

Croydon Council

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REPORT TO:	COUNCIL 3 DECEMBER 2012
AGENDA ITEM NO:	7
SUBJECT:	PETITIONS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCILLORS TO COUNCIL
LEAD OFFICER:	Julie Belvir, Director of Democratic and Legal Services
WARDS:	ALL
CORPORATE PRIORITY/POLICY CONTEXT: This report is prepared in keeping with paragraphs 3.17 to 3.20 of the Council Procedure Rules at Part 4A of the Constitution.	

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 The Council is asked to note the petitions presented by Councillors at the meeting and to agree to refer those petitions to Cabinet Members as indicated in paragraph 4 of the report.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 In accordance with Part 4A of the Council's Constitution, Members of the Council can present petitions to any ordinary meeting of the Council, with the exception of any meeting of the Council reserved for the setting of Council Tax.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Part 4A of the Constitution allows Councillors to present petitions to meetings of the Full Council.
- 3.2 The Constitution requires that a petition must contain "the signatures of at least 100 local people or 50% of the local people affected by the subject" in order to be presented at a Council meeting.
- 3.3 The Constitution further states that petitions presented to the Council will not be read out at the meeting and nor will the presenting Councillor be permitted to make a speech.

4. PETITIONS TO BE PRESENTED TO COUNCIL AT THIS MEETING

- 4.1 The Director of Democratic and Legal Services has received notice of the following petitions to be presented to this meeting of the Council:
- 4.2 A petition presented by **Councillor Badsha Quadir** on behalf of residents “ We the undersigned, petition Croydon Council to enforce Planning Control Regulations and return 23b & 25 Christchurch Road to regular residential status and stop the blight to our neighbourhood and support our community.”
- 4.3 Council is recommended to refer this petition to the Cabinet Member for Planning, Regeneration and Transport.
- 4.4 A petition presented by **Councillor Carole Bonner** on behalf of residents: “We, the undersigned, call on the council to provide additional parking bays at the top end of Alford Green, to be formed as off road bays (such as already exist, near the entrance to Alford Green), on the edges of the current central 'green'. This would relieve congestion and improve access for emergency vehicles, which is particularly relevant given that many of the residents are older people or people with disabilities. We further call on the council to look at the usage of the garages on Alford Green in order to see whether some of them could be demolished, to provide additional general parking and to reduce the problems of fly-tipping and anti-social behaviour.”
- 4.5 Council is recommended to refer this petition to the Cabinet Member for Highways and Environmental Services.
- 4.6 A petition presented by **Councillor Tony Newman** on behalf of residents: requesting the need for CCTV camera coverage at Norwood Junction station and the surrounding area.
- 4.7 Council is recommended to refer this petition to the Cabinet Member for Community Safety and public Protection.

5. NEXT STEPS

- 5.1 The Constitution requires that a response to each petition presented at this meeting will be submitted to the next ordinary meeting of the Council for questions on 28 January 2013

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS: None.