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Dear Member

SELECTION AND MEMBER SERVICES COMMITTEE - THURSDAY, 19 OCTOBER 2023

I am now able to enclose, for consideration at next Thursday, 19 October 2023 meeting of the Selection and Member Services Committee, the following report(s) that were unavailable when the agenda was printed.

Agenda Item No

4 **Petition Scheme Review (Pages 1 - 38)**

Yours sincerely

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1 Introduction

- 1.1 The County Council has had a petitions scheme since 1 September 2010. It was established, as was the case for all Councils, in response to specific legal requirements to put in place a scheme or policy that confirmed how a Local Authority would manage any submitted petition. However, the Localism Act 2011 repealed the relevant sections of the 2009 Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act (LDED&C 2009) and the associated statutory guidance, removing the legal requirements for Local Authorities to maintain relevant petition schemes or policies for petitions relating to normal council business. Like the majority of Councils, Kent opted to maintain a Petition Scheme despite the lack of legal requirement (confirmed 2012 during last scheme update). For reference, the now repealed legislation and associated guidance is still referred to and drawn from in this review as they informed the development of the current scheme.
- 1.2 The scheme was last reviewed by this Committee in April 2014. The last change made to the Petition Scheme was in 2012, when the number of signatures required for a petition debate at County Council was reduced to 10,000 and a requirement for a debate at a Cabinet Committee if over 2,500 signatures were received. A copy of the current scheme is attached at **Appendix 1**.
- 1.3 This review of the Petition Scheme and related arrangements, undertaken by Democratic Services at the request of the Selection and Member Services Committee covers the period 2014 to August 2023.
- 1.4 The petition scheme is an important tool in the Council's governance to manage and respond to public views and concerns. However, it should not be viewed in isolation and must be considered alongside the role of local Members, consultation activity, resident engagement and the Overview and Scrutiny functions already set up across the Council. There is also an expectation management aspect to be considered in that any change or review or indeed use of the petition scheme should be caveated with an understanding that no petition may bind the Council or relevant decision-maker to enact any requested activity. The purpose of any petition scheme is to promote debate and further consideration of issues, either directly by the decision-maker or by the wider elected membership on relevant committees or boards, with any recommendations being presented to decision-makers.

2 Petition Scheme

- 2.1 The Petition Scheme sets out for the public the process for submitting a valid petition, either a paper petition or an e-petition. The Petition Scheme makes it clear that if a valid petition is submitted it will receive a response and, depending on the number of signatures, it may lead to a debate at County Council, a Cabinet

Committee or be referred to another appropriate meeting. This information can be accessed via the [Petitions page](#) on the Kent.gov website.

2.2 A summary of the petition thresholds is set out below with brief commentary on how these operate in practice:

- All accepted petitions will receive a response from the responsible Cabinet Member (where further action such as committee debate is required under the process, the written response will commonly be confirmation that any detailed response will be deferred pending committee consideration).
 - (a) Where the petition relates to a County Council matter that relates to a specific District Council area and contains at least 1,000 signatures it will be debated at the most appropriate local meeting (e.g. Joint Transportation Board).
 - (b) Between 2500 and 9999 signatures, the petition will be debated at the appropriate Cabinet Committee.
 - (c) 10,000 signatures or more, the petition will be debated at County Council.

2.3 The majority of petitions receive signature numbers at double or low three figure levels. As a result, the most common response to petitions is a written response from the relevant Cabinet Member.

2.4 To confirm relevant terminology, 'accepted' petition refers to those petitions that meet the criteria within KCC's petition scheme. Issues as to the acceptability of a petition tend to relate to whether the actions requested are within the authority of the Council or whether the circumstances or issues presented in the petition are factually accurate.

3 Petitions Received

3.1 The petition scheme is administered by Democratic Services while responses are the responsibility of the relevant service and portfolio holder. The majority of petitions received are e-petitions hosted on Kent.gov. Most significant petitions are hosted via KCC's own e-petition system but externally hosted online petitions are also accepted, providing they are closed and submitted for response with relevant verification data. Where duplicate online and paper petitions (organised and run by the same individual) are submitted, these may be merged to be taken as a single petition and the numbers combined (providing they do not include duplicate signatures).

3.2 Attached at **Appendix 2** is a list of petitions received from 1 April 2014 (when the scheme was last reviewed) to 31 August 2023. The majority of petitions received continue to relate to highways and transportation matters at district or ward level but there have also been petitions submitted relating to a range of high-profile issues, several of which have resulted in debate by a relevant committee. It should be noted that there have been circumstances where correspondence that included multiple signatures, akin to open letters or multi-person complaints, have been managed by the relevant directorates (notably Highways) via the petition scheme where this appeared appropriate. This means that some 'petitions' have been processed directly within services, without substantive recourse to the full petitions process. These do not appear in the full petition figures presented later in the

report but the Committee should be reassured that any such cases relate only to correspondence or petitions with signature numbers in single or low double figures. In light of the establishment of the modern complaints and correspondence management processes at KCC, greater distinction will be drawn in future which will improve data recording and support any future reviews of the scheme.

3.3 Whilst KCC is in the process of regularising and updating its recording approach for all petitions across all directorates, Democratic Services undertook an exercise to review and analyse the of number of petitions that Kent County Council has received since the scheme was last reviewed by this Committee in April 2014. The result of that exercise is set out below.

Table 1: Number of petitions received per year from 1 Apr 2014 – 30 Aug 2023 categorised via current petition threshold.

	0 - 999	1000-2499	2500-9999	10000+	Total
2014	67	5	3		75
2015	15	3	2	1	21
2016	27	2	2		31
2017	29	4	1		34
2018	27	2			29
2019	26	6			32
2020	16	2			18
2021	20	1	1		22
2022	25	4			29
2023	19	4	1		24
Grand Total	271	33	10	1	315

3.4 In line with the Council's petitions scheme, this resulted in the following responses:

- 3.4.1 The number of petitions debated at County Council: 1
- 3.4.2 The number of petitions debated at Cabinet Committee: 10
- 3.4.3 The number of petitions debated at an appropriate local forum / Joint Transportation Board: 33
- 3.4.4 The number of petitions that received a written response form the appropriate Cabinet Member: 271

4 Proposed Amendments and options considered

4.1 At a meeting of the [Selection and Member Services Committee on Thursday, 29th June, 2023](#), Members were invited to consider the merits and implications of the following proposed changes to the petition thresholds:

- 4.1.1 Reduction of County Council debate threshold from 10,000 to 2,000.
- 4.1.2 Reduction of Cabinet Committee debate threshold from 2,500 to 1,500.

4.2 The comments from the discussion were collated and are detailed below in sections 4.2.1 to 4.2.12, along with an analysis of the implications.

4.2.1 The county populations needed to be considered when comparing other council's signature thresholds.

A review was carried out against the petition thresholds within other County Council authorities of a similar size, namely, Hampshire and Essex, to identify how they administered their petition schemes against the proportionality of the county.

Table 2: comparison of KCC petition scheme with others

Comparator	Population	Parliament/ Full Council debate threshold	% of population	Minimum threshold for response
Parliament	67,000,000	100,000	0.15	10,000
Hampshire	1,844,245	32,000	1.74	0
Essex	1,832,752	14,000 ¹	0.76	10
Kent	1,578,500	10,000	0.63	0

Were Kent to reduce their full council debate threshold to 2,000 signatories, it would be equivalent to 0.13% of the population, putting it on par with Parliament but more generous than other County Councils. It should be noted that Parliamentary debate after 100,000 signatures is *considered*, not guaranteed.

The historic regulation, now repealed, indicated that the maximum figure which may be specified in an Authority's petition scheme to trigger a debate of the full council, should be no greater than 5% of the local authority's population. This was seen proportionate to balance the need to ensure that local people are able to place the issues which they think are important firmly on the Authority's agenda, and the need to ensure that the efficient functioning of an Authority is not "hi-jacked" by particular pressure groups.

Accepting that the regulations no longer apply, the guidance was considered as part of the review to give relevant context around options for the Committee to consider. For Kent, 5% of the population equates to 78,925. It is recommended both in light of the historic regulation and operational consideration of petitions schemes that the signatory threshold should not exceed this figure, which neither the current nor proposed thresholds do. However, the Committee should note that the 5% figure set in 2010 gives a reasonable indication of the national government thinking around how many people should support a petition to trigger a debate at full Council at a time when Government was committed to requiring Councils to manage petitions in a more robust way. The repeal of the relevant legislation and regulation removed any upper limit to the threshold and arguably lowering the existing KCC threshold from 10,000 to 2,000 is moving further away from both the current requirements and the historic arrangements.

4.2.2. The eligibility to sign a petition should be reviewed, for example, a signatory should have a local connection or be over a certain age. Currently KCC required signatories to live, work or study in the

¹ At 14,000 signatures - The relevant Cabinet Member will provide a written response to the lead petitioner. If the Cabinet Member does not agree to take the action requested by the petition, then the matter will be considered at a meeting of the Essex Full Council for noting or, if appropriate, debate at a meeting of the Council which is open to the public.

county; the Committee intentionally left the eligibility requirements relatively open when the Petition Scheme was reviewed last time.

The eligibility criteria continues to reflect the original arrangements set up in response to Chapter the 2009 Act “to make a scheme for the handling of petitions made to the authority by people who live, work or study in the authority’s area.” The repeal of the Act allows for this to be broadened or limited. It should be noted that there is limited scope to apply significant verification processes to confirm signatory eligibility – any substantive change to this approach would require additional resourcing and technical solutions. In addition, privacy considerations relating to requiring any submission of evidence may be disproportionate to the petition scheme purpose. It could be viable, however, to require a Kent Postcode to be provided with any signature – if the Committee were to recommend a restriction to only those living in Kent, the scheme could stipulate a home address in Kent. If work and study remain acceptable standards for eligibility then the provision of a relevant Kent postcode for place of work or place of study could be made requirements. Such changes would involve greater resourcing for managing the scheme due to increased checks and this would offer limited benefit to the Council if the purpose of the review is to encourage and facilitate increased public engagement or debate of relevant issues.

4.2.3. For small petitions, considered at a local meeting, the number of signatures should be comparable with number required at District/Borough Councils.

KCC’s petition scheme allows for petitions relating to a County Council matter that relates to a specific District Council area and contains at least 1,000 signatures to be debated at the most appropriate local meeting (e.g. Joint Transportation Board). S&MS asked if this was comparable with thresholds set by district and borough councils. The thresholds are set out below, however there is no direct comparator with the council’s “local meeting” outcome.

Table 4: Comparison of District/Borough Petition Schemes

Authority	Signatures required to be a valid petition	Responded to by an officer	Scrutiny Committee	Full Council
Ashford	50	N/A	750	1500
Canterbury	15	16-999	16-999	1000
Dartford	15	15 or more	15 or more	N/A
Dover	20	N/A	20 or more	1600
Folkestone and Hythe	N/A	249 or less	N/A	250
Gravesham	N/A	N/A	750	1500
Maidstone	100	N/A	100	100
Sevenoaks	N/A	N/A	N/A	1000
Swale	10	200 or less	201 to 1499	1500
Thanet	50	50 to 1499	N/A	1500
Tonbridge and Malling	N/A	N/A	750	1500
Tunbridge Wells	N/A	50 to 499	500 to 999	1000

The arrangements put in place for local meeting consideration of petitions were established prior to the dissolution of the local area meetings and associated boards. In practice, the only official local boards still operating are Joint Transportation Boards. It would not be for the petition scheme itself to determine KCC's local meeting arrangements, therefore no change to the terms are recommended at this time but should be reviewed further in the event that alternative local boards / meetings are established within KCC's governance operating arrangements.

For purposes of considering the management of JTBs, their meeting arrangements are determined by the relevant Districts / Boroughs. However, there is provision for Members to raise issues (such as those identified through petitions) as agenda items outside of KCC's petitions scheme arrangements.

4.2.4. If a petition related to an executive function, which was often the case, neither the County Council or Cabinet Committee could act upon the petition directly. They could only make recommendations to the Cabinet for consideration.

