

## **West Sussex County Council Petitions Scheme – Petitions to the Council September 2023 to current date**

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### **Petition**

**The following e-Petition opened on [the Council's e-petitions webpage](#) on 07/08/25 and will run until to 18/11/25**

### **Parking restrictions around the junctions near Worthing FC**

Paint double yellow lines on the corners of Gaisford Road junctions with Bulkington Road, Shermanbury Road and Gaisford Close in Worthing. The area is very close to Worthing Football Club and the parking around these junction is appalling and dangerous. It is not only when there is a game at Woodside Road but any day and time. Rule 243 of the Highway Code needs to be enforced on these 3 junctions with the addition of double yellow lines.

### **Number of Verified Signatures**

To be advised

### **Current Status**

Acknowledgement sent to lead petitioner. Petitioner advised that an application for a Traffic Regulation Order would need to be made and any petition would count as evidence of community support for such an application, if it provides achieves support.

## **Petition**

The following e-Petition was placed on [the Council's e-petitions webpage](#) on 05/08/25

### **Ban Pavement Parking in Horsham**

Introduce a ban on pavement parking in Horsham. Selfish and inconsiderate drivers are constantly parking on the pavement in and around Horsham. This is a major hazard for the blind and partially sighted and means that people with pushchairs, wheelchairs and mobility scooters are forced into the road or, in some cases, made to turn round and seek an alternative route. The pavements are designed for pedestrians and the heavier weight of vehicles damages them causing costly repairs. In any case pedestrians should have free rein to the pavements and not have to undertake an obstacle course when they go out. As there is currently no prohibition in Horsham the situation is getting worse all the time with motorists parking in more and more ridiculous/dangerous places

### **Number of Verified Signatures**

N/A

### **Current Status**

Acknowledgement sent to lead petitioner. Petition rejected on the advice of WSCC parking officers in our Highway service; despite the support that could be shown by members of the public through a petition, it is unlikely that the County Council will consider localised pavement parking bans. This is because of the Council's other current priorities elsewhere regarding Highways matters and on-going debate at national level about pavement parking bans – a Government Consultation on the topic was carried out in 2019/20, but the outcome of this is still awaited by the Council.

## **Petition**

**The following e-Petition was placed on [the Council's e-petitions webpage](#) on 30/06/25**

### **Worthing LIDO & kids amusements regeneration scheme**

In the last three decades has declined rapidly with activities for kids and everyone, Worthing is losing its legacy. We want the West Sussex County Council to put forward for a regeneration scheme of the LIDO along the seafront and bring it back to life, and make kids be proud of where they live again. As-well as West Sussex County Council to discuss plans to bring something similar to Peter Pan's playground back which would be neighbouring Splashpoint leisure centre. Since Peter Pan's playground closing in 2010, the LIDO as slowly made a decline, and it now lacks life, such as amusement rides always closed even on the of sunniest days, the LIDO as history, and legacy to live up to and it is currently not doing so, the swimming pool still lives bellow. We want new amusement rides, updated seating area, updated arcade, just a fresh LIDO. If YOU want Worthing to have the spirit that you grew up with it having for future generations, now's your chance to sign and make change for future generations!

### **Number of Verified Signatures**

N/A

### **Current Status**

Acknowledgement sent to lead petitioner. Petition not accepted because Worthing LIDO is owned by Worthing Borough Council, not West Sussex County Council. It does not form part of the Worthing Growth Deal that West Sussex County Council is part of. Any petition about the LIDO would need to be directed to Worthing Borough Council. The lead petitioner was also provided with a link to a press release about work being undertaken by Worth Borough Council in relation to the site.

## **Petition**

The following e-Petition ran on [the Council's e-petitions webpage](#) from 08/06/25 to 22/07/25

### **Parking around Tilgate Park (Salisbury Road and surrounding roads)**

We the undersigned petition the council to Permit these areas so the residents of the roads around Tilgate Park can park and get into their houses. The roads around this area are not safe and it is not acceptable for residents to have to park either in another road or pay to park in the Tilgate Park car parks. Cars are parking on the paths and corners. This is a cause for concern because of the risk of car and pedestrian accidents; there have been near misses. Something has to be done. Residents simply cannot live not being able to park close to our houses or risk car or pedestrian accidents.

