

SHEFFIELD COUNCIL - LIST OF PETITIONS MAY 2023 ONWARDS

| No. | Date Received | Lead Petitioner | No. of Signatures | Description | Presented To | Referred To | Date Acknowledged | Contact Officer | Action Taken | Review Requested/ Outcome |
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| 1. | 31/5/23 | Ibrar Hussain | 156 | Requesting (a) improvements to the Licensing Service's reception facilities, (b) improvements to the Clean Air Zone Grant Support Scheme and (c) additional independent approved test centres. | Strategy and Resources Policy Committee – 31/5/23 | | 6/6/23 | Lisa Hattersley | Response provided at the meeting. | |
| 2. | 5/6/23 | Andy Chaplin | 1191 | Save Hillsborough Park's Free to Use Multi-Use Games Area | Charity Trustee Sub-Committee – 5/6/23 | | 8/6/23 30/8/23 | Jo Short | Response by email from Cllr I Aukland, 15/8/23 to Andy Chaplin. Following consultation with young people, the majority stated they would prefer a new multi-activity hub as opposed to keeping the tarmac sports area as it is. The area of open flat tarmac will be reduced by the plans. Plans continue to develop to ensure the best outcome for all users and stakeholders. | |
| 3. | 1/6/23 | Mahara Haque | 61 | Requesting the conversion of a public house in Darnall to two/three bedroom flats, and not a 19-bed house in multiple occupation 23/00334/FUL | Planning and Highways Committee - 7/11/23 | | 13/6/23 | | Current planning application | |
| 4. | 25/5/23 | Suhail Hussain | 80 | Requesting that Idsworth Road be made into a one-way access road. | Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee – 14/6/23 | | 19/6/23 | Olivia Timms | Referred to officers for further investigations they will provide update to Mr Hussain once complete. | |
| 5 | 10/5/23 | Lyn Woods | 16 | Objecting to the application for a premises licence – The Herd, 5 Holmhurst Road | Licensing Sub-Committee – 19/6/23 | | | Jayne Gough | Determination Notice sent to Lead Petitioner. | |
| 6 | | Emma Rattenbury | 455 | Request that Sheffield City Council takes action on Migrant and Asylum Seeker Rights | Council – 5/7/23 | | 14/7/23 | Lisa Malkin | Response given and debate had at meeting (via a Notice of Motion on the subject) | |
| 7 | 3/7/23 | Sarah Saunderson | 67 | either allow daily access for the public to the buildings in Meersbrook park or pavillion to use toilets or provide public toilets near the playground either in the form of permanent or a couple well maintained portaloos. | Communities, Parks and Leisure - 25/9/23 | | | Lesley Dyson | Ms Saunderson could not attend the meeting. Email sent on behalf of Cllr Richard Williams Dear Sarah Thank you for your petition regarding toilets in Meersbrook Park. Toilets are an important part of green spaces as we know that they facilitate people being able to visit our green spaces and potentially stay longer than they might otherwise. We are reviewing the arrangements in Meersbrook Park, in | |

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| | | | | | | | | | our different areas and buildings, to see whether there are options to provide toilet facilities more regularly in the park. |
| 8 | 20/05/23 | Philip Ward | 119 | Request for pedestrian crossing on Cemetery Road near to the gates of Sheffield General Cemetery | Transport, Regeneration and Climate Change Policy Committee – 20/9/23 | | | Olivia Timms | <p>Mr Ward attended the meeting.</p> <p>Thank you Mr Ward for your petition highlighting your concerns crossing Cemetery Road.</p> <p>It was good to speak to you before the meeting.</p> <p>As you may know. The Council receive many requests for road safety and highway improvements including improvements to assist pedestrians crossing roads. Much as we would like to be able to respond to most of them, limitations on resources mean that we have to assess and prioritise locations for measures according to certain criteria and are currently only able to progress a small number each year.</p> <p>The criteria have been agreed with Councillors and includes the pedestrian accident history; the degree of fear and intimidation; as well as how much any improvement would assist access to any local amenities/centres. Having these criteria, enables us to focus our attentions effectively on locations where measures are most urgently needed. Your request will be assessed in the next rounds of requests where it will then be considered, with the other assessed sites, when future programmes of work are being developed.</p> <p>Our collision data base shows there has been 1 serious injury road collision in the last 6 years in the vicinity of this location which was a vehicle-pedestrian collision. Unfortunately, there are many other areas in the City with higher accident records that must be treated as a priority with the limited funding that is available.</p> <p>Physical traffic calming measures (such as speed humps) have proved effective at controlling speeds and reducing accidents, but are extremely expensive. Due to the reductions in funding from central government we have insufficient finance to implement traffic calming schemes using physical measures such as humps, cushions or chicanes at this time.</p> <p>Community concerns about speeding issues and requests for short-term enforcement at a particular location should be reported to South Yorkshire Police's Local Policing Teams (formally the Safer Neighbourhoods teams) by ringing their non-emergency 101 number or online at https://smartcontact.southyorkshire.police.uk/advice/driving-complaint/ These will be directed to the correct Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) for them to resolve.</p> <p>We are sorry that we are unable to resolve your issue imminently but trust you understand the reasons for this.</p> <p>Cllr Miskell</p> |
| 9 | 9/6/23 | Allison Rossiter | 91 | Citizens Right to Information and Consultation for plans by the Council, affecting them | Transport, Regeneration and | | | Olivia Timms | Petition withdrawn as the proposed parking scheme was withdrawn. Confirmed by telephone with petitioner 21/8/23 |