Those petitions reaching the relevant threshold will be debated at full Council or Cabinet Committee, where the committee membership will decide how to respond to the petition through majority resolution. In both cases, the 'committee' will not be the decision-maker. So a feature of the petition scheme is that referral to a committee for debate may result in the making of recommendations to the Executive who are the responsible decision-makers for almost all areas of Council business. Full Council has authority to determine a limited number of reserved functions, though commonly those Non-Executive powers are delegated to specific Committees and it would be inappropriate and procedurally improper for Full Council to make some decisions without the required consideration of professional advice. While Cabinet Committees, as advisory boards to the executive, have no lawful decision-making authority on any issues. This is the correct process within a Council using a Leader and Cabinet model of Executive governance and appropriately reflects the management of any petition scheme within such a model. It would not be viable to include specific requirements within the scheme that could 'restrict or require' decision-makers to comply with petition requests as that would unlawfully override the legal governance model of the Council.

4.2.5. 10,000 was a lot of signatures. People do a petition when they have been told to gather evidence that people want something. If the threshold was reduced, more voices would be heard.

Please refer to section 4.2.6 below.

4.2.6. The G&I Group's suggested threshold for County Council debate was proportionally in line with the Parliamentary threshold. This reduction would increase democratic engagement.

The G&I group have suggested KCC's petition threshold is amended as follows:

- Reduction of County Council debate threshold from 10,000 to 2,000.

- Reduction of Cabinet Committee debate threshold from 2,500 to 1,500.

As set out above, the parliament threshold for triggering the consideration of a debate at parliament is 100,000 (or 0.15% of the population). Reducing the KCC County Council debate threshold to 2,000 would be equivalent to 0.13%, which is more in line with Parliament but further away from the previous regulations. It should also be highlighted that 100,000 people represents a greater likelihood of strategic significance of any petition compared with KCC's 2000 signatures as a proportion of the population. The context between a national population figure and issues relevant to Parliamentary debate is different from the issues under KCC's control at a County level.

The table below demonstrates what impact the threshold change would have had on KCC's petitions over the last nine years.

Table 5: Impact of changing the petition scheme, using petition figures from 1 Apr 2014 to 30 Aug 2023

Type of response	Current scheme thresholds	No. of petitions under current scheme	G&I Proposed thresholds	No. of petitions under Proposed scheme
written response	0 - 999	271	0 - 999	271
response at local forum, e.g. JTB or letter from Cabinet Member	1000 - 2499	33	1000-1500	23
Cabinet committee	2500 - 9999	10	1500-2000	9
County Council	10000 +	1	2000+	12
Total		315		315

The table above demonstrates that petitions debated by full Council would have increased from 1 to 12, with the number debated at the relevant Cabinet Committee falling from 10 to 9. For reference (and as detailed in table 6 below), other comparable County Authorities have fewer than one petition debate at any committee per year. The above shift would put Kent as an outlier on these arrangements.

Table 6: Petition by Council – Number of petitions that met the debate threshold 2014 to 2023

Authority	Discussed at Committee	Discussed at County Council
Cambridgeshire	Page 7	0

Derbyshire	11	0
Devon	0	0
East Sussex	0	1
Essex	0	0
Gloucestershire	0	1
Hampshire	0	0
Hertfordshire	24	4
Lancashire	0	0
Leicester	2	0
Lincolnshire	2	0
Norfolk	0	0

The one Kent petition that met the threshold for a debate at County Council was titled “Right to Light: Reinstate Streetlights Across Kent between 12am and 5.30am”. It received 11,065 signatories. Were the threshold to be lowered to 2,000 signatories, the following petitions would have been debated by full Council:

Table 7: Title of petitions that would have been debated at County Council (under proposed scheme)

Title of Petition	Number of Signatures	year	Directorate
Reduce the Cost of the Young Person’s Travel Pass for those Aged 16-19	2,012	2014	GET
Reinstate Bus Services in Canterbury	2,783	2015	GET
Young Person Travel Pass	3,045	2016	GET
the new proposed Young Person’s Travel Pass costing £200 per annum is extended to 16-19 year olds.	3,114	2014	GET
Cheriton Cycle Lanes Scheme	3,500	2021	GET
Keep Kent Frack Free	3,522	2014	GET
Save Folkestone Library	3,647	2023	GET
No Lower Thames Crossing to the East of Gravesend	3,672	2016	GET
Save Our Public Libraries	3,775	2015	GET
Scrap the £350 cap on Kent Freedom Pass	4,814	2014	GET
Save Kent’s Dedicated Breastfeeding Services	4,931	2017	ASC&H
Right to Light: Reinstate Streetlights Across Kent between 12am and 5.30am	11,065	2015	GET

Placing a duty on local authorities to respond to petitions was a government mechanism for addressing the perception of communities that they cannot influence decisions in their local area. The government removed this requirement but KCC has opted to maintain its approach to encourage public engagement and the raising issues through a petition scheme. Signing a petition is a way for people to express their concerns and ask for change, and

guaranteeing a petition will be responded to is a way of encouraging people to organise or sign one. Reducing the threshold that triggers debate at Cabinet Committee or full Council sends a message that the Council is treating the views of its residents, students and workers seriously.

However, Members must consider which forum is best placed to debate the type of issue being raised in petitions, and bear in mind that it is the Executive's responsibility to develop policies and ensure services are delivered to improve the quality of life of Kent residents. Other things to be mindful of are the additional resource requirement in allowing a greater number of petitions to be debated at full Council; whether the outcome would be different when considered by a Cabinet Committee / other committee as opposed to Full Council; and whether another Committee, such as Scrutiny, may be best placed to debate the issues within the scope of the Overview & Scrutiny functions.

Table 7 illustrates that the type of petition that would be affected by the threshold change varies from local, District focused ones to County wide policy issues. The Committee should consider whether County Council is the appropriate forum to consider and debate service changes at a local, district or ward level when alternative forums or processes are in place to manage this type of issue. The commentary here in no way devalues the importance of the issues raised by residents but seeks to highlight the difficult balance KCC must strike between listening and responding to its residents generally and ensuring its formal governance structures can focus on the strategic decision-making functions of the authority.

To provide context on the above point, substantive policy change already requires relevant consultation and engagement with the public and relevant stakeholders, with that information an important factor in any final decision. The current governance model already incorporates debate of all key and significant decisions due to be taken by the Executive as a feature of the Cabinet Committee system. This pre-decision consideration covers all Executive decisions, includes reference to consultation feedback and any relevant petitions submitted on the issue and maximises the benefit of Member local knowledge and connection with residents to help inform the decision-making.

It is recognised that a key role petitions can play is in the post decision space. Where large scale petitions are submitted that seek to challenge or oppose a decision already taken, as was the case with Streetlights, the petition supported further reconsideration of the decision and prompted some amendments to the arrangements. However, this consideration should be balanced against the existence of legitimate options for people to challenge KCC decision-making such as judicial review and it should also be noted that the Scrutiny Committee has a role in monitoring and reviewing the activities and decisions of the council, with the potential for making recommendations including the suggestion of full reconsideration or reversal of decisions.

4.2.7. Officers could send a survey to petition organisers to incorporate their experience and feedback into the review.

When a member of the public signs an e-petition, they will be required to provide Kent County Council with basic personal information. More information can be found via the [KCC Petitions - Privacy Notice](#). KCC is bound by General

Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and can only process information for the purpose in which it was collected.

Further work will be carried out regarding user feedback (both of systems and petition debates) but this no recommendations for change included within this report. Any operational updates will be reported to the Committee in due course.

4.2.8. There were some advantages to hosting petitions on the KCC ePetition system, it could be used to provide updates to those who have signed the petition. The ePetition user experience was an area that could be further explored as part of the review. There were reports that the KCC ePetition system was a cumbersome experience for users.

The council's E-petition process is run through the Modern.Gov software commissioned from Civica. The system has a number of functionalities which benefit both the organisation and the general public. From a resourcing perspective, the provision of this system within KCC's committee management system allows for ongoing delivery of a managed online petition scheme which requires users to engage with KCC before launching their petition. This is very valuable as it allows for signposting and information sharing with petitioners to minimise duplication or ineligible petitions.

Should there be a desire to change the functionality of the system, this would have cost implications either through design work with Civica or the commissioning of an alternative petitions platform. In view of the Council's current financial position, neither approach is recommended.

However, Democratic Services will continue to review and identify ways in which it can both improve the user experience through the e-petition system and ensure the correct policies and procedures are in place to support democratic participation in local decision making.

With regard to user feedback and how this can be utilised to improve the system, details of this can be found under section 4.2.7.

4.2.9. In cases where there was a paper petition and an ePetition running simultaneously about the same issue, the number of signatures could be combined. There was petition guidance that advised people not to sign both petition formats as there would be checks for duplication.

Under the current system, duplicate online and paper petitions (organised and run by the same individual) will be merged to be taken as a single petition and the numbers combined – duplicate signatures will be removed and only counted once.

Similarly, for any electronic petitions that have not been set up via KCC's own petition system (such as through change.org), Democratic Services treats the petition in the same way as it does paper petitions. The lead petitioner can submit a list of signatories to Democratic Services once the petition has closed. If there is a duplicate petition on the KCC system, the two may be merged to be taken as a single petition and the numbers combined (again, duplicate signatures will only be counted once). A common challenge in this area is that petitioners sometimes run petitions on external sites but never close and

submit them. It is only possible for KCC to process and respond to petitions when they are submitted. External petition website functionality no longer allows for direct messaging of lead petitions, likely due to bullying and harassment of petitioners, so KCC is unable to contact lead petitioners direct in the first instance and rely on the petitioner making contact – the petition scheme and associated guidance will be updated to make this more explicit.

4.2.10 In cases when there were multiple petitions about similar, but not identical issues, the number of signatures were not combined, however they would be grouped together to enable to decision maker to see what had been received.

If multiple petitions are submitted relating to a similar (but not the same) issue, e.g. local Children’s Centres , these are not combined to ensure that the concerns presented in one petition are not diluted with another petition of a similar nature. Such petitions, however, are flagged to the responsible Cabinet Member to ensure they are sighted on issues of significant public interest.

In instances where a petition is received relating to a live consultation, the lead petitioner would receive a response from the appropriate Cabinet Member, acknowledging their submission and advising that it will be taken into account as part of the wider consultation feedback. Examples of this include:

- Kent Community Assets Programme Consultation
- Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) booking system consultation
- Phased recovery programme for reopening of libraries after Covid

It is important to highlight that part of the purpose of a petition is to prompt or require consideration of public views on a subject that may otherwise be determined without any direct reference to public opinion. Where there are live consultations, KCC has already committed to seeking, collecting and consideration the views of the public and other stakeholders and therefore the sharing of the petition details with the decision-maker as part of these types of projects supports the same outcome of the petition scheme.

In cases where Democratic Services have received two separate petitions on the same topic from two separate individuals, officers would write to the newer petitioner advising them of the existing petition and offer guidance in the signing and sharing of that existing petition should they wish to proceed.

4.2.11. Part of the review would look at how to handle multiple different petitions that had a strategic connection. The aim was to help ensure peoples voices were heard. It was recognised that petitions were often submitted as an act of last resort.

Please refer to section 4.2.10.

4.2.12. There would always be the opportunity for an individual to submit a paper petition.

All petitions, paper or electronic, are subject to the same verification process and KCC will continue to accept paper petitions. Any petitioner making contact with Democratic Services in advance of running a petition is provided with the relevant advice about the different processes involved with paper and online

petitions so they are supported in either choosing the best option for them or assisting them in approaching a merged option.

5. Conclusion

- 5.1 Previously at a meeting of the Selection and Member Services Committee held on 29 June 2023, Members discussed what an appropriate threshold would be to trigger a debate at either a Cabinet Committee or Full Council meeting. Members considered the suggested reduction in the County Council debate threshold from 10,000 to 2,000 and a reduction in the Cabinet Committee debate threshold from 2,500 to 1,500. This review clarifies the context and explores these possible threshold figures.
- 5.2 Democratic Services carried out a review of the ideas discussed by the committee to identify both the merits and implications of any changes to the thresholds, as well as other elements of the scheme. The report aims to respond to those areas which were highlighted by Members of this Committee at its meeting on 29 June 2023 and pending further comment and consideration, relevant activity will be undertaken to support the Committees decision.