### **Number of Verified Signatures**

3

### **Current Status**

Acknowledgement sent to lead petitioner. Petition rejected because the County Council is unable to consider this petition because it does not show adequate representation from the local community that would support an application for a Controlled Parking Zone, which should prove that the petition has been supported by people who live, work or study in West Sussex.

## **Petition**

The following e-Petition ran on [the Council's e-petitions webpage](#) from 25/05/25 to 08/07/25

### **No 20mph through Storrington**

We the undersigned petition the council to Leave the speed limit through Storrington as it is. We don't want Storrington as a 20mph zone. Leave it as it is! Listen to what the villagers want! Why should there be a petition for this but not one against!! This is why I have created this so both sides are listened to!

### **Number of Verified Signatures**

563 verified (568 submitted)

### **Current Status**

Please also see the petition '20mph speed limit in the villages of Storrington, Sullington and Cootham and in the village of Cowfold'

Acknowledgement sent to lead petitioner. This petition opposes a speed limit reduction in Storrington. The petition has been passed to West Sussex County Council Highways. It is anticipated that an application will be made to the Council for a Community Highway Scheme (or schemes) requesting a reduction in the speed limit in the locality. Should such an application (or multiple applications) be made, this petition would be considered as community evidence of opposition to a speed limit reduction, and it will be taken into consideration during the process of a Community Highways Scheme application, as would any petition that is in support of the application.

**Petition**

The following e-Petition was placed on [the Council's e-petitions webpage](#) from 17/05/25

**Keep It Thirty in Storrington, Sullington and Cootham**

We the undersigned petition the council to keep the speed limits in Storrington, Sullington and Cootham at 30mph, with enforcement cameras at Cootham Brow and by the Sussex Down crossing. To ensure a thriving and healthy village for people and businesses we want to keep the current speed limits as they are and actually enforce them.

**Number of Verified Signatures**

N/A, petition not taken forward

**Current Status**

Petition not taken forward by lead petitioner because a further petition that was similar was placed online the following week.

## **Petition**

**The following e-Petition ran on [the Council's e-petitions webpage](#) from 06/05/25 to 24/06/25**

### **Bath Road Worthing Residents Parking**

We the undersigned petition the council to Designate Bath Road Worthing as a new Controlled Parking Zone. The current situation poses a serious and growing threat to road safety, pedestrian access, and the wellbeing of local residents due to persistent and dangerous parking behaviour by non-residents. The petition further cites the following reasons for the need for a CPZ: Unsafe Obstruction of Driveways- non-resident drivers, particularly during peak seasons, regularly park partially or fully across residential driveways; Severely Reduced Visibility and Increased Risk to Pedestrians - densely packed vehicles, especially in the summer months, with cars parked tightly along both sides of the road make it extremely hazardous to cross, ex exacerbated on Wednesdays market days; Unsuitable and Oversized Vehicles - large caravans and lorries increasingly using Bath Road as free parking, often staying for extended periods, further restricts visibility at junctions and makes it especially difficult for emergency vehicles or service trucks to navigate the road safely; Quality of Life and Resident Impacts - the lack of any parking regulation invites misuse by non-residents, turning a residential street into an unofficial free car park for beachgoers and vendors. A Controlled Parking Zone Is a Proportionate, Proven Solution.

### **Number of Verified Signatures**

1

### **Current Status**

Acknowledgement sent to lead petitioner. Petition rejected due to lack of evidence of community support. Petitioner advised of need for community support to be provided when applying for a Controlled Parking Zone and suggestions were given on other methods to gain that support.

