

# Petitions Committee

## PET(3)-12-09 Paper 1: 22 September 2009

### New Petitions

This paper provides brief background information on the petitions to be given initial consideration by the Committee on 22 September 2009.

#### (i) P-03-204 Public Accountability and Consultation in Higher Education

##### Petition wording

We call upon the National Assembly for Wales to urge the Welsh government to introduce an open and transparent system to scrutinise the standards of service and value for money offered by the Higher Education sector in Wales, and to ensure changes in service levels are subject to public consultation.

##### Background

This petition was raised by Trevor Mayes, and it collected 13 signatures. The petitioner has provided a supporting statement, and this is attached as part of PET (3)-12-09 Paper 1A.

#### (ii) P-03-215 Prohibition of political events in schools

##### Petition wording

We call upon the National Assembly for Wales to urge the Welsh government to ensure that political organisations, including affiliated or associated youth organisations, be prohibited from organising events or interacting with children without their parents express permission, at any school premises or event. Such prohibition to apply to all children and young people attending school. Where for reasons of a curriculum, exposure to political organisations is required, express permission should be gained from parents prior to the event.

##### Background

This petition was raised by John Tyler, and it collected 19 signatures.

#### (iii) P-03-234 Coed Cadw (The Woodland Trust)

##### Petition wording

Wales needs more native trees! We, the undersigned, welcome the Forestry Commission Wales target to create 1,500 hectares of new woodland over the next three years and call on the National Assembly for Wales to urge the Welsh Government and the Forestry Commission to fulfil this target, as the first step towards a doubling of native woodland cover by 2050. Wales is one of the least wooded countries in Europe. We support the ambition outlined in the Woodlands for Wales Strategy to create more woodland to benefit people and wildlife, to help avoid flooding, to absorb CO2 from the atmosphere and also provide a sustainable supply of timber for the future.

##### Background

This petition was raised by Coed Cadw (The Woodland Trust), and it collected 2165 signatures.

#### (iv) P-03-237 Welsh Countryside

##### Petition wording

We call upon the National Assembly for Wales to urge the Welsh Government to prevent the destruction of the Welsh countryside by making sure that large industrial buildings such as power plants and factories are built on brown field sites, are environmentally friendly and are not an eyesore.

##### Background

This petition was raised by Sion Gilbey, and it collected 43 signatures.

#### (v) P-03-238 Pollution of the Burry Inlet

##### Petition wording

Petition from Carmarthenshire residents requesting a public inquiry by the Welsh Assembly Government into the sewage pollution of the Burry Inlet and Carmarthen Bay.

##### Background

This petition was raised by Rhys Williams, and it collected 2240 signatures. The petitioner has provided supporting information relating to the petition, and this is attached as part of PET(3)-12-09 Paper 1A.

**(vi) P-03-239 Lifelong Learning in Welsh Universities**

**Petition wording**

We call upon the National Assembly for Wales to urge the Welsh Government to require Welsh Universities to provide a full and varied lifelong learning programme by making this a condition of any public funding they receive.

**Background**

This petition was raised by Nick Jones, and it collected 10 signatures. In addition, the petitioner collected 3000+ signatures for an associated petition. The petitioner has provided supporting information for the petition, and this is attached as part of PET(3)-12-09 Paper 1A.

**(vii) P-03-240 Improvements to the A40 in Llanddewi Velfrey**

**Petition wording**

Due to the increasing levels of traffic, especially heavy goods vehicles, on the A40 and due to the inadequate provision of safe pavements and pedestrian crossings acknowledged by the Trunk Road Agency through research on behalf of the Welsh Assembly Government we, the undersigned, hereby demand the Welsh Assembly Government, as a matter of urgency, improve road safety in the village of Llanddewi Velfrey, Narberth, Pembrokeshire through implementation of the following measures:

Improve the inadequate pavement along the southern side of the A40 between Llandaff Row and the far eastern end of the village to ensure that it meets current safety standards, that it is sufficiently wide for the safe use of pedestrians, pushchairs and wheel chair users taking into consideration the proximity of heavy goods traffic passing by at speeds often in excess of the current limit of 40mph.

Install speed cameras at the eastern and western ends of the village.

Utilise the existing electrical installation for road crossing signs to provide flashing warning lights at times when children will be crossing the A40 to catch their school bus.

Install traffic calming measures at each end of the village and at road junctions to emphasise the need to reduce speed.

Reduce the speed limit to 30mph.

**Background**

This petition was raised by Llanddewi Velfrey Community Council, and it collected 154 signatures. The petitioner has provided supporting information relating to the petition, and this is attached as part of PET(3)-12-09 Paper 1A.

**(viii) P-03-241 Save Our Sewers - Llanelli Star**

**Petition wording**

We support the Llanelli Star's campaign to sort out the sewers, paving the way for hundreds of jobs to come to the area and stopping sewage spills wrecking our environment.

**Background**

This petition was raised by the Llanelli Star, and it collected 425 signatures. The petitioner has provided supporting information for the petition, and this is attached as part of PET(3)-12-09 Paper 1A.

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