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| | | | | | Climate Change Policy Committee – 20/9/23 | | | | | |
| 10 | 9/6/23 | Allison Rossiter | | Citizens Right to Information and Consultation for the Park Hill parking scheme | Transport, Regeneration and Climate Change Policy Committee – 20/9/23 | | | Olivia Timms | Petition withdrawn as the proposed parking scheme was withdrawn. Confirmed by telephone with petitioner 21/8/23 | |
| 11 | 28/07/23 | David Cronshaw | 5 | Make blue badge holders exempt from Clean Air Zone charge | Transport, Regeneration and Climate Change Policy Committee – 20/9/23 | | | Olivia Timms | <p>Mr Cronshaw could not attend the meeting.</p> <p>Sheffield's Clean Air Zone scheme is a class C for the most polluting heavy goods vehicle (HGV'S), light goods (LGVs), vans, buses, coaches and taxis that drive in the Clean Air Zone. Private passenger cars and motorbikes will not be charged.</p> <p>There is an exemption if you own a disabled adapted minibus, bus or coach. This exemption covers minibuses, buses and coaches with a minimum of 10 seats, including the driver that have specialist adaptations to carry disabled passengers (such as entry lifts for wheelchairs and wheelchair anchor points).</p> <p>Disabled passenger tax class vehicles (tax class 85) are automatically exempt from paying any Clean Air Zone charges. This does not include blue badge holders who will be required to pay the daily charge if their vehicle does not meet the emissions standard and they are not eligible for an exemption.</p> <p>The CAZ scheme is designed to change people's behaviours and to encourage them to drive cleaner vehicles and the aim is to bring positive health outcomes for all communities and individuals, particularly those most exposed to harmful levels of NO2. Such as un-born babies, children, the elderly people, people suffering from respiratory and / or cardio-vascular illness and the more disadvantaged in society are most likely to be at a risk of harm from the effects of air pollution.</p> <p>Vehicle drivers and passengers are amongst those who are most exposed to prolonged periods of road traffic pollution. Some of the most significant polluting vehicles are buses, taxis and vans which do multiple journeys across all areas of Sheffield.</p> <p>Public consultation relating to the proposals was undertaken in Autumn 2019 and Winter 2021, the documents can be found on the Council website – More information about the Clean Air Zone Sheffield City Council.</p> <p>Cllr Miskell</p> | |
| 12 | 1/7/23 | MohammedFaysal Ansar | 13 | Amey to clean Streets properly or give back control to Sheffield Council | Waste and Street Scene | | 5/10/23 | Veronica Monaghan | Email from Cllr Otten to Mr Ansar Page Hall is a particularly challenging area of the city from a street cleansing perspective. | |

