



Appendix D

Exclusions

Certain petitions are not covered by this Scheme and are dealt with under separate processes. These are:

- Petitions relating to planning applications. These are considered by the Council's Planning Committee. Further details on how you can make your views known to the Committee can be found via the following link: [Planning Committee](#)
- Petitions relating to traffic regulation orders. These are considered by the Head of Local Infrastructure and Street Management in consultation with the Local Members for all districts except Cambridge City.
- Petitions requesting a review of parking policies.
- Petitions in response to consultation on a specific issue or proposal. These should be sent to the return address as detailed in the relevant consultation document.
- Statutory petitions (for example requesting a referendum on having an elected mayor)
- A matter whether there is an existing right of appeal

The Council will not consider:

- Petitions that do not follow the guidelines set out in this Petition Scheme.
- Petitions that do not relate to something which is the responsibility of the authority, or over which the authority has some influence.
- Petitions disclosing matters that are personal or confidential.
- Petitions which are in the opinion of the Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the relevant committee Chairman/woman, to be libellous, rude, offensive, vexatious, abusive or otherwise inappropriate, or which are in breach of the Council's statutory duties in respect of equality, diversity and inclusion.
- Petitions from, or submitted on behalf of a business, or person, where the main purpose of the petition is to influence a forthcoming commercial decision of the Council, or the terms and conditions of a commercial transaction.
- Duplicate petitions. Where more than one petition is received in time for a particular meeting, each supporting the same outcome, each Petition Organiser will be treated as an independent Petition Organiser, but only the organiser of the first petition to be received will be invited to address the relevant meeting.



- Repeat petitions. Petitions will not normally be considered within six months of another petition on the same matter having been considered by a committee of the Council.

Where any of the above applies, the Council's Petitions Officer will contact the Petition Organiser to explain the reasons behind the decision.