

	<h2>Hendon Area Committee</h2> <h3>26 October 2016</h3>
<p style="text-align: right;">Title</p>	<p>Petitions for the Committee's Consideration</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Report of</p>	<p>Head of Governance</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Wards</p>	<p>Various within Hendon Constituency</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Status</p>	<p>Public</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Urgent</p>	<p>No</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Key</p>	<p>No</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Enclosures</p>	<p>None</p>
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<h3>Summary</h3>
<p>This item provides Members of the Hendon Area Committee with information relating to various petitions that have met the requisite number of signatures in order to be considered by the Committee.</p>

<h3>Recommendations</h3>
<p>1. That the Hendon Area Committee note the petitions received by the Council.</p>
<p>2. That following consideration of the petitions highlighted at 1.1, the Committee are requested to give instructions as outlined at section 5.4.1.</p>

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

1.1 The Head of Governance was notified of four petitions that have over 25 signatures which relate to the Hendon constituency. Details of these petitions are as follow:

Title of petition	Lead petitioner	Detail/text of petition	No. of signatures
'Introduce measures to improve road safety at the corner between Bell Lane and Green Lane, including zebra crossing and more school signs'.	Mrs G. Gean	Introduce measures to improve road safety at the corner between Bell Lane and Green Lane, including zebra crossing and more school signs	286
Remove the Hedgerows outside 179/193 Edgwarebury Lane Edgware	Mr Horne	Remove the hedge on the public footpath/pavement between NOS 179/183 Edgwarebury Lane & Replace with grass verge.	38
Improve the children's play area in Stonegrove park	Mr Grossman	Stonegrove park serves a wide and varied community with many children, who unfortunately are not being adequately provided for by the current children's play area. Whilst the council's website states that there are play areas for 2-6, 5-10 and 7-14 the reality does not reflect this; the in demand children's area currently provides one set of swings for toddlers and one small climbing frame again for toddlers. In visiting the park on Saturday this equipment was not enough to entertain the many visiting children of a range of ages, much to the dissatisfaction of both the children and assembled parents. There is more than enough space for additional equipment, with one section of the play area not containing any functioning equipment at all. We therefore ask the council to rectify the situation and provide a suitable play area facilities for our children.	346
Sarcens Event Day Parking	Mrs J Brown	Roads with shops and businesses that are not near the Saracens Ground are urgently needed for customer parking to support business and the economy of Barnet. Event day signs and restrictions can be removed from all roads that are not near the Saracens ground.	270

- 1.2 In accordance with the Council's Constitution, Public Participation Rules, petitions which receive 25 signature and over but less than 2,000 will be considered by the relevant Area Committee.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is a constitutional requirement for Area Committees to consider petitions which receive 25 signature and over but less than 2,000.

- 2.2 There are no recommendations contained in this report. The instruction of the Area Committee is therefore requested. The actions available to the Committee are set out at section 5.4.1.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 Not applicable.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 The Area Committee decisions will be minuted and any actions arising implemented through the relevant Commissioning Director or Committee as appropriate at a future meeting.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

- 5.1.1 As and when issues raised through petitions are received such relating issues will need to be evaluated against the Corporate Plan and other relevant policies.

5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

- 5.2.1 None in the context of this report.

5.3 Social Value

- 5.3.1 Petitions provide an avenue for Members of the Public to request the Council to take an appropriate action. It is therefore and as identified within this report appropriate for the Hendon Committee to consider this petition which may lead to a future determination by the relevant Commissioning Director or Committee as appropriate at a future meeting.

5.4 Legal and Constitutional References

- 5.4.1 Council Constitution, Public Participation and Engagement – paragraph 6.6 provides that;

Petitions which receive over 25 signatures will be referred to the relevant Area Committee. The following actions are available to the Committee:

- Note the petition

- Ask officers to present a report to a future meeting of the Area Committee
- Formally refer to a relevant Committee
- Formally instruct an officer (within their powers) to take action
- To bring the matter to the attention of the Ward Councillors (who will consider and respond to the issue individually)

5.5 Risk Management

- 5.5.1 Failure to deal with petitions received from members of the public in a timely way and in accordance with the provisions of the Council's Constitution carries a reputational risk for the authority.

5.6 Equalities and Diversity

- 5.6.1 Pursuant to the Equality Act 2010 ("the Act"), the council has a legislative duty to have 'due regard' to eliminating unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Act; advancing equality of opportunity between those with a protected characteristic and those without; and promoting good relations between those with protected characteristics and those without. The 'protected characteristics' are age, race, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy, and maternity, religion or belief and sexual orientation. The 'protected characteristics' also include marriage and civil partnership, with regard to eliminating discrimination.

5.7 Consultation and Engagement

- 5.7.1 None in the context of this report.

5.8 Insight

- 5.9 The Council Constitution, Public Participation and Engagement provides a function that enables residents to engage with the Council. This process offers the opportunity for residents to bring a matter to the attention of the Council and therefore requests that an action be considered and determined as outlined at section 5.1 of this report.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 6.1 The submitted petitions to the Council.