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| | | | | | Policy Committee – 27/9/23 | | | | <p>Our street cleansing contractor, Amey, go well over and above their contractual obligations at their own expense with the aim of making their best endeavours to keep this area tidy.</p> <p>This involves checking litter bins and fly tipping daily and attending to deep clean the streets 26 times per year (rather than the 3 times that they would typically attend a suburban street).</p> <p>Amey always provide detailed photographs of before and after their work in this area and the quality of litter picking is consistently exceptional – sadly litter is a human generated phenomenon and this hard work is not respected, so the standard of the area very quickly degrades.</p> <p>As such, the problem does not sit with Amey as a contractor, but with wider societal attitudes towards litter and managing waste appropriately.</p> <p>To this end, a number of Council projects are underway and forthcoming for the area - including issuing of replacement bins for households which did not have their full provision or proper bins, education about recycling and appropriate use of household bins, as well as a forthcoming waste trial for managing household waste and excess waste in a different manner in October.</p> <p>We are also working closely with colleagues in Enforcement as well as engaging directly in local schools to underpin a message of respect for the environment and our city.</p> <p>For other areas across the city we know that there are areas for improvement on cleansing and officers have worked closely with Amey to develop new ways of working to improve this. Indeed some examples are discussed in the committee report later. Again though if people didn't drop litter then this wouldn't be a problem so tied to the work we are doing on picking up litter we are also running educational programmes and enforcement.</p> | |
| 13 | 5/8/23 | Mohammed Faysal Ansar | | Sheffield council to approve food waste service next month | Waste and Street Scene Policy Committee – 15/11/23 | | | Veronica Monaghan | | |
| 14 | 24/8/23 | Tabitha Ward | 12 | Zebra crossing on Wilfrid Road, S9 3ES for students | Transport, Regeneratio | | | Olivia Timms | | |

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| | | | | from Oasis Academy, Don Valley | n and Climate Change Policy Committee – 15/11/23 | | | | | |
| 15 | 10/6/23 | Clara Cheung | 32 online 774 paper | Urge the Sheffield Council to de-twin with the Chinese Communist Party | Council – 1/11/23 | | | Lisa Hattersley | The petition was published online, and a paper petition was also started. A review into twinning towns and cities are underway following a petition requesting the same of the Council by the same petitioner being presented at the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee on the 24 January 2023. Consequently, this will not be presented to Full Council on the 1/11/23. This matter will be further discussed in the meetings of Strategy and Resources Policy Committee on the 20/11/23, Governance Committee on the 22/11/23 and Full Council on 6/12/23. Petitioner informed. | |
| 16 | 3/9/23 | Ibrar Hussain | 22 | Allow front seat passenger in cab with partition and no Intercom https://chnng.it/KFywWjvchy | Council 6/9/23 | | | Veronica Monaghan | Mr Hussain did not attend the Council meeting. Written response sent from Cllr Otten stating that there are no planned changes to the Licensing Policy and advice was given. | |
| 17 | 3/9/23 | Zoe Jenkins | | Remove time restrictions on parking in Disabled Bays in Sheffield City Centre | Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee – 11/12/23 | | | Olivia Timms | | |
| 18 | 5/9/23 | Mohammed Faysal Ansar | | Make the household garden waste service 'pay as you use' | Waste and Steet Scene Policy Committee – 20/12/23 | | | Veronica Monaghan | | |
| 19 | | Graham Wroe | 226? | Make Talbot St, Bernard St, Duke St crossing safe https://chnng.it/KFywWjvchy | Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee 20/9/23 | | | Olivia Timms | Mr Wroe attended the meeting. Thank you Mr Wroe for your petition requesting pedestrian crossing facilities at the Talbot Road, Duke Street and Bernard Road junction. This is an issue that Manor Castel Councillors have been raising and working with us to find a solution on. It is also something that Paul Blomfield MP's office has highlighted. Its issues like these that demonstrate how valuable it is to have Labour Councillors, working alongside a Labour MP and Labour committee chair to push for change in the city. We receive many requests for road safety and highway improvements including improvements to assist pedestrians crossing roads throughout the year. As much as we would like to be able to action most of them, limitations on resources mean that we must assess, score and prioritise locations for measures according to certain criteria and are currently only able to progress a small number every year as part of the rolling Pedestrian Improvement Programme. I have requested pedestrian collision data for this junction which will be considered when assessing and scoring this location. As there are many areas of the City suffering from a high level of incidents and we obviously need to focus our limited | |