Key areas to note are as follows:-

1. Should the reduced thresholds be implemented - petitions debated by full Council would have increased from 1 to 12, with the number debated at the relevant Cabinet Committee falling from 10 to 9. This may suggest that between 1 and 2 Full Council petition debates will be required per year in future.
2. Petitions debated at the appropriate level are more likely to achieve the required outcome. Escalation to Full Council debate does not overrule the Executive's role as the final decision-maker. The Scheme must manage the expectations of the Lead petitions and signatories.
3. What would be the merits in debating the petition at Full Council as opposed to Cabinet Committee / other Committees?
4. It is the Executive's responsibility to develop policies that ensure services are delivered to improve the quality of life of Kent residents. The current thresholds reflect the Council as a Strategic Authority.
5. Should the reduced thresholds be implemented, additional resources would be required to manage an increase in petitions debated at Full Council and timetabling for all substantial or challenging decisions would have to be planned accordingly.
6. The 100,000 signature requirement for Parliamentary debate does not automatically trigger but rather prompts consideration of a debate. Also the figure needs to be considered in context – an issue supported by 100,000 UK residents is more likely to have strategic implications for the Government and therefore merit Parliamentary debate. The equivalent figure in Kent of 2000 does not necessarily indicate an issue of a similar strategic scale, with various petitions having a distinctly local or operational focus.

6. Recommendation

Selection and Member Services is asked to consider the following:

Option 1:

- a) Agree that no changes be made to the Petition Scheme;

Option 2:

(SMS may recommend one or more of the following changes to the Scheme)

- a) Recommend that the eligibility criteria be amended, only permitting signatories who reside in Kent.
- b) Recommend that 'live, work or study in Kent' be maintained as the eligibility criteria but require a specific Kent postcode evidence the Kent link.
- c) Recommend that the threshold for a petition to be debated at County Council be reduced from 10,000 to one of the following options:
- 8000 signatures
 - 5000 signatures
 - 2000 signatures
- d) Recommend that the Cabinet Committee debate threshold be reduced from 2500 to one of the following:
- 2000 signatures
 - 1500 signatures

7. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Petition Scheme

Appendix 2 – List of petitions received

Appendix 3 – Comparison of District Borough Schemes

8. Background Documents

Agenda Item, Petitions Review, Selection and Member Services meeting, 29 June 2023 [Agenda for Selection and Member Services Committee on Thursday, 29th June, 2023, 2.30 pm](#)

Agenda Item, Petition Scheme Review, Selection and Member Services meeting 25 April 2014, [Agenda for Selection and Member Services Committee on Friday, 25th April, 2014, 2.30 pm \(kent.gov.uk\)](#)

Agenda Item, Petition Scheme Review, Selection and Member Services meeting 10 July 2012, [Agenda for Selection and Member Services Committee on Tuesday, 10th July, 2012, 11.00 am \(kent.gov.uk\)](#)

Agenda item, Proposed changes to the Constitution (a) Adoption of a Petition Scheme, County Council meeting 22 July 2010, [Agenda for County Council on Thursday, 22nd July, 2010, 10.00 am \(kent.gov.uk\)](#)

Kent County Council - Petition Scheme

1. All petitions under this scheme should relate to the work, functions or responsibilities of the Council, including the Executive. It excludes the following as other procedures apply:
 - (a) petitions relating to a planning application,
 - (b) matters where there is already an existing right of appeal (such as Council tax banding or non-domestic rates),
 - (c) statutory petitions (such as requesting a referendum on having an elected mayor).
2. Petitions will not be considered if they do not comply with the requirements of this scheme or are vexatious, abusive or otherwise inappropriate.
3. If the petition is about something over which the County Council has no direct control (for example the local railway or hospital) the Council will consider making representations on behalf of the community to the relevant body.
4. Petitions may be submitted on paper or by using the e-petition facility available through the Council website.
5. All accepted petitions will receive a response from the relevant Cabinet Member, to be sent to the petition organiser and published on the website. At all further stages, the petition organiser will receive updates and this information will be published.
6. The following thresholds apply for further action on the petition:
 - (a) Where the petition relates to a County Council matter that relates to a specific District Council area and contains at least 1,000 signatures it will be debated at the most appropriate local meeting (e.g. Joint Transportation Board).
 - (b) Between 2500 and 9999 signatures, the petition will be debated at the appropriate Cabinet Committee.
 - (c) 10,000 signatures or more, the petition will be debated at County Council.

Paper Petitions

7. Petitions submitted to the County Council must include:
 - (a) a clear and concise statement covering the subject of the petition. It should state what action the petitioners wish the County Council to take,

(b) the name, address and contact details of the petition organiser (this is the person the Council will contact to explain how it will respond to the petition), and

(c) the name and address and signature of any person supporting the petition.

8. Where a petition has passed the threshold for debate at either Cabinet Committee or Council, the petition must be submitted to Democratic Services at least 14 days before the next relevant meeting to enable consideration to be given to its eligibility for inclusion on the agenda.

E-petitions

9. The requirements under paragraph 8 above for paper petitions also apply for e-petitions and this information will be gathered through the e-petition creation and signing process. In addition, the petition organiser will be asked to decide how long the petition will be open for. The default is 3 months, but a different timescale can be agreed with the organiser.
10. Publication of an e-petition created online can take up to ten days. The organiser will be contacted if the petition cannot be published and ten days will be given to make any changes. Where a petition is not accepted, or appropriate changes not made, the reasons for rejection will be published on the website.

Receipt of the Petition

11. Receipt of a paper petition will be acknowledged within 5 days, or within 5 days of a e-petition closing.
12. The decision as to how the Council will proceed will be communicated to the petition organiser within 20 working days.

Petition Debates

13. Where a petition is accepted for debate at Council or Cabinet Committee, the procedure set out below will be followed.
14. Where a petition is eligible for discussion at a full Council or Committee meeting these rules apply, excepting that the County Council or Cabinet Committee will not debate a petition on the same decision/issue as one debated by it within the previous six months.
15. The total time for a single debate shall be 45 minutes.
16. The petition organiser, or their named representative, will be invited to attend the meeting and to submit a written statement of no more than 500 words, which should be sent to the Democratic Services Unit (preferably by e-mail to petitions@kent.gov.uk) to arrive by 5:00pm on the Monday of the week before the County Council or Cabinet Committee meeting. The relevant Directorate

should also submit a brief position statement/briefing note by the same deadline. The Clerk shall also prepare a short report containing the full text of the petition and the number of signatures.

17. At the meeting of the County Council or Cabinet Committee the petition organiser, or their named representative, will be given five minutes to present the petition at the meeting and the petition will then be discussed by Members. The relevant Cabinet Member will be invited to speak for up to five minutes on the Petition. If the petition organiser or their named representative are not present, then the petition will be debated in their absence.
18. The County Council or Cabinet Committee will decide how to respond to the petition at this meeting. Where it has the authority to do so, it may take the action the petition requests, or may choose not to for reasons put forward during the debate. It may commission further investigation into the matter, for example by the relevant Cabinet Member or Committee. Where the issue is one on which the Executive is required to make the final decision, the County Council or Cabinet Committee will decide whether to make recommendations to inform that decision.
19. The petition organiser will receive written confirmation of the Council or Cabinet Committee's decision, which will also be published.

Other Provisions

20. The petition organiser has the right to request that the steps that the County Council has taken in response to their petition are reviewed. All reviews will be considered by the Selection and Member Services Committee.
21. The petition organiser will be asked to provide a short explanation of the reasons why the County Council's response is not considered to be adequate.
22. The Selection and Member Services Committee will consider the request to review at the next appropriate meeting.
23. Once any appeal has been considered, the petition organiser will be informed of the results within 5 working days. The results of any review will also be published on our website.

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Title of Petition (1 Apr 2014 - 30 Aug 2023)	Number of Signatures	Date Submitted/ closed	Directorate	year	signature category
Usage of Ladesfield Care Home in Whitstable	0	Jul-15	ASC&H	2015	0 - 999
Ringfence funds and extend healthcare for all disabled people	71	Apr-15	ASC&H	2015	0 - 999
Stop Ladesfield Care Home in Whitstable being Used to House Young Asylum Seekers	506	Oct-15	ASC&H	2015	0 - 999
Closure of Dorothy Lucy Care Centre	879	Dec-15	ASC&H	2015	0 - 999
Stop Closure of Barnetts Care Home	311	Mar-16	ASC&H	2016	0 - 999
Save Kent's Dedicated Breastfeeding Services	4931	Dec-17	ASC&H	2017	2500-9999
Stop funding cuts to older adults care in Whitstalbe	390	Mar-18	ASC&H	2018	0 - 999
Against the closure of Age UK Whitstable Day Centre	390	Mar-18	ASC&H	2018	0 - 999
Ex-Offender supported accommodation	86	Mar-19	ASC&H	2019	0 - 999
Cruelty Free Cleaning Products to be Used by KCC	45	May-14	CED	2014	0 - 999
Adult Outdoor Gym Equipment, Castle Way, Leybourne	?	Nov-15	CED	2015	0 - 999
Cancel the 15% Pay Increase for KCC Councillors	334	Oct-17	CED	2017	0 - 999
Ask HOSC to vote to refer back the Stroke Plan to the Secretary of State for Health	1554	Mar-19	CED	2019	1500-1999
KCC to Challenge Deal Parochial School's Removal of Access to Grounds	254	Jul-15	CYPE	2015	0 - 999
Save Furness School	616	Mar-15	CYPE	2015	0 - 999
Expansion to the Bridge Community Primary School, Dartford	58	Sep-16	CYPE	2016	0 - 999
Build a Secondary School in Aylesham	91	Jan-16	CYPE	2016	0 - 999
Keep Pent Valley School Open	1753	Aug-16	CYPE	2016	1500-1999
Kent Commissioning Plan	100	Mar-16	CYPE	2016	0 - 999
School bus fare charges 2018/19	990	May-18	CYPE	2018	0 - 999
Expand Newington Community Primary School	1231	Nov-19	CYPE	2019	1000-1499
Free school meals during holidays	85	Oct-20	CYPE	2020	0 - 999
Keep Tunbridge Wells Children's Centres open in Rusthall, Southborough, High Brooms and Broadwater	3	Jan-23	CYPE	2023	0 - 999
Save Our Children's Centres - Blossom and The Sunflower Centre	77	Feb-23	CYPE	2023	0 - 999
Save Our Canterbury Childrens Centres	173	Jan-23	CYPE	2023	0 - 999
Save Grange Children's Centre (Paper)	221	Apr-23	CYPE	2023	0 - 999
St Mary's Children's Centre (Paper)	351	Mar-23	CYPE	2023	0 - 999
Save our nursery – Explorers nursery site, Ramsgate – Priory Children's Centre	1102	Apr-23	CYPE	2023	1000-1499
Save Our Children's Centres - Blossom and The Sunflower Centre	Over 1000	Mar-23	CYPE	2023	1500-1999
Install a Pedestrian Crossing at A264 Langton Road	1166	Jul-14	GET	2014	1000-1499
Halt all Fracking and Oil Drilling in Kent	7	Jul-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Flooding in Hastings Road, Pembury	9	Feb-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Work to reduce vibration on Park Way, Ashford	10	Jun-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Keep the lights on in Park Road, Birchington	13	Oct-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Safe Pedestrian Crossing on Lansdowne Road, Tunbridge Wells	15	Feb-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Bollards on Bethersden Pluckley Road	15	Feb-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Prevent dangerous vehicle parking on Eskdale Close, Dartford	15	Jun-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Residents parking permits on Oaks Road, Ashford	15	Aug-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Part night lighting on The Warren, Gravesend	17	Apr-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Installation of bollards in Second Avenue, Sheerness	18	Feb-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Close Honeysuckle Road, Ramsgate to through traffic	18	Apr-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Oppose the order to close Spinney Road, Aylesham	1609	Oct-14	GET	2014	1500-1999
No yellow lines in Approach Road, Margate	20	Aug-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Street lighting in Dover	21	May-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Stop a driveway being built in Giles Garden, Margate	22	Jul-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Oppose new house building at 349-355 Leysdown Road, Sheppey	24	Nov-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Keep lights on in Sara Park, Gravesend	25	Apr-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Keep the Plant Pots Outside Crafted Naturally Ltd.	530	Jun-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Street lighting in Ingle Close, Birchington	25	Jun-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Retain night street lighting in Tonbridge	25	Oct-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Ingram Road street lighting	26	Mar-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Improve the Condition of the A251 Leaveland-Faversham	27	Apr-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
20mph speed limit on Cecilia Road, Ramsgate	27	Apr-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Reinstate the 346 bus service	28	Apr-14	GET	2014	0 - 999