## **Petition**

**The following e-Petition ran on [the Council's e-petitions webpage](#) from 07/04/25 to 30/07/25**

### **20mph and 40mph speed limit in Cowfold**

introduce a default 20mph speed limit to replace the existing Cowfold village 30mph limit with a 40mph limit extending to the parish boundaries. This petition reflects strong community support for introducing a 20mph limit in this village as well as a buffer limit of 40mph extending to the parish boundaries. Such a measure would be a vital step in addressing the volume, speed, and type of traffic in one of the most traffic-stressed areas in Horsham District. The smoother traffic flow resulting from the combination of a 20mph limit within the village and the 40mph buffer limit would reduce congestion and enhance the experience for those traveling through Cowfold. Cowfold is a designated Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) due to consistently poor air quality caused by high traffic levels. The key contributor is stop-start vehicle flow which these proposals will help to reduce. Cowfold sees about 30,000 vehicles passing through the village every day of the working week. There is an urgent need for action to reduce speed, improve air quality, and create safer, more liveable environment in our village. Further evidence supporting the benefits of this can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/yc2dx3w>

### **Number of Verified Signatures**

167 verified (176 submitted)

### **Current Status**

Please also see the petition '20mph speed limit in the villages of Storrington, Sullington and Cootham and in the village of Cowfold'.

Acknowledgement sent to lead petitioner. The petition has been passed to West Sussex County Council Highways. An application has already been made to the Council for a Community Highway Scheme (or schemes). This petition would be considered as community evidence of support for any speed limit reductions, and it will be taken into consideration during the process of a Community Highways Scheme application.



## **Petition**

The following e-Petition ran on [the Council's e-petitions webpage](#) from 03/12/24 to 06/07/25, additionally paper-based signatures were received on 10/07/25

### **20mph speed limit in the villages of Storrington, Sullington and Cootham and in the village of Cowfold**

Introduce a default 20mph speed limit in the villages of Storrington, Sullington and Cootham and in the village of Cowfold. For more detailed information about the benefits of a 20mph limit please see here: <https://tinyurl.com/20mph4ourVillages>.

### **Number of Verified Signatures**

4,216 verified (4,276 submitted) – e-petition signatures and paper signatures were received

### **Current Status**

Please also see the petition '20mph and 40mph speed limit in Cowfold' and also the petition 'No 20mph though Storrington'.

Acknowledgement sent to lead petitioner. The petition has been passed to West Sussex County Council Highways. It is anticipated that an application (or multiple applications) will be made to the Council for a Community Highway Scheme (or schemes). Should such an application (or multiple applications) be made, this petition would be considered as community evidence of support for a speed limit reduction, and it will be taken into consideration during the process of a Community Highways Scheme application, as would any petition that is in opposition to such an application.

## **Petition**

**The following e-Petition was placed on [the Council's e-petitions webpage](#) on 14/03/25**

### **Extended bus service to Shoreham Beach**

We the undersigned petition the council to Provide a better bus service on Shoreham Beach. An extension of the current number 2 Brighton & Hove bus route on to Shoreham Beach would achieve a regular service which would include evenings, weekends and bank holidays. The current number 19 bus service is the only one serving the beach residents and is extremely limiting. It stops running at 5.30pm and does not run on Sundays or Bank Holidays. For residents, businesses and the environment extending the number 2 bus service onto the beach makes sense. It will provide greater independence for those without cars and equitable access for the wider community. Access to work, social activities and health centres would all be vastly improved.

### **Number of Verified Signatures**

N/A

### **Current Status**

Acknowledgement sent to lead petitioner. The Council rejected the petition because this is not a bus service that the Council provides any funding towards. It is commercial bus service provided by Brighton and Hove Buses (<https://www.buses.co.uk/>) and therefore any request for changes to the bus service or route must be made to that company.

## **Petition**

The following e-Petition ran on [the Council's e-petitions webpage](#) from 28/03/24 until 08/01/25

### **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**

1

### **Current Status**

Acknowledgement sent to lead petitioner. Petition rejected because the County Council is unable to consider this petition because it does not show adequate representation from the local community which should prove that the petition has been supported by people who live, work or study in West Sussex.

## **Petition**

### **A29 at Slindon**

The surface of the A29 at Slindon is currently breaking up and whilst several patch repairs have been made on the south bound carriageway, there are cracks on both sides of the road. In particular the northbound carriageway from the pumping station to north of the crossroads, is rutted and cracked. This has resulted in increased noise and vibration through many of the houses on that part of London Road, as well as Reynolds Lane and Mill Road. This significantly impacts upon residents' ability to sleep through the night, with most awake from 5am. Also, as the A29 cuts through Slindon, and taking account of the above data relating to speeding, serious consideration to be given to either average speed cameras or reducing the speed limit to 30 mph, along with HGV's being asked to divert up the A284 which has no houses adjacent to the road. This would not only lessen the impact of speed, noise, vibration and pollution but allow for safer crossing from the village school and shop to the recreation ground by parents, children, cyclists and horse riders as well as drivers, so bringing the two sides of the village together. The request is for suitable, good quality, low noise asphalt applied to the entire length of London Road in Slindon from the Southern start of the 40mph up to the North end of the dual carriageway at the brow of the hill; HGV's to be diverted to the A284; a permanent speed management system, eg. Average speed camera, and/or reduced speed limit to 30mph.