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| | | | | | | | | | budget on these areas. The sites for the 2023/24 pedestrian improvement programme have been finalised and are already in progress. However, when it is nearing the end of each calendar year the prioritisation and selection process is initiated for the rolling annual Pedestrian Improvement Programme that is due to commence the following financial year. The top scoring sites are re-assessed to determine whether they have remained at the same score, increased or reduced in score. We also look at any changes that may have occurred since the request was originally received which, may affect the original assessment, such as any local building developments, changes to the highway including road layouts and any other improvement measures that may have been implemented. Once the prioritisation process is complete, the highest scoring sites are then progressed under the Pedestrian Improvements Programme. We are unable to confirm at this moment whether this location will be prioritised for next year's programme as it has yet to be assessed and the prioritisation process for 2024/25 has not begun. However, it will remain on the city-wide list to be considered for future programmes if it is not prioritised for next year. | |
| 20 | 12/09/23 | Katie Memmott | 6 | Better and brighter street lighting for Walkley | Waste and Street Scene Policy Committee – 15/11/23 | | | Veronica Monaghan | | |
| 21 | 27/09/23 | Kristian Middleton | | Traffic calming/speed reduction measures to be implemented at the junction of Wadsley Lane and Marcliffe Road Petition · Install a Pedestrian Crossing & Double Yellow Lines at the bottom of Marcliffe Road · Change.org | Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee – 15/11/23 | | | Olivia Timms | | |
| 22 | 5/10/23 | Kathryn Giles-Middleton | | Better provision for pharmacy services in Stocksbridge and Deepcar https://chnq.it/HQSgMdFv87 | Sheffield Health and Wellbeing Board – 7/12/23 | | | Dan Spicer | | |
| 23 | 26/10/23 | Marika Szabo | | Objection to the removal of 3 mature TPO trees on land adjacent to 2 Moorbank Drive, S10 5TH for a proposed development | Will be incorporated into a planning application objections 23/01906/F UL | | | Abby Hodgetts | Email to petitioner – I write to formally acknowledge receipt of the electronic petition you sent into Sheffield City Council opposing the removal of the three trees on the land adjacent to 2 Moorbank Drive, Sheffield, S10. I have made the Planning Department aware of this and it will be considered as part of the Planning Application process. You can track the progress of the application by logging into the planning portal on our website which you have expressed you are aware of from our recent telephone conversation. Once the petition date has closed, I advise you to forward the | |

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| | | | | | | | | | <p>number of signatures you have collected to the planning department using the portal.</p> <p>If you feel that we have not dealt with your petition properly, the petition organiser may:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make a complaint under the Council's Complaints Procedure if not satisfied with the way the petition has been administered • Request that the appropriate Policy Committee review the steps taken in response to the petition if unhappy with the steps proposed or the way they have been taken • Request that a petition that has not been presented to a Council meeting be considered at such a meeting <p>If you require any further assistance or advice, please contact Mrs Cummins on the telephone number or e-mail address above.</p> <p>Yours sincerely Director of Policy and Democratic Engagement</p> |
| 24 | 29/10/23 | Julie Pearn | 1316 | Demand an Apology and Action from Sheffield City Council for Raising the Israeli Flag | Council 1/11/23 | | | Lisa Hattersely | <p>Verbal response from Councillor Tom Hunt, Leader of the Council. The petitioner was in attendance.</p> <p>Thank you for your petition and thank you to everyone who has come here today to share your views about the tragic events that are taking place in Israel and Palestine.</p> <p>I know that this issue is very important to communities within Sheffield. I feel deep sadness about the heartbreaking events taking place. I know we all do.</p> <p>On October 7th a brutal, appalling terrorist attack was committed by Hamas. An attack that shocked the world and I utterly condemn it. More Jewish people were killed on October 7th than on any day since the Holocaust.</p> <p>The flag of Israel was flown to show solidarity with the victims of that attack.</p> <p>Raising the flag was not about endorsing any actions taken by the Netanyahu government either before or after October 7th. A government that has a shameful record of human rights abuses and that has shown little interest in securing peace in the Middle East.</p> <p>Nor was this about taking sides in a decades long conflict.</p> <p>This was about showing solidarity with the victims of a terror attack, and it was a decision that was made before the heavy bombardment of Gaza and the ground assaults had begun.</p> <p>The flag was flown on Tuesday 10th October. It was to be flown for one day and one day only, until 8pm when it was to be taken down.</p> <p>We could – and should – have been clearer about this at the time.</p> <p>I know that this matters to many people. I understand why people feel that this was not the right thing to do and I fully respect people's right to hold that view. That's why it's important for me to set out the Council's decision-making process for flying a flag.</p> <p>Sheffield has a flag protocol – a document that governs the flying of flags at the Town Hall and other council buildings.</p> <p>The protocol states clearly that in normal circumstances, the Union Flag will be flown. I am proud of this.</p> <p>It also states that there are special circumstances when other flags may be flown for a short period of time. These are as follows:</p> <p>1- The national flag of another country may be flown when there is</p> |