Reinstate all night street lighting in Cedar Close, Broadstairs	29	Sep-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Parking problems on Church Path, Deal	31	Nov-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Speed reduction on Downs Road, Deal	34	Oct-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Keep the street lights on in Highfield Gardens	35	Sep-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Provide a Pedestrian Crossing in Church Road, Cheriton, Folkestone	42	May-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Safer junction between Royal Pier Road, Harmer Street and The Terrace	42	Jul-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Oppose the removal of two trees in Heathorn Street, Maidstone	48	Jun-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Widen the Horn Street Bridge	51	Jun-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Improve the pavements in Howard Drive	51	Dec-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Bigger bus on route 638 in Whitstable	54	Mar-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Reinstate the street lighting in Grasslands, Langley	56	Nov-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Build a pavement on the A249 between Toppesfield Park and Tudor Avenue	67	Jun-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Parking in Oak Lane, Headcorn	67	Jul-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Reduce the speed limit on the A20 through Lenham and on Faversham Road towards Doddington	70	Oct-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Turn the lights back on Charing Hill, Ashford	72	Feb-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
20mph Signs in Regent Street, Whitstable	72	Sep-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Extend the Freedom Pass to include 16-19 year olds in education	75	Apr-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Kerb and pavement refurbishment in Central Avenue, Gravesend	101	Sep-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
New Pedestrian Crossing at Crescent Road, Tunbridge Wells	105	Oct-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Reduce speed of traffic on A225 Dartford Road between Farningham Road station and Farningham roundabout	123	Jul-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Vehicular access on Godinton Road, Ashford	115	Jul-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Oppose KCC's street lighting scheme	145	May-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Improve Bridleway Access across Kent	168	Jun-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Introduce an earlier bus from Rye to Tenterden	181	Jun-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Save Kent's Badgers from Culling	193	Mar-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Reduce the speed limit on Hereson Road, Ramsgate	203	Dec-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Keep the cycle path over St Peter's Bridge, Maidstone	217	Aug-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Close Kingsford Street from Highfield Lane traffic	234	Jun-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Extend the 30mph speed limit on the A274 at Langley to Five Wents crossroads	269	Mar-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Stop the Freedom Pass increase for pupils of Highsted School	294	Jun-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Widen the pavement outside the doctors surgery on Union Row, Margate	321	Sep-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Save the black poplar tree in Hadlow	321	Oct-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Reduce the speed limit on Park Road, Dartford	481	Sep-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Closure to Through Traffic at Cornford Lane, Pembury	482	Jul-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Closure of Cornford Lane, Tunbridge Wells	482	Oct-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Reduce the speed limit in Headcorn	484	Oct-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Install a Pedestrian Crossing Adjacent to West Hill Infants School	639	Sep-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Keep Kent Frack Free (e-petition and paper)	3522	Nov-14	GET	2014	2500-9999
Stop Cuts to the Community Warden Service	717	Nov-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Protect the parking outside Starlane Stores	876	Sep-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Upgrade the zebra crossing to a pelican crossing on Forbes Road, Faversham	947	Oct-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Make Kent roads safer	1599	Aug-14	GET	2014	1500-1999
Reduce the Cost of the Young Person's Travel Pass for those Aged 16-19	2012	May-14	GET	2014	2000-2499
Scrap the £350 cap on Kent Freedom Pass	4814	Apr-14	GET	2014	2500-9999
the new proposed Young Person's Travel Pass costing £200 per annum is extended to 16-19 year olds. - 38 Degrees by Lynne Miller	3114	Apr-14	GET	2014	2500-9999
New Romney Town Council opposing turning off lights	1150		GET	2014	1000-1499
Bevan Close opposition to yellow lines being introduced	19		GET	2014	0 - 999
Draft Canterbury District Transport Strategy	47		GET	2014	0 - 999
Freedom pass - extend to 18 (from Chatham and Clarendon grammar)	281		GET	2014	0 - 999
Improve Safety in Harvel Road	0	Jun-15	GET	2015	0 - 999
Stop Operation Stack	2	Oct-15	GET	2015	0 - 999
Reduce the speed limit on the A28 between Rolvenden and Tenterden	40	Sep-15	GET	2015	0 - 999
20mph speed limit in Cobham	139	Feb-15	GET	2015	0 - 999
Improve Road Safety at Higham School	154	Apr-15	GET	2015	0 - 999

Stop Increases to the Young Persons Travel Pass	195	Aug-15	GET	2015	0 - 999
Introduce traffic calming measures on Roseacre Lane, Bearsted	414	Jan-15	GET	2015	0 - 999
Save Our Public Libraries	3775	Apr-15	GET	2015	2500-9999
Improve pedestrian safety at the entrance to Knole Park in Seal Hollow Road, Sevenoaks	1050	Sep-15	GET	2015	1000-1499
Improve the Lower Road for motorists and cyclists	1920	Dec-15	GET	2015	1500-1999
Reinstate Bus Services in Canterbury	2783	Jun-15	GET	2015	2500-9999
Right to Light: Reinstate Streetlights Across Kent between 12am and 5.30am	11,065	Feb-15	GET	2015	10000+
Lamberhurst petition	?	Dec-15	GET	2015	0 - 999
Petition(s) for speed limit reductions on roads B 2010 and B 2163 - East Farleigh	1045	Jan-15	GET	2015	1000-1499
Repair Potholes in Whitstable	1	May-16	GET	2016	0 - 999
Implement Speed Reduction and Traffic Calming at The Harrow Inn, Lidsing	2	May-16	GET	2016	0 - 999
Introduce Bylaw to Prevent Parking on Pavements	3	Jan-16	GET	2016	0 - 999
Additional Street Lighting in Dalton and Dove Court	15	Jan-16	GET	2016	0 - 999
Safer Crossing Places for St Saviour's Junior School, Westgate-on-Sea	18	Aug-16	GET	2016	0 - 999
Provide a Pedestrian Crossing in Nunnery Fields/Old Dover Road	246	Mar-16	GET	2016	0 - 999
Keep the 308 bus service	23	Apr-16	GET	2016	0 - 999
Draft a new Local Transport Plan	25	Oct-16	GET	2016	0 - 999
Improve the Pavements in Sevenoaks	29	Jan-16	GET	2016	0 - 999
Speed limit at Gateway, Dane Court Gardens	48	Oct-16	GET	2016	0 - 999
Traffic Calming Measures on Colyer Road	53	Jun-16	GET	2016	0 - 999
Reduce Speed Limit on A262	98	Apr-16	GET	2016	0 - 999
Improve Safety at A25 Junction at Ightham	530	Jul-16	GET	2016	0 - 999
Improve broadband in Ashurst	110	Jul-16	GET	2016	0 - 999
Address the traffic issues on Saddleton Road, Whitstable	120	Oct-16	GET	2016	0 - 999
40mph speed limit through Hook Green	123	Dec-16	GET	2016	0 - 999
Safety Improvements at Walderslade Woods Road	164	Apr-16	GET	2016	0 - 999
Zebra crossing outside Cleveland House, London Road, Northfleet	202	Aug-16	GET	2016	0 - 999
Request for New Zebra Crossings for Riverview Infants and Junior School	216	May-16	GET	2016	0 - 999
Highway improvements on the A2 in Teynham	251	Aug-16	GET	2016	0 - 999
Install Railings outside Shipbourne School	265	Oct-16	GET	2016	0 - 999
Stop the Disposal of the Open Space at the Larches	278	Mar-16	GET	2016	0 - 999
Build a Leeds-Langley Relief Road	386	Jan-16	GET	2016	0 - 999
Stop Hermitage Lane traffic jams	1021	Nov-16	GET	2016	1000-1499
Young Person Travel Pass	3045	Feb-16	GET	2016	2500-9999
No Lower Thames Crossing to the East of Gravesend	3672	Jun-16	GET	2016	2500-9999
Request for Pedestrian Crossing at Temple Ewell for Children Attending Temple Ewell CofE Primary School	4	Apr-17	GET	2017	0 - 999
Stop Virgin Media Digging Pavements in Kenningtons	25	Aug-17	GET	2017	0 - 999
Stop planned works on the A274 Sutton Road/ Willington Street	28	Aug-17	GET	2017	0 - 999
Provide Traffic Calming Measures and a Pedestrian Crossing on Manston Road junction with Newington Road, Ramsgate	32	Mar-17	GET	2017	0 - 999
Improve pavements on Frognal Gardens, Teynham	42	Feb-17	GET	2017	0 - 999
Make New Street, Folkestone Safe	46	Aug-17	GET	2017	0 - 999
Safer Crossing on Grovewood Drive North, Grove Green	48	Mar-17	GET	2017	0 - 999
Stop noise and vibration from traffic on new road layout at Temple Hill	54	Aug-17	GET	2017	0 - 999
Improve the road and paths on Robin Hood Lane	73	Aug-17	GET	2017	0 - 999
Install Cameras at Old Hadlow Road	73	Sep-17	GET	2017	0 - 999
Save buses 541, 542 and 544 (East Kent)	82	Dec-17	GET	2017	0 - 999
20mph speed limit on Pilgrims Way in Kemsing and Otford	85	Jan-17	GET	2017	0 - 999
Reinstate the Crossing Patrol at Kibbles Lane, Southborough	93	Jun-17	GET	2017	0 - 999
Install speed restrictions on Beaconsfield Avenue	120	Dec-17	GET	2017	0 - 999
Traffic Patrol Officer on Springwood Drive, Ashford	133	Feb-17	GET	2017	0 - 999
Pedestrian Crossing at 16 Frant Road, Tunbridge Wells	138	Jan-17	GET	2017	0 - 999
Stop Traffic Speeding through Bredgar	154	Aug-17	GET	2017	0 - 999
Save Oakwood Park	158	Aug-17	GET	2017	0 - 999
Increase Pedestrian Safety by Improving the Traffic Light System at Sea Street	190	Apr-17	GET	2017	0 - 999

