

Petitions Committee

PET(3)-17-09 Paper 2: 8 December 2009

Updates on previous petitions

This paper provides a list of updates received to petitions previously considered by the Committee. Many of these updates have been received as correspondence. Where relevant, copies of correspondence are appended to this paper as PET(3) 17-09 Paper 2A.

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

Petition wording

We the undersigned call upon the National Assembly for Wales to urge the UK Government in Westminster to do everything in its power to abolish the two Severn Bridge tolls.

Link to petition: <http://www.assemblywales.org/gethome/e-petitions-old/admissible-pet/p-03-187.htm>

Petition raised by: John Warman

Number of signatures: 23

Previously considered by the Committee on: 2 March 2009, 5 May 2009, 7 July 2009 and 6 October 2009.

Update: An update has been received from the Deputy First Minister and is attached as part of PET(3) 17-09 Paper 2A.

(ii) 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.

Link to petition: <http://www.assemblywales.org/gethome/e-petitions-old/admissible-pet/p-03-204.htm>

Petition raised by: Trevor Mayes

Number of signatures: 13

Previously considered by the Committee on: 22 September 2009

Update: An update has been received from the Minister for Children, Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills and is attached as part of PET(3) 17-09 Paper 2A.

(iii) P-03-207 Support for the unemployed in Monmouth

Petition wording

We, the undersigned urge the Welsh Assembly Government to investigate how to provide support and effective information to people in Wales, who are looking for employment, training or trying to initiate a business enterprise, locally.

Link to the petition: <http://www.assemblywales.org/gethome/e-petitions-old/admissible-pet/p-03-207.htm>

Petition raised by: Monmouth Town Council Community Affairs Committee

Number of signatures: 286

Previously considered by the Committee on: 31 March 2009, 19 May 2009, 23 June 2009, 7 July 2009, 22 September 2009 and 10 November 2009

Update: An update has been received from Job Centre Plus, and is attached as part of PET(3) 17-09 Paper 2A.

(iv) 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 organizing 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.

Link to the petition: <http://www.assemblywales.org/gethome/e-petitions-old/admissible-pet/p-03-215.htm>

Petition raised by: John Tyler

Number of signatures: 19

Previously considered by the Committee on: 22 September 2009

Update: An update has been received from the Minister for Children, Education, Lifelong Learning, and is attached as part of PET(3) 17-09 Paper 2A.

(v) P-03-219 Pharmacies in Barry

Petition wording

We call upon the National Assembly for Wales to urge the Welsh government to save our local high street pharmacies. Our intention in submitting this petition is to point out the current anomalies of the present system of 'neighbourhoods' as they stand with regard to relocating pharmacies in Wales.

No pharmacy is allowed to make a 'minor' relocation as defined by the Pharmacy Regulations 1992 unless it falls within the defined neighbourhood

Link to the petition: <http://www.assemblywales.org/gethome/e-petitions-old/admissible-pet/p-03-219.htm>

Petition raised by: Aneurin Evans Chemists Ltd. and Judith Evans Pharmacies

Number of signatures: 3000+

Previously considered by the Committee on: 23 June 2009 and 6 October 2009

Update: An update from the Minister for Health and Social Services has been received, and is attached as part of PET(3)-17-09 Paper 2A.

(vi) P-03-220 Lower the speed limit on the A40 near Abergavenny

Petition wording

Petition to the Welsh Assembly:

In order for pedestrians to be able to walk in safety, we feel it is imperative that the 40 mph speed limit on the A40 between the Hardwick round-a-bout and Plas Derwen Way be lowered to at least 30 mph.

Link to the petition: <http://www.assemblywales.org/gethome/e-petitions-old/admissible-pet/p-03-220.htm>

Petition raised by: Councillor Maureen Powell

Number of signatures: 220

Previously considered by the Committee on: 19 May 2009, 7 July 2009 22 September 2009 and 10 November 2009

Update: The Guidelines for Setting Local Speed Limits in Wales have been published, and can be accessed at: <http://wales.gov.uk/docs/det/publications/091105speedlimitguidelinesen.pdf>.

(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.

Link to petition: <http://www.assemblywales.org/gethome/e-petitions-old/admissible-pet/p-03-240.htm>

Petition raised by: Llanddewi Velfrey Community Council

Number of signatures: 154

Previously considered by the Committee on: 22 September 2009 and 10 November 2009

Update: The Guidelines for Setting Local speed Limits in Wales have been published, and can be accessed at:
<http://wales.gov.uk/docs/det/publications/091105speedlimitguidelinesen.pdf>

(viii) P-03-236 The Charter for Grandchildren

Petition wording

We call upon the National Assembly of Wales to urge the Welsh Government to adopt The Charter for Grandchildren and to make the Charter mandatory for professional workers who are employed in the welfare of children.

Link to petition: <http://www.assemblywales.org/gethome/e-petitions-old/admissible-pet/p-03-236.htm>

Petition raised by: Grandparents Apart Wales

Number of signatures: 19

Previously considered by the Committee on: 6 October 2009

Update: An update from the Deputy Minister for Social Services has been received, and is attached as part of PET(3) 17-09 Paper 2A.

(ix) P-03-253 Adoption of private sewers (Carmarthenshire residents)

Petition wording

To the Welsh Assembly, the petition of residents of Carmarthenshire request that the Welsh Assembly Government speed up negotiations with Welsh Water and agree the earliest possible date for all private sewers on existing housing estates to be adopted by Welsh Water and that sewers on future developments be likewise adopted.

Link to petition: <http://www.assemblywales.org/gethome/e-petitions-old/admissible-pet/p-03-253.htm>

Petition raised by: Tracy Thomas

Number of signatures: 260

Previously considered by the Committee on: 20 October 2009

Update: An update has been received from the Minister for Environment, Sustainability and Housing, and is attached as part of PET(3) 17-09 Paper 2A.

(x) P-03-255 Special Needs Education Provision in Mainstream Schools

Petition wording

We at St Julian's Comprehensive School would like the Welsh Assembly Government to consider protecting the provision of special education within mainstream schools in Wales

Link to petition: <http://www.assemblywales.org/gethome/e-petitions-old/admissible-pet/p-03-255.htm>

Petition raised by: Special Education Unit pupils at St Julian's School, Newport

Number of signatures: 14

Previously considered by the Committee on: 10 November 2009

Update: An update has been received from the Minister for Children, Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills, and is attached as part of PET(3) 17-09 Paper 2A

(xi) P-03-262 Academi Heddwch Cymru / Wales Peace Institute

Petition wording

We call upon the National Assembly for Wales to investigate the potential for and practicality of Wales having a Peace Institute concerned with Peace and Human Rights, comparable with those supported by state governments in Flanders, Catalonia and elsewhere in Europe

Link to petition: <http://www.assemblywales.org/gethome/e-petitions-old/admissible-pet/p-03-262.htm>

Petition raised by: Welsh Centre for International Affairs, Cymdeithas y Cynod, Cynefin y Werin and CND Cymru

Number of signatures: 1525

Previously considered by the Committee on: 10 November 2009

Update: An update has been received from the First Minister, and is attached as part of PET(3) 17-09 Paper 2A

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