

Petitions Submitted by Members of the Public 2015/16

Petition No. 1 - Rejected

An online petition was submitted by a member of the public on 20.10.2015 in the following terms:

Title: Stop Hextable Primary School Expansion

Statement:

We the undersigned petition the council to Discontinue the proposal to expand Hextable Primary School from 420 places to 630 places.

Justification:

Increasing the published admission number will have a detrimental effect on the village of Hextable. The roads already struggle with the amount of cars on the morning and afternoon school runs, and this will massively increase the number of families driving into the village twice daily. The surrounding area of the school will also have to be altered to accommodate the extra children, this will contribute to the village losing its identity as a small village.

The quality of the school will also be adversely affected due to there simply not being enough space to meet the requirements needed to accommodate the extra children.

This petition was rejected by a petition administrator on 21.10.2015 with the following response:

Your Online petition Stop Hextable Primary School Expansion has been rejected because it

is not a Sevenoaks District Council responsibility.

Dear [name]

Thank you for submitting your petition to Sevenoaks District Council concerning the Hextable Primary School.

We regret to inform you that the expansion of places at primary schools is not a matter which this District Council deals with. We would recommend instead that you contact the governors of the primary school or Kent County Council, who are the Local Education Authority.

If you would like to submit a petition to Kent County Council, then they have an e-petition website which you can use. We would recommend that your petition be submitted there instead. Please find a link to that e-petition website below:

<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/mgepetitionlistdisplay.aspx?bcr=1>

In line with our petition scheme we therefore intend to reject this petition, as it is something which a different Council is responsible for.

Petition No. 2 - Rejected

An online petition was submitted by a member of the public on 18.01.2016 in the following terms:

Title: Wrong Parking PCN

Statement:

We the undersigned petition the council to to cancel/drop a parking PCN issued wrongly to me.

Justification:

I was wrongly issued a parking PCN while I've paid by telephone for the whole duration of my stay from 13:11 to 15:11 on 18th January 2016. I've received sms confirming my payment of GBP1.80+service charges for the stated duration.

My car reg. no.: WF04VDA

PCN no.: SV50726403 dated 18/01/16 time: 14:51

This petition was rejected by a petition administrator on 20.01.2016 with the following response:

Your Online petition Wrong Parking PCN has been rejected because it refers to an issue which is currently the subject of a formal Council complaint, Local Ombudsman complaint or any legal proceedings.

Dear [name]

Thank you for submitting your petition to Sevenoaks District Council concerning the Penalty Charge Notice (PCN).

We regret to inform you that your petition has been rejected. We would like to clarify the petition process and direct you to the appropriate process for considering parking appeals.

The petition process is a way that members of the public can raise their concerns with the Council, however it is not the normal way to ask for parking ticket to be cancelled.

If you wish to challenge a parking ticket you can do so by visiting our website:

<http://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/services/transport-and-streets/parking/paying-and-appealing-parking-tickets>

More information on parking and parking appeals can be found by visiting:

<http://www.patrol-uk.info/patrol/info/1/parking>

In line with our petition scheme we therefore intend to reject this petition, as it is something for which there is a separate appeals process which you can follow.

Petition No. 3 - Rejected

An online petition was submitted by a member of the public on 11.02.2016 in the following terms:

Title: More signage & safety for horse riders

Statement:

We the undersigned petition the council to place more signage in and around the Fawkham and Ash (which is highly populated with horses/livery yards) area to warn road users to slow down for horse riders.

Justification:

There is an increasing number of incidents involving vehicles not passing horses wide and slow in and around the local area. The majority of local horse riders experience erratic irresponsible driving and/or are abused and intimidated by other road users. Other road users need to be more aware that there is a high possibility that they will meet horses on the local roads as most people have to ride to reach bridleways/private farmland.

As horse riders we can only make ourselves as visible as possible, but on the country roads this may be too late for road users to see as before the reach blind bends in roads.

Clearer more predominant signage is a must and maybe a slow down for horses campaign in the area may help also.

This petition was rejected by a petition administrator on 12.02.2016 with the following response:

Your Online petition More signage & safety for horse riders has been rejected because it relates to the Council's Planning or Licensing functions, there are separate statutory processes in place for dealing with these matters.

Dear [Name]

Thank you for submitting your petition to Sevenoaks District Council concerning more signage & safety for horse riders.

We regret to inform you that road signs is not a matter which this District Council deals with. We would recommend instead that you contact Kent County Council who are responsible for road signs.

If you would like to submit a petition to Kent County Council, then they have an e-petition website which you can use. We would recommend that your petition be submitted there instead. Please find a link to that e-petition website below:

<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/mgepetitionlistdisplay.aspx?bcr=1>

In line with our petition scheme we therefore intend to reject this petition, as it is something which a different Council is responsible for.