Impose 40mph speed limit on Smallhythe Road B2082	229	Mar-17	GET	2017	0 - 999
Change the road layout by Springfield Nursery	252	Dec-17	GET	2017	0 - 999
Safer Roads for Pupils of Birchington and Westgate Secondary Schools	398	May-17	GET	2017	0 - 999
Reconsider Service Changes to the 56 Bus Route in Thanet	1739	Mar-17	GET	2017	1500-1999
Introduce 20mph Speed Limit in Calverley Park Garden	571	Jan-17	GET	2017	0 - 999
Reduce the speed limit on Ham Street - Ashford Road B2070	625	Oct-17	GET	2017	0 - 999
Ensure the Pent Valley Leisure Centre Remains Open	767	Jul-17	GET	2017	0 - 999
Improve road safety for Common Lane, Wilmington	1061	Jan-17	GET	2017	1000-1499
Pedestrian Crossing in Calverley Park Garden	1069	Jun-17	GET	2017	1000-1499
Pedestrian Crossing at Five Oak Green	1227	May-17	GET	2017	1000-1499
B2025 Whiteness Road Kingsgate - Pedestrian Safety Concerns	16	Feb-17	GET	2017	0 - 999
Traffic Calming Measures on the junction of Valley Drive/ Dobson Road, Gravesend	89	Nov-17	GET	2017	0 - 999
Safety of our children - Road Layout - Powder Mill Lane	252	Dec-17	GET	2017	0 - 999
Closure of eastern end of Shamrock Road DA12	5	Jun-18	GET	2018	0 - 999
Slow down on Maidstone Road	9	Oct-18	GET	2018	0 - 999
The establishment of traffic calming measures along Hilda May Ave, Swanley	13	Aug-18	GET	2018	0 - 999
We the undersigned petition the council to Erect a 'give way' sign at the Richdore Road/Sole Street crossroads, Waltham, nr. Canterbury.	14	Apr-18	GET	2018	0 - 999
Traffic Calming Boxley Village	19	May-18	GET	2018	0 - 999
Install a zebra crossing in Park Wood	20	Jan-18	GET	2018	0 - 999
Subsidy for 56 bus, Thanet	30	Jun-18	GET	2018	0 - 999
Traffic Calming Measures and crossing improvements required on Greenhill Road, Greenhill, Herne Bay	46	May-18	GET	2018	0 - 999
Reduce speed in Bonnington	54	Apr-18	GET	2018	0 - 999
Zebra/pedestrian crossing, allowing safer crossing of the road outside Holy Trinity School, Gravesend and ban all parking outside of the school	124	Jan-18	GET	2018	0 - 999
St Gregory's Catholic Primary School, Margate - Increased Road Safety	135	Mar-18	GET	2018	0 - 999
Reduce the speed on a section of the A228 so that children have a safer journey to school	136	Mar-18	GET	2018	0 - 999
Whitehill Lane / Sun Lane -Gravesend change to one way traffic	164	Jan-18	GET	2018	0 - 999
Introduce a 20mph in Hollingbourne	199	Jun-18	GET	2018	0 - 999
New crossing at Wincheap Primary School	256	Jun-18	GET	2018	0 - 999
Zebra crossing for Northdown Road, Cliftonville	215	Mar-18	GET	2018	0 - 999
We reject proposals to extract shingle around Lydd	232	Mar-18	GET	2018	0 - 999
20mph speed limit on the Banner Farm Estate	260	Sep-18	GET	2018	0 - 999
Road safety around Dartford primary schools	1329	May-18	GET	2018	1000-1499
KCC do not follow through on proposals to cut funding for buses across Kent	1575	Jan-18	GET	2018	1500-1999
Nizels Lane, Hildenborough	52	May-18	GET	2018	0 - 999
Street lighting Tenterden - A28		06/06/18	GET	2018	0 - 999
Restoration of Hollowmead Area		17/07/18	GET	2018	0 - 999
Hollow Lane		26/07/18	GET	2018	0 - 999
Keep the number 39 bus route	347	04/09/18	GET	2018	0 - 999
20 is plenty for Newington		25/10/18	GET	2018	0 - 999
Put speed bumps along Monkton Street Ramsgate Kent	1	Feb-19	GET	2019	0 - 999
School crossing - Allington Primary - Hildenborough Crescent	131	Sep-19	GET	2019	0 - 999
New School Crossing - Allington Primary - Hildenborough Crescent	2	Mar-19	GET	2019	0 - 999
wall to be built on pathway going to asda's and new town in ashford	7	Sep-19	GET	2019	0 - 999
Gritting in Selling	55	Dec-19	GET	2019	0 - 999
Cancel the proposed charges to dispose of household waste	60	May-19	GET	2019	0 - 999
Stop The Charge for Soil / Hardcore / Plasterboard from Household Waste in Swale	71	Apr-19	GET	2019	0 - 999
Improve road safety on St Helen's Road, Sheerness	81	Oct-19	GET	2019	0 - 999
Adopt a bold Climate Action Plan	109	Oct-19	GET	2019	0 - 999
To decrease the speed limits from 30mph to 20mph in the most densely populated areas of Knockholt Parish and from national limit to 40mph on Knockholt Parish rural lanes	111	Aug-19	GET	2019	0 - 999

Redesign the junction of Shortlands Road and Harold Road, Sittingbourne	111	Oct-19	GET	2019	0 - 999
Install Traffic Calming measures in Sonora Way.	121	Jul-19	GET	2019	0 - 999
Grazing goats at Trosley Country Park	252	Apr-19	GET	2019	0 - 999
Britannia Lane & Chart Road (Ashford) Safety Improvements	530	Dec-19	GET	2019	0 - 999
Pelican crossing on Tunbury Avenue	758	May-19	GET	2019	0 - 999
Stop KCC cutting down a heritage tree in London Road, Canterbury	758	Oct-19	GET	2019	0 - 999
Reduct speed limit on B2067 Chiddingstone Causeway from 40mph to 30mph	800	Dec-19	GET	2019	0 - 999
Ospringe Bypass petition	925	Feb-19	GET	2019	0 - 999
20MPH speed limit St. Johns School Sevenoaks	1000	Jul-19	GET	2019	1000-1499
Lower speed limit to 20mph on Bradbourne Road and Bradbourne Park Road	1100	Aug-19	GET	2019	1000-1499
Speed limit change in Aldington	595	Dec-19	GET	2019	0 - 999
Faversham library changes	1014	Mar-19	GET	2019	1000-1499
Otford Parking Restrictions - Irene Roy		16/12/19	GET	2019	1000-1499
Sandy Lane Bearsted		17/01/19	GET	2019	0 - 999
Staplehurst - Road Access - Public Safety and Public Nuisance - Hush Heath Winery		27/02/19	GET	2019	0 - 999
double yellow lines along the whole length of Copthall Avenue (Tunbridge Wells) to facilitate the building of 50 houses	500+	02/04/19	GET	2019	0 - 999
pelican crossing on Tunbury Avenue	118	04/07/19	GET	2019	0 - 999
Request for a speed limit for westcliffe		19/07/19	GET	2019	0 - 999
Reducing the speed limit in Plough Roads		08/10/19	GET	2019	0 - 999
Abolish the Dover bus lane	0	Sep-20	GET	2020	0 - 999
Blean Average Speed Check – A290 Rough Common To Blean Village	1	Jun-20	GET	2020	0 - 999
Traffic calming methods to curb speed driving in Sandhurst Road (Tunbridge Wells)	23	Feb-20	GET	2020	0 - 999
Reduction of Speed Limit on A274 Through Langley	23	Jun-20	GET	2020	0 - 999
Make Barrow Hill residents only access	33	Oct-20	GET	2020	0 - 999
New pedestrian crossing at The Mall, Faversham	181	Feb-20	GET	2020	0 - 999
Cycle path from Lydd to New Romney	217	Sep-20	GET	2020	0 - 999
Stop speeding on the A2 Bapchild	230	Aug-20	GET	2020	0 - 999
Ban HGVs from Dean Street, East Farleigh	250	Feb-20	GET	2020	0 - 999
Make Goudhurst a Safer Village to Live In	264	Dec-20	GET	2020	0 - 999
End Kent County Council's £350,000,000 investment in fossil fuels	365	Feb-20	GET	2020	0 - 999
Changes to Station Road, Westgate On Sea. Incorporating a one-way system and loss of parking spaces	365	Sep-20	GET	2020	0 - 999
Stop speeding traffic in West Malling	450	Oct-20	GET	2020	0 - 999
Road safety in Marlpit Hill Edenbridge	1066	Sep-20	GET	2020	1000-1499
Stop using glyphosate to kill weeds in Kent	1127	Sep-20	GET	2020	1000-1499
Lower Speed limit on Plough Road to 30 mph	?	Jan-20	GET	2020	0 - 999
Cripple Street, stop the rat run		24/02/20	GET	2020	0 - 999
Calling for urgent improvements to accessibility in Ramsgate	1	Apr-21	GET	2021	0 - 999
Get rid of booking system for Canterbury Household Waste and Recycling Centre	1	Jun-21	GET	2021	0 - 999
Restrict speed limit to 20mph (Ingram Road)	1	Jul-21	GET	2021	0 - 999
Resurface Jemmett Road Ashford	211	Nov-21	GET	2021	0 - 999
Footbridge over railway to asda's	5	Apr-21	GET	2021	0 - 999
Improve parking and traffic measures on Noble Tree Road and Kings Hill	17	Apr-21	GET	2021	0 - 999
Resurface Eastern Avenue, Ashford	18	Jul-21	GET	2021	0 - 999
Stop spraying glyphosate	32	Jul-21	GET	2021	0 - 999
Improve gritting in Stelling Minnis	49	Apr-21	GET	2021	0 - 999
Paddock Wood Library	93	Mar-21	GET	2021	0 - 999
Speed Limit Change (Watersham Hill) Westerham	114	Nov-21	GET	2021	0 - 999
Bekesbourne Footpath from Adisham Road to Station Road	118	Mar-21	GET	2021	0 - 999
New Ash Green Library Select & Collect	130	Jan-21	GET	2021	0 - 999
Reopen footpath ZR109 between Archers Park and The Grove	140	Jul-21	GET	2021	0 - 999
Install a pedestrian crossing at the school bus stop on Tonbridge Road opposite the White Hart Public House, Sevenoaks	148	Nov-21	GET	2021	0 - 999
Introduce traffic calming measures on Well Street and Loose village	165	Apr-21	GET	2021	0 - 999
Dartford Crossing traffic blocking access into and out of The Bridge Community	220	Jul-21	GET	2021	0 - 999
Maintain Free Bus Service for Bridge residents	277	Jun-21	GET	2021	0 - 999
20mph speed limit in Central Sevenoaks	1706	Mar-21	GET	2021	1500-1999
Cheriton Cycle Lanes Scheme	3500	Oct-21	GET	2021	2500-9999
Stop signs for Steeds Lane		13/01/21	GET	2021	0 - 999
parking at the entrance of St Bartholomew Close, Dover		10/06/21	GET	2021	0 - 999

Bridge Estate Width Restrictions	0	Dec-22	GET	2022	0 - 999
Speed Calming in St Gregorys Cresent, Gravesend	8	Jan-22	GET	2022	0 - 999
Waiting restrictions on Millmead Road junction with Laleham Walk	19	Sep-22	GET	2022	0 - 999
Stop implementing Operation brock and find a permanent solution that doesn't block Kent's road network	21	Apr-22	GET	2022	0 - 999
Speed calming in Tunbridge Wells	24	Apr-22	GET	2022	0 - 999
Widen road for safety of residents, emergency vehicle access and provide visitor parking on Portbridge Gardens, DA10 1GG	25	Aug-22	GET	2022	0 - 999
Petition to increase parking restrictions along Solefields Road.	47	Apr-22	GET	2022	0 - 999
Bring back the number 27 bus to Rough Common	61	Jul-22	GET	2022	0 - 999
One way system in Crown Road, Tunbridge Wells	78	Apr-22	GET	2022	0 - 999
St Gregory's Cresent	88	Feb-22	GET	2022	0 - 999
Save Pembury's Buses	90	Mar-22	GET	2022	0 - 999
20mph speed limit in Bower Mount Road	100	Feb-22	GET	2022	0 - 999
Speed Reduction in Newenden village	110	Jul-22	GET	2022	0 - 999
Stop the Closure of Cranbourne Avenue	169	Apr-22	GET	2022	0 - 999
Decrease speed limit through Molash village.	208	Nov-22	GET	2022	0 - 999
Residents Petition to make Upper Grosvenor Road Safe for Pedestrians	253	May-22	GET	2022	0 - 999
Save the 59 bus from Broomfield to Kingswood	265	Apr-22	GET	2022	0 - 999
Petition for Reduction of Speed on the A262, Woodlands Park, Biddenden (Paper)	274	Sep-22	GET	2022	0 - 999
Save school bus Go Coach TW9 Langton Green to Skinners Kent Academy via Rusthall and Ramslye	289	Nov-22	GET	2022	0 - 999
Safe crossing for school children Margate Road Ramsgate	491	Mar-22	GET	2022	0 - 999
Restore bus services to communities affected by the loss of Stagecoach route 11 from Westwood to Canterbury	1100	Jul-22	GET	2022	1000-1499
Save the 285 bus route Hawkenbury to Tunbridge Wells town centre	1193	Mar-22	GET	2022	1000-1499
Save Rural Bus Routes in Dover District	1270	Sep-22	GET	2022	1000-1499
Tree Pollarding	49	Feb-22	GET	2022	0 - 999
new street light installation in Worthington Street Dover.	?	May-22	GET	2022	0 - 999
Tonbridge - Off Road Cyclepath for the A26 Hadlow Road to Hadlow	1017	Nov-22	GET	2022	1000-1499
Save the 208 bus		20/04/22	GET	2022	0 - 999
Access to Back Street Folkestone		24/10/22	GET	2022	0 - 999
request Bridge Estate Width Restrictions		21/12/22	GET	2022	0 - 999
Restrictions in Wheatsheaf Close (Paper)	15	Mar-23	GET	2023	0 - 999
Urgent Repairs to Wateringbury crossroads drain	514	Jul-23	GET	2023	0 - 999
Pedestrian crossing by Strouts Road, Singleton Hill	22	Mar-23	GET	2023	0 - 999
Safe Pedestrian Crossing by Bybrook Road, Kennington	65	Jul-23	GET	2023	0 - 999
Stop Through Traffic in Moonstone Square, Sittingbourne	68	Jun-23	GET	2023	0 - 999
Keep Finn Farm Road Access	99	Mar-23	GET	2023	0 - 999
Speed Limit Reduction - Penshurst	101	Jan-23	GET	2023	0 - 999
Pedestrian crossing on Singlewell Road, Gravesend	119	May-23	GET	2023	0 - 999
30mph speed limit on Stodmarsh Road	168	Jan-23	GET	2023	0 - 999
Ban HGVs overnight on the A292 Hythe Road, Ashford	227	Jun-23	GET	2023	0 - 999
Save Folkestone Library	345	Jun-23	GET	2023	0 - 999
Petition as part of minerals consultation	409	Jun-23	GET	2023	0 - 999
A20 / Quarry Wood ponding and draining petition (Paper)	1160	Feb-23	GET	2023	1000-1499
Save Folkestone Library	3647	Jun-23	GET	2023	2500-9999
St Stephen's Roundabout Crossing	1	Jul-23	GET	2023	0 - 999
Scrap traffic restrictions and enforcement on Mount Pleasant, Tunbridge Wells (Public Realm 2), with immediate effect.	1085	Aug-23	GET	2023	1000-1499
Parking in Bramble close	38	Jul-23	GET	2023	0 - 999

