

## 6. E-petitions

- (a) The Council welcomes [e-petitions](#) which are created and submitted through our website. E-petitions must follow the same guidelines as paper petitions (as set out above). The petition organiser will need to provide us with their name, postal address and email address. You will also need to decide how long you would like your petition to be open for signatures. Most petitions remain open for a maximum of 3 months, but a shorter or longer timescale can be agreed with the petition organiser if appropriate.
- (b) When you create an e-petition, it may take up to 10 working days before it is published online. This is because we have to check that the content of your petition is suitable before it is made available for signature. If we feel we cannot publish your petition for some reason, we will contact you within this time to explain. You will be able to change and resubmit your petition if you wish. If you do not do this within 10 working days, a summary of the petition and the reason why it has not been accepted will be published under the 'rejected petitions' section of the website. When an e-petition has closed for signature, it will automatically follow the same process as a paper petition (as set out above)
- (c) In the same way as a paper petition, you will receive an acknowledgement within 5 working days of the close of the e-petition. A petition acknowledgement and response will be emailed to everyone who has signed the e-petition and elected to receive this information. The acknowledgment and response will also be published on this website.