

Petitions Committee

PET(3)-03-09 Paper 1 : 10 February 2009

New Petitions

This paper provides brief background information on each of the petitions to be given initial consideration by the Committee on 10 February 2009.

(i) P-03-153 Body piercing

Petition wording

'We call upon the National Assembly for Wales to place restrictions on the age at which a minor can have body piercing. The age for body piercings, other than the ears and nose, should be regulated up to the age of 16 years.'

This e-petition was raised by Councillor Russell Downe and it collected 14 signatures.

Further information (provided by the petitioner)

'There are no legal restrictions on the age at which you can have your ears or other body parts pierced. However, some establishments may operate their own informal guidelines on obtaining parental consent. I am asking for a change in law to place restrictions on the age at which a minor can have body piercing. The age for body piercings other than the ears and nose should be regulated to the age of 16 years.'

(ii) P-03-185 Llantwit Major Regeneration

Petition wording

'We call upon the National Assembly for Wales to support the appeal of the Boerton Road Regeneration Scheme for the historic town of Llantwit Major, Britain's earliest centre of learning.'

This e-petition was raised by Councillor Russell Downe and it received 498 signatures.

Further information (provided by the petitioner)

'The Boerton Road Public Realm Regeneration Project was submitted as a project by Creative Rural Communities, the Rural regeneration section of the Vale of Glamorgan Council, as part of the Rural Development Plan 2007-13.

This was a project focusing on major improvements to the Boerton Road shopping precinct in Llantwit Major, focusing on the public areas. It received strong community support, and in many ways was considered to be the flagship major project for the Local Development Strategy.

A number of reasons have been given in the rejection letter, and an appeal against the rejection is currently progressing. The Vale had submitted 14 projects for grant aid, but only 11 were accepted by the Welsh Assembly Government. With millions of pounds being pumped into the regeneration of urban areas of the Vale, particularly Barry, Llantwit Major should not miss out on this important Funding.'

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