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Cruelty Free Cleaning Products to be Used by KCC	45	May-14	CED	2014	0 - 999
Adult Outdoor Gym Equipment, Castle Way, Leybourne	?	Nov-15	CED	2015	0 - 999
Cancel the 15% Pay Increase for KCC Councillors	334	Oct-17	CED	2017	0 - 999
Ask HOSC to vote to refer back the Stroke Plan to the Secretary of State for Health	1554	Mar-19	CED	2019	1500-1999

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KCC to Challenge Deal Parochial School's Removal of Access to Grounds	254	Jul-15	CYPE	2015	0 - 999
Save Furness School	616	Mar-15	CYPE	2015	0 - 999
Expansion to the Bridge Community Primary School, Dartford	58	Sep-16	CYPE	2016	0 - 999
Build a Secondary School in Aylesham	91	Jan-16	CYPE	2016	0 - 999
Keep Pent Valley School Open	1753	Aug-16	CYPE	2016	1500-1999
Kent Commissioning Plan	100	Mar-16	CYPE	2016	0 - 999
School bus fare charges 2018/19	990	May-18	CYPE	2018	0 - 999
Expand Newington Community Primary School	1231	Nov-19	CYPE	2019	1000-1499
Free school meals during holidays	85	Oct-20	CYPE	2020	0 - 999
Keep Tunbridge Wells Children's Centres open in 3 Rusthall, Southborough, High Brooms and Broadwater	3	Jan-23	CYPE	2023	0 - 999
Save Our Children's Centres - Blossom and The Sunflower Centre	77	Feb-23	CYPE	2023	0 - 999
Save Our Canterbury Childrens Centres	173	Jan-23	CYPE	2023	0 - 999
Save Grange Children's Centre (Paper)	221	Apr-23	CYPE	2023	0 - 999
St Mary's Children's Centre (Paper)	351	Mar-23	CYPE	2023	0 - 999
Save our nursery – Explorers nursery site, Ramsgate – Priory Children's Centre	1102	Apr-23	CYPE	2023	1000-1499
Save Our Children's Centres - Blossom and The Sunflower Centre	Over 1000	Mar-23	CYPE	2023	1500-1999

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Install a Pedestrian Crossing at A264 Langton Road	1166	Jul-14	GET	2014	1000-1499
Halt all Fracking and Oil Drilling in Kent	7	Jul-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Flooding in Hastings Road, Pembury	9	Feb-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Work to reduce vibration on Park Way, Ashford	10	Jun-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Keep the lights on in Park Road, Birchington	13	Oct-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Safe Pedestrian Crossing on Lansdowne Road, Tunbridge Wells	15	Feb-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Bollards on Bethersden Pluckley Road	15	Feb-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Prevent dangerous vehicle parking on Eskdale Close, Dartford	15	Jun-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Residents parking permits on Oaks Road, Ashford	15	Aug-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Part night lighting on The Warren, Gravesend	17	Apr-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Installation of bollards in Second Avenue, Sheerness	18	Feb-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Close Honeysuckle Road, Ramsgate to through traffic	18	Apr-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Oppose the order to close Spinney Road, Aylesham	1609	Oct-14	GET	2014	1500-1999
No yellow lines in Approach Road, Margate	20	Aug-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Street lighting in Dover	21	May-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Stop a driveway being built in Giles Garden, Margate	22	Jul-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Oppose new house building at 349-355 Leysdown Road, Sheppey	24	Nov-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Keep lights on in Sara Park, Gravesend	25	Apr-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Keep the Plant Pots Outside Crafted Naturally Ltd.	530	Jun-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Street lighting in Ingle Close, Birchington	25	Jun-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Retain night street lighting in Tonbridge	25	Oct-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Ingram Road street lighting	26	Mar-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Improve the Condition of the A251 Leaveland-Faversham	27	Apr-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
20mph speed limit on Cecilia Road, Ramsgate	27	Apr-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Reinstate the 346 bus service	28	Apr-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Reinstate all night street lighting in Cedar Close, Broadstairs	29	Sep-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Parking problems on Church Path, Deal	31	Nov-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Speed reduction on Downs Road, Deal	34	Oct-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Keep the street lights on in Highfield Gardens	35	Sep-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Provide a Pedestrian Crossing in Church Road, Cheriton, Folkestone	42	May-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Safer junction between Royal Pier Road, Harmer Street and The Terrace	42	Jul-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Oppose the removal of two trees in Heathorn Street, Maidstone	48	Jun-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Widen the Horn Street Bridge	51	Jun-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Improve the pavements in Howard Drive	51	Dec-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Bigger bus on route 638 in Whitstable	54	Mar-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Reinstate the street lighting in Grasslands, Langley	56	Nov-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Build a pavement on the A249 between Toppesfield Park and Tudor Avenue	67	Jun-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Parking in Oak Lane, Headcorn	67	Jul-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Reduce the speed limit on the A20 through Lenham and on Faversham Road towards Doddington	70	Oct-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Turn the lights back on Charing Hill, Ashford	72	Feb-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
20mph Signs in Regent Street, Whitstable	72	Sep-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Extend the Freedom Pass to include 16-19 year olds in education	75	Apr-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Kerb and pavement refurbishment in Central Avenue, Gravesend	101	Sep-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
New Pedestrian Crossing at Crescent Road, Tunbridge Wells	105	Oct-14	GET	2014	0 - 999

Reduce speed of traffic on A225 Dartford Road between Farningham Road station and Farningham roundabout	123	Jul-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Vehicular access on Godinton Road, Ashford	115	Jul-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Oppose KCC's street lighting scheme	145	May-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Improve Bridleway Access across Kent	168	Jun-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Introduce an earlier bus from Rye to Tenterden	181	Jun-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Save Kent's Badgers from Culling	193	Mar-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Reduce the speed limit on Hereson Road, Ramsgate	203	Dec-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Keep the cycle path over St Peter's Bridge, Maidstone	217	Aug-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Close Kingsford Street from Highfield Lane traffic	234	Jun-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Extend the 30mph speed limit on the A274 at Langley to Five Wents crossroads	269	Mar-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Stop the Freedom Pass increase for pupils of Highsted School	294	Jun-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Widen the pavement outside the doctors surgery on Union Row, Margate	321	Sep-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Save the black poplar tree in Hadlow	321	Oct-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Reduce the speed limit on Park Road, Dartford	481	Sep-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Closure to Through Traffic at Cornford Lane, Pembury	482	Jul-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Closure of Cornford Lane, Tunbridge Wells	482	Oct-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Reduce the speed limit in Headcorn	484	Oct-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Install a Pedestrian Crossing Adjacent to West Hill Infants School	639	Sep-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Keep Kent Frack Free (e-petition and paper)	3522	Nov-14	GET	2014	2500-9999
Stop Cuts to the Community Warden Service	717	Nov-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Protect the parking outside Starlane Stores	876	Sep-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Upgrade the zebra crossing to a pelican crossing on Forbes Road, Faversham	947	Oct-14	GET	2014	0 - 999
Make Kent roads safer	1599	Aug-14	GET	2014	1500-1999
Reduce the Cost of the Young Person's Travel Pass for those Aged 16-19	2012	May-14	GET	2014	2000-2499
Scrap the £350 cap on Kent Freedom Pass	4814	Apr-14	GET	2014	2500-9999
the new proposed Young Person's Travel Pass costing £200 per annum is extended to 16-19 year olds. - 38 Degrees by Lynne Miller	3114	Apr-14	GET	2014	2500-9999
New Romney Town Council opposing turning off lights	1150		GET	2014	1000-1499
Bevan Close opposition to yellow lines being introduced	19		GET	2014	0 - 999
Draft Canterbury District Transport Strategy	47		GET	2014	0 - 999
Freedom pass - extend to 18 (from Chatham and Clarendon grammar)	281		GET	2014	0 - 999
Improve Safety in Harvel Road	0	Jun-15	GET	2015	0 - 999
Stop Operation Stack	2	Oct-15	GET	2015	0 - 999
Reduce the speed limit on the A28 between Rolvenden and Tenterden	40	Sep-15	GET	2015	0 - 999
20mph speed limit in Cobham	139	Feb-15	GET	2015	0 - 999
Improve Road Safety at Higham School	154	Apr-15	GET	2015	0 - 999
Stop Increases to the Young Persons Travel Pass	195	Aug-15	GET	2015	0 - 999
Introduce traffic calming measures on Roseacre Lane, Bearsted	414	Jan-15	GET	2015	0 - 999
Save Our Public Libraries	3775	Apr-15	GET	2015	2500-9999
Improve pedestrian safety at the entrance to Knole Park in Seal Hollow Road, Sevenoaks	1050	Sep-15	GET	2015	1000-1499
Improve the Lower Road for motorists and cyclists	1920	Dec-15	GET	2015	1500-1999
Reinstate Bus Services in Canterbury	2783	Jun-15	GET	2015	2500-9999
Right to Light: Reinstate Streetlights Across Kent between 12am and 5.30am	11,065	Feb-15	GET	2015	10000+

Lamberhurst petition	?	Dec-15	GET	2015	0 - 999
Petition(s) for speed limit reductions on roads B 2010 and B 2163 - East Farleigh	1045	Jan-15	GET	2015	1000-1499
Repair Potholes in Whitstable	1	May-16	GET	2016	0 - 999
Implement Speed Reduction and Traffic Calming at The Harrow Inn, Lidsing	2	May-16	GET	2016	0 - 999
Introduce Bylaw to Prevent Parking on Pavements	3	Jan-16	GET	2016	0 - 999
Additional Street Lighting in Dalton and Dove Court	15	Jan-16	GET	2016	0 - 999
Safer Crossing Places for St Saviour's Junior School, Westgate-on-Sea	18	Aug-16	GET	2016	0 - 999
Provide a Pedestrian Crossing in Nuntery Fields/Old Dover Road	246	Mar-16	GET	2016	0 - 999
Keep the 308 bus service	23	Apr-16	GET	2016	0 - 999
Draft a new Local Transport Plan	25	Oct-16	GET	2016	0 - 999
Improve the Pavements in Sevenoaks	29	Jan-16	GET	2016	0 - 999
Speed limit at Gateway, Dane Court Gardens	48	Oct-16	GET	2016	0 - 999
Traffic Calming Measures on Colyer Road	53	Jun-16	GET	2016	0 - 999
Reduce Speed Limit on A262	98	Apr-16	GET	2016	0 - 999
Improve Safety at A25 Junction at Ightham	530	Jul-16	GET	2016	0 - 999
Improve broadband in Ashurst	110	Jul-16	GET	2016	0 - 999
Address the traffic issues on Saddleton Road, Whitstable	120	Oct-16	GET	2016	0 - 999
40mph speed limit through Hook Green	123	Dec-16	GET	2016	0 - 999
Safety Improvements at Walderslade Woods Road	164	Apr-16	GET	2016	0 - 999
Zebra crossing outside Cleveland House, London Road, Northfleet	202	Aug-16	GET	2016	0 - 999
Request for New Zebra Crossings for Riverview Infants and Junior School	216	May-16	GET	2016	0 - 999
Highway improvements on the A2 in Teynham	251	Aug-16	GET	2016	0 - 999
Install Railings outside Shipbourne School	265	Oct-16	GET	2016	0 - 999
Stop the Disposal of the Open Space at the Larches	278	Mar-16	GET	2016	0 - 999
Build a Leeds-Langley Relief Road	386	Jan-16	GET	2016	0 - 999
Stop Hermitage Lane traffic jams	1021	Nov-16	GET	2016	1000-1499
Young Person Travel Pass	3045	Feb-16	GET	2016	2500-9999
No Lower Thames Crossing to the East of Gravesend	3672	Jun-16	GET	2016	2500-9999
Request for Pedestrian Crossing at Temple Ewell for Children Attending Temple Ewell CofE Primary School	4	Apr-17	GET	2017	0 - 999
Stop Virgin Media Digging Pavements in Kenningtons	25	Aug-17	GET	2017	0 - 999
Stop planned works on the A274 Sutton Road/ Willington Street	28	Aug-17	GET	2017	0 - 999
Provide Traffic Calming Measures and a Pedestrian Crossing on Manston Road junction with Newington Road, Ramsgate	32	Mar-17	GET	2017	0 - 999
Improve pavements on Frogna Gardens, Teynham	42	Feb-17	GET	2017	0 - 999
Make New Street, Folkestone Safe	46	Aug-17	GET	2017	0 - 999
Safer Crossing on Grovewood Drive North, Grove Green	48	Mar-17	GET	2017	0 - 999
Stop noise and vibration from traffic on new road layout at Temple Hill	54	Aug-17	GET	2017	0 - 999
Improve the road and paths on Robin Hood Lane	73	Aug-17	GET	2017	0 - 999
Install Cameras at Old Hadlow Road	73	Sep-17	GET	2017	0 - 999
Save buses 541, 542 and 544 (East Kent)	82	Dec-17	GET	2017	0 - 999
20mph speed limit on Pilgrims Way in Kemsing and Otford	85	Jan-17	GET	2017	0 - 999
Reinstate the Crossing Patrol at Kibbles Lane, Southborough	93	Jun-17	GET	2017	0 - 999
Install speed restrictions on Beaconsfield Avenue	120	Dec-17	GET	2017	0 - 999
Traffic Patrol Officer on Springwood Drive, Ashford	133	Feb-17	GET	2017	0 - 999