### **Number of Verified Signatures**

Over 160

### **Date received and acknowledged by the County Council**

14/11/24

### **Current Status**

Acknowledgement sent to lead petitioner. Petition handed to Cllr Trevor Bence, member for Fontwell and passed to Cllr Joy Dennis, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport for consideration and a response. A Community Highways Scheme application has already been made to the Council to support the request for a 40mph speed limit in the locality and road surface dressing works are expected to be completed by the end of summer 2025.

## **Petition**

### **Save the single sex girls status of Millais School Horsham, West Sussex**

Preserve the status of Millais school as a single-sex secondary school. A single-sex school is essential now more than ever to provide a dedicated learning environment in which girls can thrive. What can be old fashioned about girls being able to fulfil their full potential, excelling at the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) subjects and sports that are more usually dominated by boys. The petition further explains that it disagrees with the premise that making Millais School a co-educational facility will resolve the issue of school places in Horsham.

### **Number of Verified Signatures**

299 verified (727 submitted)

### **Date received and acknowledged by the County Council**

14/08/24

### **Current Status**

Acknowledgement sent to lead petitioner. Because the petition was about a matter under which the County Council will be required to undertake a statutory consultation it was passed to the Education Service for consideration as part of the consultation process. [This entry in the West Sussex County Council Forward Plan](#) provides an explanation of what has happened and what is intended regarding the consultation process.

## **Petition**

### **Change Millais School to Co-Ed to ease issues with future pupil allocations!**

In West Sussex, 96.1% of all secondary school applicants were offered one of their three preferences. However that leaves 372 children being offered non-preferred schools. In some instances, children are being asked to travel 14+ miles to their new school. In Horsham, last year and this year Forest School, Tanbridge House School and Bohunt School had near to maximum allocation. However last year and this year Millais School for Girls is undersubscribed. The petition further explains that with Forest School now being a co-educational facility and girls opting to go there, changing the status of Millais School would aid in resolving the school places in the area.

### **Number of Verified Signatures**

600 validated (891 received)

### **Date received and acknowledged by the County Council**

09/08/24

### **Current Status**

Acknowledgement sent to lead petitioner. Because the petition was about a matter under which the County Council will be required to undertake a statutory consultation it was passed to the Education Service for consideration as part of the consultation process. [This entry in the West Sussex County Council Forward Plan](#) provides an explanation of what has happened and what is intended regarding the consultation process.

## **Petition**

**The following e-Petition was placed on [the Council's e-petitions webpage](#) on 10/06/24**

### **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 or closed online and acknowledged**

12/06/24

### **Current Status**

Acknowledgement sent to lead petitioner. Petition rejected because 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 e-Petition ran on [the Council's e-petitions webpage](#) from 28/03/24 and 30/06/24**

### **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**

0

### **Current Status**

Acknowledgement sent to lead petitioner. Petition rejected because the County Council is unable to consider this petition because it does not show adequate representation from the local community which should prove that the petition has been supported by people who live, work or study in West Sussex.

## **Petition**

**The following e-Petition 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)

### **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 are passed to the service and are considered as part of the response to the formal statutory consultation on the proposals to relocate Jessie Younghusband Primary

School. A decision by the Council, effective from 12 July 2024, to relocate Jessie Younghusband School can be found here: [Decision - Relocation of Jessie Younghusband Primary School - determination of Statutory Proposals and associated primary catchment changes for the Chichester area - CYPLS11 \(24/25\)](#).

