

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

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Petition

The following ePetition was opened on the Council’s ePetitions 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

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 involves a recruitment plan that is currently in place. The lead petitioner has been 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

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

Date received by the County Council

19 September 2023

Date acknowledged by the County Council

22 September 2023

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 ePetitions webpage from 21/09/2023 to Current:

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 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

Date received by the County Council

28/08/23

Date acknowledged by the County Council

21/09/21

Current Status

Acknowledgement sent to the lead petitioner. Petition rejected on closure of the on-line petition. The County Council is unable to consider this particular 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

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 ePetitions 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

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 Statement

The following ePetition ran on the Council's ePetitions 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 hard court 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 signatures valid (566 signatures 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 ePetitions 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

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. Petition rejected on closure of the on-line petition. The County Council is unable to consider this particular 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 ePetition was submitted the Council's ePetitions webpage on 15/03/23

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. Petition considered and a response sent by Cllr Joy Dennis, the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport.

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 ePetitions 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. Petition rejected due to low number of signatories; this is not sufficiently representative to show the opinions of the community. However, the petition has been passed to Highways and Transport to note.

Petition

The following ePetition ran on the Council's e-petitions 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 and verified

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. Petition rejected due to lack of signatories; this is not sufficiently representative to show the opinions of the community. However, the petition has been passed to Highways and Transport to note.

Petition

The following petition was originally submitted to Worthing Borough Council, but forward to West Sussex County Council as the appropriate local authority:

Parking Bays, Northside of West Parade, Worthing

The petition calls for “serious consideration to be given to the implementation of parking restrictions on the northern side of West Parade from Heene Road to Wallace Avenue [Worthing], similar to restrictions in place for the southern side of West Parade, i.e. white lines painted bays for cars only, with appropriate enforcement”.

Number of Verified Signatures

204 submitted and verified

Date received by the County Council

05/05/22

Date acknowledged by the County Council

23/05/22

Current Status

Acknowledgement sent to lead petitioner. Petition passed to Highways and Transport for consideration and a response.

Petition

The following ePetition ran on the Council's ePetitions webpage from 29/12/2021 to 13/04/2021:

Safety improvement to Worthing Road, Horsham

The petition calls upon the Council "to fast track the replacement of the hazard marker posts on the bend just after the entrance to Denne Park House, Horsham. Justification: Provision of Chevrons on this bend - following multiple causalities and fatalities including the death of our 18 year-old best friend we are looking for the council to improve/implement road safety measures on this bend."

Number of Verified Signatures

434 verified (445 submitted)

Date received by the County Council

29/12/21

Date acknowledged by the County Council

29/12/21 (verified on 03/05/21)

Current Status

Acknowledgement sent to lead petitioner. Petition passed to Highways and Transport for consideration and a response and Joy Dennis, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport made aware.

Petition

Reject the A27 Arundel Bypass Grey Route Proposed by National Highways

The petition is made to West Sussex County Council, and also to:

The Secretary of State and Department for Transport , The Chancellor, The Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Roads), The Secretary of State for the Environment Food and Rural Affairs, The Secretary of State for the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, South Downs National Park Authority, National Highways, Andrew Griffith MP, Arun District Council, Arundel Town Council and Walberton Parish Council.

The petition calls for the organisations to:

1. REJECT the Grey route for the Arundel bypass, which severs the Arun valley watermeadows, Tortington and Binsted and Walberton villages, our beautiful countryside and rural heritage.
2. RECOMMEND that another option, less damaging to countryside and villages, should be preferred by the Department for Transport: the Arundel Alternative. A short, wide-single carriageway bypass, the Arundel Alternative provides all we need to keep traffic sufficiently moving - and it doesn't cost the earth.

Number of Verified Signatures

3,367 verified (6,307 submitted)

Date received by the County Council

15/03/22

Date acknowledged by the County Council

15/03/22 (verified on 22/04/22)

Current Status

Acknowledgement sent to lead petitioner. The petition was referred to the Council's Director of Law and Assurance who concluded that the Council's Cabinet on 15 March has already taken a clear position for the Council, following wider debate within the Council's Communities, Highways and Environment Scrutiny Committee on 24 February. The debate at the scrutiny committee and the plan for the Executive Decision at Cabinet on 15 March were publicised in advance.