Pedestrian Crossing at 16 Frant Road, Tunbridge Wells	138	Jan-17	GET	2017	0 - 999
Stop Traffic Speeding through Bredgar	154	Aug-17	GET	2017	0 - 999
Save Oakwood Park	158	Aug-17	GET	2017	0 - 999
Increase Pedestrian Safety by Improving the Traffic Light System at Sea Street	190	Apr-17	GET	2017	0 - 999
Impose 40mph speed limit on Smallhythe Road B2082	229	Mar-17	GET	2017	0 - 999
Change the road layout by Springfield Nursery	252	Dec-17	GET	2017	0 - 999
Safer Roads for Pupils of Birchington and Westgate Secondary Schools	398	May-17	GET	2017	0 - 999
Reconsider Service Changes to the 56 Bus Route in Thanet	1739	Mar-17	GET	2017	1500-1999
Introduce 20mph Speed Limit in Calverley Park Garden	571	Jan-17	GET	2017	0 - 999
Reduce the speed limit on Ham Street - Ashford Road B2070	625	Oct-17	GET	2017	0 - 999
Ensure the Pent Valley Leisure Centre Remains Open	767	Jul-17	GET	2017	0 - 999
Improve road safety for Common Lane, Wilmington	1061	Jan-17	GET	2017	1000-1499
Pedestrian Crossing in Calverley Park Garden	1069	Jun-17	GET	2017	1000-1499
Pedestrian Crossing at Five Oak Green	1227	May-17	GET	2017	1000-1499
B2025 Whiteness Road Kingsgate - Pedestrian Safety Concerns	16	Feb-17	GET	2017	0 - 999
Traffic Calming Measures on the junction of Valley Drive/ Dobson Road, Gravesend	89	Nov-17	GET	2017	0 - 999
Safety of our children - Road Layout - Powder Mill Lane	252	Dec-17	GET	2017	0 - 999
Closure of eastern end of Shamrock Road DA12	5	Jun-18	GET	2018	0 - 999
Slow down on Maidstone Road	9	Oct-18	GET	2018	0 - 999
The establishment of traffic calming measures along Hilda May Ave, Swanley	13	Aug-18	GET	2018	0 - 999
We the undersigned petition the council to Erect a 'give way' sign at the Richdore Road/Sole Street crossroads, Waltham, nr. Canterbury.	14	Apr-18	GET	2018	0 - 999
Traffic Calming Boxley Village	19	May-18	GET	2018	0 - 999
Install a zebra crossing in Park Wood	20	Jan-18	GET	2018	0 - 999
Subsidy for 56 bus, Thanet	30	Jun-18	GET	2018	0 - 999
Traffic Calming Measures and crossing improvements required on Greenhill Road, Greenhill, Herne Bay	46	May-18	GET	2018	0 - 999
Reduce speed in Bonnington	54	Apr-18	GET	2018	0 - 999
Zebra/pedestrian crossing, allowing safer crossing of the road outside Holy Trinity School, Gravesend and ban all parking outside of the school	124	Jan-18	GET	2018	0 - 999
St Gregory's Catholic Primary School, Margate - Increased Road Safety	135	Mar-18	GET	2018	0 - 999
Reduce the speed on a section of the A228 so that children have a safer journey to school	136	Mar-18	GET	2018	0 - 999
Whitehill Lane / Sun Lane -Gravesend change to one way traffic	164	Jan-18	GET	2018	0 - 999
Introduce a 20mph in Hollingbourne	199	Jun-18	GET	2018	0 - 999
New crossing at Wincheap Primary School	256	Jun-18	GET	2018	0 - 999
Zebra crossing for Northdown Road, Cliftonville	215	Mar-18	GET	2018	0 - 999
We reject proposals to extract shingle around Lydd	232	Mar-18	GET	2018	0 - 999
20mph speed limit on the Banner Farm Estate	260	Sep-18	GET	2018	0 - 999
Road safety around Dartford primary schools	1329	May-18	GET	2018	1000-1499
KCC do not follow through on proposals to cut funding for buses across Kent	1575	Jan-18	GET	2018	1500-1999
Nizels Lane, Hildenborough	52	May-18	GET	2018	0 - 999
Street lighting Tenterden - A28		06/06/18	GET	2018	0 - 999
Restoration of Hollowmead Area		17/07/18	GET	2018	0 - 999

Hollow Lane		26/07/18	GET	2018	0 - 999
Keep the number 39 bus route	347	04/09/18	GET	2018	0 - 999
20 is plenty for Newington		25/10/18	GET	2018	0 - 999
Put speed bumps along Monkton Street Ramsgate Kent	1	Feb-19	GET	2019	0 - 999
School crossing - Allington Primary - Hildenborough Crescent	131	Sep-19	GET	2019	0 - 999
New School Crossing - Allington Primary - Hildenborough Crescent	2	Mar-19	GET	2019	0 - 999
wall to be built on pathway going to asda's and new town in ashford	7	Sep-19	GET	2019	0 - 999
Gritting in Selling	55	Dec-19	GET	2019	0 - 999
Cancel the proposed charges to dispose of household waste	60	May-19	GET	2019	0 - 999
Stop The Charge for Soil / Hardcore / Plasterboard from Household Waste in Swale	71	Apr-19	GET	2019	0 - 999
Improve road safety on St Helen's Road, Sheerness	81	Oct-19	GET	2019	0 - 999
Adopt a bold Climate Action Plan	109	Oct-19	GET	2019	0 - 999
To decrease the speed limits from 30mph to 20mph in the most densely populated areas of Knockholt Parish and from national limit to 40mph on Knockholt Parish rural lanes	111	Aug-19	GET	2019	0 - 999
Redesign the junction of Shortlands Road and Harold Road, Sittingbourne	111	Oct-19	GET	2019	0 - 999
Install Traffic Calming measures in Sonora Way.	121	Jul-19	GET	2019	0 - 999
Grazing goats at Trosley Country Park	252	Apr-19	GET	2019	0 - 999
Britannia Lane & Chart Road (Ashford) Safety Improvements	530	Dec-19	GET	2019	0 - 999
Pelican crossing on Tunbury Avenue	758	May-19	GET	2019	0 - 999
Stop KCC cutting down a heritage tree in London Road, Canterbury	758	Oct-19	GET	2019	0 - 999
Reduct speed limit on B2067 Chiddingstone Causeway from 40mph to 30mph	800	Dec-19	GET	2019	0 - 999
Ospringle Bypass petition	925	Feb-19	GET	2019	0 - 999
20MPH speed limit St. Johns School Sevenoaks	1000	Jul-19	GET	2019	1000-1499
Lower speed limit to 20mph on Bradbourne Road and Bradbourne Park Road	1100	Aug-19	GET	2019	1000-1499
Speed limit change in Aldington	595	Dec-19	GET	2019	0 - 999
Faversham library changes	1014	Mar-19	GET	2019	1000-1499
Otford Parking Restrictions - Irene Roy		16/12/19	GET	2019	1000-1499
Sandy Lane Bearsted		17/01/19	GET	2019	0 - 999
Staplehurst - Road Access - Public Safety and Public Nuisance - Hush Heath Winery		27/02/19	GET	2019	0 - 999
double yellow lines along the whole length of Copthall Avenue (Tunbridge Wells) to facilitate the building of 50 houses	500+	02/04/19	GET	2019	0 - 999
pelican crossing on Tunbury Avenue	118	04/07/19	GET	2019	0 - 999
Request for a speed limit for westcliffe		19/07/19	GET	2019	0 - 999
Reducing the speed limit in Plough Roads		08/10/19	GET	2019	0 - 999
Abolish the Dover bus lane	0	Sep-20	GET	2020	0 - 999
Blean Average Speed Check – A290 Rough Common To Blean Village	1	Jun-20	GET	2020	0 - 999
Traffic calming methods to curb speed driving in Sandhurst Road (Tunbridge Wells)	23	Feb-20	GET	2020	0 - 999
Reduction of Speed Limit on A274 Through Langley	23	Jun-20	GET	2020	0 - 999
Make Barrow Hill residents only access	33	Oct-20	GET	2020	0 - 999
New pedestrian crossing at The Mall, Faversham	181	Feb-20	GET	2020	0 - 999
Cycle path from Lydd to New Romney	217	Sep-20	GET	2020	0 - 999
Stop speeding on the A2 Bapchild	230	Aug-20	GET	2020	0 - 999
Ban HGVs from Dean Street, East Farleigh	250	Feb-20	GET	2020	0 - 999
Make Goudhurst a Safer Village to Live In	264	Dec-20	GET	2020	0 - 999