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| | | | | | | | | | <p>an official civic or other delegation from that country and it is deemed appropriate to do so</p> <p>2- A particular flag may be flown when required to do so by the Government or other official body</p> <p>3- A special flag (other than a national flag) may be flown in celebration of a major occasion or achievement of importance to the Council and/or the City of Sheffield.</p> <p>The protocol sets out that the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, will determine any requests for the flying of flags over the Town Hall.</p> <p>On October 8th – a day after Hamas’ deadly assault - the UK government asked local authorities to consider flying the flag of Israel as an act of solidarity until 8pm on October 10th. This meant that our flag protocol came into force.</p> <p>In line with the protocol, the Chief Executive sought my view, but in recognition of the fact that I lead a three-party administration, the Chief Executive also sought the view of the other two main group leaders – Cllr Mohammed as Leader of the Liberal Democrat group and Cllr Johnson as Leader of the Green Group. On balance, Cllr Mohammed and I were both willing to support the government ask and to fly the flag. Cllr Johnson did not support that view.</p> <p>So, on that basis, the decision to fly the flag was taken to show solidarity with the victims of Hamas’ brutal attack on civilians.</p> <p>Other local authorities also flew the flag of Israel, including the three other councils in South Yorkshire. Around the country, other councils lit up public buildings such as their Town Hall and libraries, which we do not currently have the ability to do without several days’ notice.</p> <p>I know that not everyone agreed with the decision that was made here in Sheffield.</p> <p>The decision was taken in good faith and of course, I and others have reflected on it a lot over the last few weeks as the horror of what we saw in Israel on October 7th has been followed by the horror of what is happening in Gaza.</p> <p>Today, I extend my deep sympathy and solidarity to everyone who is grieving, hurting and suffering trauma in Israel and Palestine but also here in Sheffield.</p> <p>How we express our solidarity and whether it is right to express solidarity are two different things.</p> <p>It was right to show solidarity but I recognise that this act of solidarity caused hurt for some people. I also recognise that some people think local authorities shouldn’t fly any flags at all.</p> <p>But I also know that there are many people in Sheffield who greatly appreciated this act of solidarity, including people in our Jewish community, many of whom have friends and family who have been affected by events on the 7th.</p> <p>Flying the flag was not a straightforward decision to take and it has prompted a range of responses and heartfelt emotions.</p> <p>I do not believe that it helps us in this difficult moment if an apology was to be issued for the act of showing solidarity with the victims of a terrorist attack. It would cause further upset and hurt at a time when we need to come together.</p> <p>As a council, and as Leader of the Council, I am firmly of the view that we should always review our actions and decision making processes to ensure we take the right decisions, informed by the right advice.</p> |
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| | | | | | | | | | <p>So it is right that our flag protocol is-reviewed and this will now happen.</p> <p>Whilst in taking this decision we had regard to our legal duties under the Public Sector Equality Duty, as part of the review of the protocol, we will look at including a requirement to undertake a formal written Equality Impact Assessment and/or have regard to a Community Tension Impact Assessment (via the Police) to inform any decision in the future that we may need to make about flying the flag of any other nation. Future decisions that need to be made about requests to fly flags should also be made following discussions with representatives of faith and community groups in the city.</p> <p>What has happened in the three weeks since October 7th has been utterly heartbreaking. There can be no justification for the loss of innocent lives. There can be no justification for the collective punishment of the Palestinian people.</p> <p>We need a ceasefire and we need it now.</p> <p>We need all hostages to be released and we need humanitarian aid to be allowed into Gaza.</p> <p>I urge national and international politicians to do everything they can to put pressure to bring about a ceasefire - and to do everything they can to bring people around the table to restart a peace process with the clear aim and outcome of achieving a free and sovereign Palestine alongside a safe and secure Israel.</p> <p>As a city, I am proud that Sheffield is home to many diverse communities and faiths. Our diversity is our strength.</p> <p>As Leader of the Council I commit to do all I can, together with all of my cross-party colleagues, to bring our city together, united for peace and standing up against all forms of hate and violence. Standing together against all forms of racism, including anti-Muslim discrimination and antisemitism, and opposing every effort to divide us. I condemn the abuse that many of my councillor colleagues have received and continue to receive and I see the pressure you are under.</p> <p>The task at hand for all of us is to bring people together, to work together, to listen, and to work for peace in all of our communities, as the proud City of Sanctuary that we are.</p> <p>That is the task I am committed to.</p> | |
| 25 | 27/10/23 | Akra Shaibi | | Infestation of pests, mould and damp in the blocks of maisonette flats on Verdon Street, S3. | Housing Policy Committee – 14/12/23 | | | Hazel Reading/ Lisa Malkin | | |
| 26 | 1/11/23 | Ruby Nimmo | | The residents of Kelham Island and Neepsend object to the proposed parking scheme. | Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee – 14/2/23 | | | Olivia Timms | | |