## **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, and 2. Provides Minerva Heights with the school that they require, and 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, acknowledged on 17/05/24

### **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 are passed to the service and are considered as part of the response to the formal statutory consultation on the proposals to relocate Jessie Younghusband Primary School. A decision by the Council, effective from 12 July 2024, to relocate Jessie Younghusband School can be found here: [Decision - Relocation of Jessie Younghusband Primary School - determination of Statutory Proposals and associated primary catchment changes for the Chichester area - CYPLS11 \(24/25\)](#).

## **Petition**

**The following e-Petition 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 (140 received)

**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 are passed to the service and are considered as part of the response to the formal statutory consultation on the proposals to relocate Jessie Younghusband Primary School. A decision by the Council, effective from 12 July 2024, to relocate Jessie Younghusband School can be found here: [Decision - Relocation of Jessie Younghusband Primary School - determination of Statutory Proposals and associated primary catchment changes for the Chichester area - CYPLS11 \(24/25\)](#).



## **Petition**

**The following e-Petition was placed on [the Council's e-petitions webpage](#) on 23/04/24**

### **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

### **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 e-Petition 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

### **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 e-Petition was placed [the Council's e-petitions webpage](#) on 22/03/24**

**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 or closed online and acknowledged**

26/03/24

**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 to suggest that the Council needs to take action.

## **Petition**

**The following e-Petition 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

### **Current Status**

Acknowledgement sent to lead petitioner. Petition rejected because the County Council is unable to consider this petition because it does not show adequate representation from the local community which should prove that the petition has been supported by people who live, work or study in West Sussex.

## **Petition**

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

### **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 including 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

### **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 by the Council, effective from 12 July 2024, to relocate Jessie Younghusband School can be found here: [Decision - Relocation of Jessie Younghusband Primary School - determination of Statutory Proposals and associated primary catchment changes for the Chichester area - CYPLS11 \(24/25\)](#)..

## **Petition**

**The following e-Petition ran on [the Council's e-petitions webpage](#) from 15/05/23 to 07/11/23:**

### **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

### **Date received by the County Council or closed online and acknowledged**

07/11/25

### **Current Status**

Acknowledgement sent to lead petitioner. Petition rejected because the County Council is unable to consider this petition because it does not show adequate representation from the local community which should prove that the petition has been supported by people who live, work or study in West Sussex

## **Petition**

The following e-Petition 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.**

Reason: 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 centre 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

### **Current Status**

Acknowledgement sent to the lead petitioner. Petition rejected because the County Council is unable to consider this petition because it does not show adequate representation from the local community which should prove that the petition has been supported by people who live, work or study in West Sussex.

## **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 and acknowledged by the County Council**

06/11/23

### **Current Status**

Acknowledgement sent to of the lead petitioner with explanation of number of signatures required for a debate at County Council (full Council meeting) or for consideration and response by the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport. Further signature received. The request being made was not supported by the local County Councillor. The petition was passed to the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, who responded advising that the petition and a Community Highways Scheme application could not be progressed because of a current road safety scheme located at the junctions of Goring Road where it meets both Alinora Avenue and then Clive Avenue which is scheduled for delivery in the financial year 2024/25, and also because of lack of support from the local County Councillor for the petition request due to him supporting the current road safety scheme improvements to junctions.



## **Petition**

The following e-Petition was placed on [the Council's e-petitions webpage](#) from 09/10/2023

### **Bring back the school crossing patrols to the roads adjacent to Lindfield Primary Academy at peak times**

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

### **Current Status**

Petition rejected because the matter involves a recruitment plan that is currently in place. The lead petitioner has been provided with contact details to an Officer with whom they may discuss their concerns.

**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

**Date received by the County Council**

19/09/23, acknowledged on 22/09/23

**Current Status**

Acknowledgement sent to lead petitioner. Petition passed to Highways and Transport for consideration and a response. Petitioner would to be asked to apply to the Community Highway Scheme and the petition would count as evidence of community support.

## **Petition**

### **20 mph Community Safe Zone in Horsham, Forest Ward**

To request a Community Safe Zone [NOTE: this would be a West Sussex County Council Community Highways Scheme] be introduced in the District Council Ward of Forest in Horsham - 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

### **Date received and acknowledged by the County Council**

15/09/23 (petition was original sent to Horsham District Council and received there on 18 August)

### **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 and the petition would count as evidence of community support.

## **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, 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.