End Kent County Council's £350,000,000 investment in fossil fuels	365	Feb-20	GET	2020	0 - 999
Changes to Station Road, Westgate On Sea. Incorporating a one-way system and loss of parking spaces	365	Sep-20	GET	2020	0 - 999
Stop speeding traffic in West Malling	450	Oct-20	GET	2020	0 - 999
Road safety in Marpit Hill Edenbridge	1066	Sep-20	GET	2020	1000-1499
Stop using glysohate to kill weeds in Kent	1127	Sep-20	GET	2020	1000-1499
Lower Speed limit on Plough Road to 30 mph	?	Jan-20	GET	2020	0 - 999
Cripple Street, stop the rat run		24/02/20	GET	2020	0 - 999
Calling for urgent improvements to accessibility in Ramsgate	1	Apr-21	GET	2021	0 - 999
Get rid of booking system for Canterbury Household Waste and Recycling Centre	1	Jun-21	GET	2021	0 - 999
Restrict speed limit to 20mph (Ingram Road)	1	Jul-21	GET	2021	0 - 999
Resurface Jemmett Road Ashford	211	Nov-21	GET	2021	0 - 999
Footbridge over railway to asda's	5	Apr-21	GET	2021	0 - 999
Improve parking and traffic measures on Noble Tree Road and Kings Hill	17	Apr-21	GET	2021	0 - 999
Resurface Eastern Avenue, Ashford	18	Jul-21	GET	2021	0 - 999
Stop spraying glyphosate	32	Jul-21	GET	2021	0 - 999
Improve gritting in Stelling Minnis	49	Apr-21	GET	2021	0 - 999
Paddock Wood Library	93	Mar-21	GET	2021	0 - 999
Speed Limit Change (Watersham Hill) Westerham	114	Nov-21	GET	2021	0 - 999
Bekesbourne Footpath from Adisham Road to Station Road	118	Mar-21	GET	2021	0 - 999
New Ash Green Library Select & Collect	130	Jan-21	GET	2021	0 - 999
Reopen footpath ZR109 between Archers Park and The Grove	140	Jul-21	GET	2021	0 - 999
Install a pedestrian crossing at the school bus stop on Tonbridge Road opposite the White Hart Public House, Sevenoaks	148	Nov-21	GET	2021	0 - 999
Introduce traffic calming measures on Well Street and Loose village	165	Apr-21	GET	2021	0 - 999
Dartford Crossing traffic blocking access into and out of The Bridge Community	220	Jul-21	GET	2021	0 - 999
Maintain Free Bus Service for Bridge residents	277	Jun-21	GET	2021	0 - 999
20mph speed limit in Central Sevenoaks	1706	Mar-21	GET	2021	1500-1999
Cheriton Cycle Lanes Scheme	3500	Oct-21	GET	2021	2500-9999
Stop signs for Steeds Lane		13/01/21	GET	2021	0 - 999
parking at the entrance of St Bartholomew Close, Dover		10/06/21	GET	2021	0 - 999
Bridge Estate Width Restrictions	0	Dec-22	GET	2022	0 - 999
Speed Calming in St Gregorys Crescent, Gravesend	8	Jan-22	GET	2022	0 - 999
Waiting restrictions on Millmead Road junction with Laleham Walk	19	Sep-22	GET	2022	0 - 999
Stop implementing Operation brock and find a permanent solution that doesn't block Kent's road network	21	Apr-22	GET	2022	0 - 999
Speed calming in Tunbridge Wells	24	Apr-22	GET	2022	0 - 999
Widen road for safety of residents, emergency vehicle access and provide visitor parking on Portbridge Gardens, DA10 1GG	25	Aug-22	GET	2022	0 - 999
Petition to increase parking restrictions along Solefields Road.	47	Apr-22	GET	2022	0 - 999
Bring back the number 27 bus to Rough Common	61	Jul-22	GET	2022	0 - 999
One way system in Crown Road, Tunbridge Wells	78	Apr-22	GET	2022	0 - 999
St Gregory's Crescent	88	Feb-22	GET	2022	0 - 999
Save Pembury's Buses	90	Mar-22	GET	2022	0 - 999
20mph speed limit in Bower Mount Road	100	Feb-22	GET	2022	0 - 999
Speed Reduction in Newenden village	110	Jul-22	GET	2022	0 - 999
Stop the Closure of Cranbourne Avenue	169	Apr-22	GET	2022	0 - 999

Decrease speed limit through Molash village.	208	Nov-22	GET	2022	0 - 999
Residents Petition to make Upper Grosvenor Road Safe for Pedestrians	253	May-22	GET	2022	0 - 999
Save the 59 bus from Broomfield to Kingswood	265	Apr-22	GET	2022	0 - 999
Petition for Reduction of Speed on the A262, Woodlands Park, Biddenden (Paper)	274	Sep-22	GET	2022	0 - 999
Save school bus Go Coach TW9 Langton Green to Skinners Kent Academy via Rusthale and Ramslye	289	Nov-22	GET	2022	0 - 999
Safe crossing for school children Margate Road Ramsgate	491	Mar-22	GET	2022	0 - 999
Restore bus services to communities affected by the loss of Stagecoach route 11 from Westwood to Canterbury	1100	Jul-22	GET	2022	1000-1499
Save the 285 bus route Hawkenbury to Tunbridge Wells town centre	1193	Mar-22	GET	2022	1000-1499
Save Rural Bus Routes in Dover District	1270	Sep-22	GET	2022	1000-1499
Tree Pollarding	49	Feb-22	GET	2022	0 - 999
new street light installation in Worthington Street Dover.	?	May-22	GET	2022	0 - 999
Tonbridge - Off Road Cyclepath for the A26 Hadlow Road to Hadlow	1017	Nov-22	GET	2022	1000-1499
Save the 208 bus		20/04/22	GET	2022	0 - 999
Access to Back Street Folkestone		24/10/22	GET	2022	0 - 999
request Bridge Estate Width Restrictions		21/12/22	GET	2022	0 - 999
Restrictions in Wheatsheaf Close (Paper)	15	Mar-23	GET	2023	0 - 999
Urgent Repairs to Wateringbury crossroads drain	514	Jul-23	GET	2023	0 - 999
Pedestrian crossing by Strouts Road, Singleton Hill	22	Mar-23	GET	2023	0 - 999
Safe Pedestrian Crossing by Bybrook Road, Kennington	65	Jul-23	GET	2023	0 - 999
Stop Through Traffic in Moonstone Square, Sittingbourne	68	Jun-23	GET	2023	0 - 999
Keep Finn Farm Road Access	99	Mar-23	GET	2023	0 - 999
Speed Limit Reduction - Penshurst	101	Jan-23	GET	2023	0 - 999
Pedestrian crossing on Singlewell Road, Gravesend	119	May-23	GET	2023	0 - 999
30mph speed limit on Stodmarsh Road	168	Jan-23	GET	2023	0 - 999
Ban HGVs overnight on the A292 Hythe Road, Ashford	227	Jun-23	GET	2023	0 - 999
Save Folkestone Library	345	Jun-23	GET	2023	0 - 999
Petition as part of minerals consultation	409	Jun-23	GET	2023	0 - 999
A20 / Quarry Wood ponding and draining petition (Paper)	1160	Feb-23	GET	2023	1000-1499
Save Folkestone Library	3647	Jun-23	GET	2023	2500-9999
St Stephen's Roundabout Crossing	1	Jul-23	GET	2023	0 - 999
Scrap traffic restrictions and enforcement on Mount Pleasant, Tunbridge Wells (Public Realm 2), with immediate effect.	1085	Aug-23	GET	2023	1000-1499
Parking in Bramble close	38	Jul-23	GET	2023	0 - 999

Title of Petition (1 Apr 2014 - 30 Aug 2023)	Number of Signatures	Date Submitted/ closed	Directorate	year	signature category
Usage of Ladesfield Care Home in Whitstable	0	Jul-15	ASC&H	2015	0 - 999
Ringfence funds and extend healthcare for all disabled people	71	Apr-15	ASC&H	2015	0 - 999
Stop Ladesfield Care Home in Whitstable being Used to House Young Asylum Seekers	506	Oct-15	ASC&H	2015	0 - 999
Closure of Dorothy Lucy Care Centre	879	Dec-15	ASC&H	2015	0 - 999
Stop Closure of Barnetts Care Home	311	Mar-16	ASC&H	2016	0 - 999
Save Kent's Dedicated Breastfeeding Services	4931	Dec-17	ASC&H	2017	2500-9999
Stop funding cuts to older adults care in Whitstalbe	390	Mar-18	ASC&H	2018	0 - 999
Against the closure of Age UK Whitstable Day Centre	390	Mar-18	ASC&H	2018	0 - 999
Ex-Offender supported accommodation	86	Mar-19	ASC&H	2019	0 - 999

Comparison of District/Borough Petition Schemes

Name of Council	No. of signatures required to be valid	No. of signatures required to be responded to by an officer	No. of signatures required to be taken to a scrutiny Committee	No. of signatures required to be taken to Full Council
Ashford	50	N/A	750	1500
Canterbury	15	16-999	16-999	1000
Dartford	15	15 or more	15 or more	N/A
Dover	20	N/A	20 or more	1600
Folkestone and Hythe	N/A	249 or less	N/A	250
Gravesham	N/A	N/A	750	1500
Maidstone	100	N/A	100	100
Sevenoaks	5% of registered electorate (4475 = 223 signatures)	N/A	500	1000
Swale	10	200 or less	201 to 1499	1500
Thanet	50	50 to 1499	N/A	1500
Tonbridge and Malling	N/A	N/A	750	1500
Tunbridge Wells	N/A	50 to 499	500 to 999	1000

Ashford Borough Council Petition Scheme

A minimum of 50 valid signatures is required for any valid petition.

A minimum of 750 valid signatures is required to request that a senior Council officer be required to appear at any overview and scrutiny committee and give evidence on an issue for which he/she is responsible.

A minimum of 1500 valid signatures is required for an issue to be debated at a Full Council meeting.

Canterbury City Council Petition Scheme

A petition must contain at least 15 valid signatures. Any petition with less than 15 valid signatures is treated as ordinary correspondence and referred to the relevant service area for a response.

If a petition has over 15 valid signatures but under 1000 the Lord Mayor, advised by the Director of Corporate Services, will direct the petition through the appropriate route, whether that be Cabinet, a committee, or an officer for attention.

If a petition has over 1000 signatures it will trigger a debate at the next convenient meeting of Full Council (excluding the annual meeting or an extraordinary meeting).

Dartford Borough Council Petitions Scheme

Ordinary petitions may trigger action or decision by an officer under delegated authority or a report to Cabinet/Committee/Sub-Committee, but the petition must be supported by no less than 15 qualifying signatures. Democratic Services will notify the lead petitioner who the petition will be referred to for action.

Dover District Council Petitions Scheme

There must be a minimum of 20 signatures on a petition. A petition with less than 20 signatures will not be accepted under the Petition Scheme and will be referred to an officer of the council to respond to issues raised.

A valid petition will be referred to a scheduled meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for consideration.

Any petition with 1,600 or more signatures will automatically be referred to Full Council after consideration by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Folkestone and Hythe District Council Petitions Scheme

If a petition contains fewer than 250 signatures, the decision on how to respond shall to the petition shall be made by the relevant head of service, in consultation with the relevant Portfolio Holder.

If a petition contains more than 250 signatures, it can be submitted to a meeting of Full Council.

Gravesham Borough Council Petitions Scheme

The Council's Petitions Scheme allows for petitions reaching a minimum of 750 valid signatures to ask for a senior council officer to give evidence at a public meeting, about something for which the officer responsible as part of their job.

If a petition has received 1500 signatures or more, it will also be scheduled for a Council debate, unless it is a petition asking for a senior council officer to give evidence at a public meeting.

Maidstone Borough Council Petitions Scheme

All petitions, which have received the signatures of 100 local residents, will be eligible for submission to the Council, Cabinet or Committee or Sub-Committee.

At a Council meeting a debate will take place on the petition for up to a period of 20 minutes, or if the petition has at least 1,500 signatures, there is no time limit for debate.

Sevenoaks District Council Petitions Scheme

A petition must be signed by 5% of the registered electors for the District. There are 4475 registered electors, so there must be at least 223 signatures.

If a petition contains at least 500 signatures, the relevant senior officer will give evidence at a public meeting of the Scrutiny Committee.

If a petition contains more than 1,000 signatures it will be debated by Full Council, unless it is a petition asking for a senior council officer to give evidence at a public meeting.

Swale Borough Council

A petition must contain the names of at least 10 petitioners, including the petition organiser, to be valid.

If there are fewer than 200 signatories, the petition will receive a response from the relevant Director.

If there are between 200 and 1,499 signatories, the petition will be referred to the most relevant service committee.

If there are more than 1,500 signatories, the petition will be referred to Full Council.

Thanet District Council

Petitions which received under 50 signatures will be treated as correspondence and will be dealt with by the relevant Council department, the relevant Cabinet Member being copied into any reply.

Ordinary petitions which have been signed by 50 or more petitioners, but fewer than 1500, will be presented to a Senior Officer of the Council who, after consultation with the relevant Portfolio Holder, will respond. A report on that petition noting what action has been taken will be referred to the next meeting of Cabinet or Council for their information.

Petitions signed by 1,500 or more petitioners will be debated at a meeting of Council, unless the petition relates to an issue for which the Executive has responsibility and Council decides, following presentation of the petition, to refer it to Cabinet without

debate. In such a case, the person who presents the petition at the Council meeting will be able to re-present the petition at the subsequent meeting of Cabinet at which the petition is considered.

Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council

If a petition contains at least 750 signatures, the relevant senior officer will give evidence at a public meeting of the Council's Scrutiny Committee.

If a petition has received 1,500 or more signatures it will be debated at either a meeting of Full Council or Cabinet.

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council

If a petition receives fewer than 50 signatures a response will be provided by an officer and treated as standard correspondence.

If a petition receives more than 50 but less than 500 signatures a written response will be provided by a Senior Officer of the Council.

If a petition receives more than 500 but less than 1000 signatures the petition will be considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee who may hear evidence in public from a Senior Officer of the Council.

If a petition receives more than 1000 signatures it will be presented to Full Council for debate.