

Petitions Committee

PET(3)-04-09 Paper 1 : 02 March 2009

New Petitions

This paper provides brief background information on each of the petitions to be given initial consideration by the Committee on 02 March 2009.

(i) P-03-187 Abolish the Severn Bridge Toll

Petition wording

'We the undersigned call upon the National Assembly for Wales to do everything possible for the people in Wales to investigate and take such action as necessary to abolish the tolls on the two Severn bridges.'

Background

This petition was raised by John Warman and it collected 22 signatures.

Further information (provided by the petitioner)

'I have been campaigning for the removal of these tolls for some years and I am the founder of the campaign against Severn tolls.

The toll charges on the two Severn bridges are nothing more than a tax on entering Wales. I submit that the majority of people in Wales want these charges abolished that is stunting economic growth in Wales.

Scotland have abolished toll charges on their bridges and Wales should do the same.

Come on and support me on this unfair tax and our neighbours in England who are also affected by this tax are welcome to join the campaign and support the petition'

(ii) P-03-197 Save the Vulcan

Petition wording

'Built in 1853, The Vulcan Hotel in Adam Street is one of Cardiff's oldest pubs. It is scheduled for demolition in June 2009 to make way for a multi-storey car park and flats. Please help make the developers incorporate The Vulcan into their designs and stop this unnecessary vandalism of Cardiff culture and history.

There is talk of moving the pub to St Fagans Museum but The Vulcan doesn't belong in a museum; it belongs where it has been for 155 years - the heart of Cardiff.

We, the undersigned, believe that The Vulcan Hotel is worth more to Cardiff standing than demolished, and worth more where it stands than in a museum. We urge the developers to respect Cardiff's culture and history and preserve this historic building on its present site.

We also urge Cardiff Council and the Welsh Assembly Government to use all their power to ensure that The Vulcan remains where it is - at the heart of Cardiff.'

Background

This petition was raised by Rachel Thomas and it received 5,000 signatures.

A letter from the petitioner is attached as PET(3) 04-09 Paper 1A.