advised it is a 'simple fix' and yet the road is still closed (with no plan/date/advice to open) approaching the 10th week of closure. The residents of Pulborough are frustrated at the lack of action to re-open the A29. Traders are suffering loss of income. Residents in the South of the village have difficulty accessing the GP and chemist in the North of the village.

Number of Verified Signatures

638 verified (642 submitted)

Date received by the County Council

07/03/23

Date acknowledged by the County Council

07/03/23

Current Status

Acknowledgement sent to lead petitioner. This petition was undertaken at a time when the Council was aware of the issue and engaged in working to try to resolve matters that were restricting the re-opening of the road. The petition considered and a response sent by Cllr Joy Dennis, the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport.

Petition

The following ePetition ran on [the Council's e-petitions webpage](#) from 07/11/22 to 20/12/22

Save Kithurst Hill Car Park

We the undersigned petition the council to Keep the Kithurst Hill access road and car park at the top of the South Downs, above Storrington on the B2139 open. It is due to close to the general public on the 22nd December 2022. West Sussex County Council who currently manage the car park have withdrawn their services for future management and the landowner is therefore unable to insure the car park for use by the public. Other car park management companies have been explored by the landowner, but due to lack of electricity supply these alternatives are not feasible. The South Downs National Park authority were also involved in discussions to take over the management of the car park, however they have now pulled out of the commitment and discussions with the landowner and WSCC. So the owner is left in the position of having to close the access road and car park to the public from the 22nd of December 2022. The car park is a vital link to the Southdowns Way and National Park for residents of Storrington / Pulborough and a great many visitors from further afield. It allows for easy, safe access for vehicles and horse box parking so walkers, runners, riders and bikes etc can enjoy this area of outstanding natural beauty. Crucially for those with mobility issues, locally there are no other suitable access points. If this car park is closed the nearest alternatives are Washington and Whiteways which leaves an 18 mile stretch of the South Downs National park without a fit for purpose car park and access point. We believe the South Downs National Park Authority and West Sussex County Council MUST continue discussions with the landowner to find a sustainable solution to manage this car park and ensure that this vital access point is available for us ALL to be able to enjoy the South Downs National park.

Number of Verified Signatures

0 submitted

Date received by the County Council

07/11/2022

Date acknowledged by the County Council

07/11/2022

Current Status

Acknowledgement sent to lead petitioner. The County Council is unable to consider this particular petition because it does not show adequate representation from the local community; there needs to be adequate evidence that a petition has been

supported by people who live, work or study in West Sussex

Petition

Traffic Calming to Worthing Road, East Preston.

No additional information was provided.

Number of Verified Signatures

100 verified (105 submitted)

Date received by the County Council

17/11/22

Date acknowledged by the County Council

30/11/22

Current Status

Acknowledgement sent to lead petitioner. Petition passed to Highways and Transport for consideration and a response. Petitioner asked to apply to the Community Highway Scheme.

Petition

The following ePetition ran on [the Council's e-petitions webpage](#) from 14/07/22 to 25/08/22

Dangerous Driving [Railway Approach, East Grinstead]

We the undersigned petition the council to Stop the dangerous drivers on Railway Approach, East Grinstead. Unnecessary high revving of engines, wheel spinning, doughnuts, handbrake turns, screeching of brakes, Debris thrown from cars. This is not only very antisocial, causing stress and anxiety to all local residents and pedestrians, but it is potentially a danger to life. Railway Approach has a 20 mph speed limit but it is not enforced. Parking restrictions are also in place but rarely enforced. Traffic calming measures must be introduced before someone is seriously injured or worse.

Number of Verified Signatures

4 submitted

Date received by the County Council

14/07/22

Date acknowledged by the County Council

14/07/22

Current Status

Acknowledgement sent to lead petitioner. The County Council is unable to consider this particular petition because it does not show adequate representation from the local community; there needs to be adequate evidence that a petition has been supported by people who live, work or study in West Sussex.

Petition

The following ePetition ran on [the Council's e-petitions webpage](#) from 14/07/22 to 25/08/2022:

Dangerous Driving, Station Approach, East Grinstead

We the undersigned petition the council to Stop the dangerous drivers on Railway Approach, East Grinstead. Unnecessary high revving of engines, wheel spinning, doughnuts, handbrake turns, screeching of brakes, Debris thrown from cars. This is not only very antisocial, causing stress and anxiety to all local residents and pedestrians, but it is potentially a danger to life. Railway Approach has a 20 mph speed limit but it is not enforced. Parking restrictions are also in place but rarely enforced. Traffic calming measures must be introduced before someone is seriously injured or worse.

Number of Verified Signatures

4 submitted and verified.

Date received by the County Council

14/07/22

Date acknowledged by the County Council

15/07/22

Current Status

Acknowledgement sent to lead petitioner. The County Council is unable to consider this particular petition because it does not show adequate representation from the local community; there needs to be adequate evidence that a petition has been supported by people who live, work or study in West Sussex. However, the petition has been passed to Highways and Transport to note.

Petition

Pedestrian, Crossing – Eastbrook Primary Academy, Southwick

Please show your support for a pedestrian crossing so that our children can be independent walking to and from school safely, giving parents and carers peace of mind.

Number of Verified Signatures

143 submitted and verified.

Date received by the County Council

Letter dated 06/09/22

Date acknowledged by the County Council

12/09 2022

Current Status

Acknowledgement sent to lead petitioner. Passed to service for consideration and Cllr Joy Dennis, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport made aware. Response sent by service on 17/09/22. Lead petitioner advised to apply to Community Highways Scheme.

Petition

The following ePetition ran on [the Council's e-petitions webpage](#) webpage from 11/07/22 to 22/08/2022

Parking, Haynes Road, Worthing:

We the undersigned petition the council to Traffic Regulations order (TRO) for double yellow lines as detailed. There are two road safety issues in Haynes Road to both vehicles and pedestrians.

- (1) The double yellow lines as you enter Haynes Road (opposite McCormick chemist) on the corner do not extend far enough around into Haynes Rd. This constantly causes a total blind spot with oncoming traffic. This has caused a number of accidents including one resident having to swerve to avoid an oncoming vehicle and crashing into the wall between properties in Haynes Rd and Twitten Way [NOTE: exact locations redacted] causing considerable damage and luckily not resulting in serious injuries. This particular case would have been logged with the police on 24/01/22.
- (1) Vehicles continually park on the corner junction of Haynes Rd / Twitten Way. This causes another blindspot and danger to motorists and pedestrians. The solution is to put double yellow lines from the corner for at least 10 metres (as per photo diagram [NOTE: provided to the Council but not published here]).

The solutions requested are:

- (1) Extend the double yellow lines from the corner of Haynes Rd and Rectory Rd to [exact location redacted] Haynes Rd.
- (2) New double yellow lines from the corner of Twitten Way / Haynes Rd.

Number of Verified Signatures

0 submitted

Date received by the County Council

11/07/22

Date acknowledged by the County Council

11/07/22

Current Status

Acknowledgement sent to lead petitioner. The County Council is unable to consider this particular petition because it does not show adequate representation from the local community; there needs to be adequate evidence that a petition has been supported by people who live, work or study in West Sussex. However, the petition has been passed to Highways and Transport to note.