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Democratic Services

APPENDIX B

Reference (official use)



## Deputations – submission form

If you wish to submit a deputation request for consideration by the Petitions and Deputations Committee, please complete the form below. You are advised to refer to the Guidance Questions and Answer sheet provided.

<b>Details of Principal Representative of the Community Organisation or Group</b> Please enter the name and contact details of the person representing the community organisation or group raising the subject matter. <i>This will be the person who will receive correspondence from the Council about the proposed deputation.</i>	
<b>Community Organisation/ Group:</b>	FUTURE HAWICK
<b>Name of Representative:</b>	DERICK TAIT
<b>Position held in Organisation/ Group:</b>	CHAIRMAN
<b>Address:</b>	2 KIRKWYND
	HAWICK
	SCOTTISH BORDERS
<b>Postcode:</b>	TD9 0AL
<b>Telephone no:</b>	
<b>Email:</b>	

<b>Title of Deputation and Deputation Statement</b> Please enter the title of the subject matter of the Deputation and any statement in support of this, including the action your Organisation or Group would like the Council to take.	
<b>Title:</b>	PARKING PROBLEMS ON HAWICK HIGH STREET

**Statement (no more than 250 words):**

THE REMOVAL OF THE WARDEN SERVICE HAS SEEN A MARKED INCREASE IN THE ABUSE OF PARKING RESERVATIONS ON HAWICK HIGH STREET, TO SUCH AN EXTENT THAT IT IS HAVING A DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON HIGH STREET BUSINESSES. AND A SOLUTION IS REQUIRED.

**Further information.**

Please enter below any measures already taken, or persons/organisations approached to attempt to resolve the issues, or any information you wish the Committee to have at their meeting. Attach additional sheets to this form if required but please note that this information must be limited to no more than 4 sides of A4 paper.

See attached sheet.

**Hearing a deputation at the Committee.**

Please indicate below who you would like to make a statement at the meeting of the Petitions and Deputations Committee when your deputation is being heard.

\*I shall ~~not~~ be the main speaker for the deputation.

\*I would like my deputy(ies) named below to ~~lead the deputation~~ also speak on behalf of the community organisation/group.

Name of deputy .....

Contact details .....

Signature of deputy .....

Name of deputy .....

Contact details .....

Signature of deputy.....

*see attached sheet*

\* please delete as appropriate

**Signature of Principal Representative.**  
 If you are satisfied your deputation meets all the requirements as stated in the Guidance Questions and Answers please add your signature and date below.

Signature of Community Organisation/Group Representative .....

Date *7* 20/6/16 .....

**Please submit this form and any additional sheets to:-**  
 Clerk to the Council, Scottish Borders Council, Council Headquarters, Newtown St Boswells, Melrose, TD6 0SA,  
 or email to:  
[committeepapers@scotborders.gov.uk](mailto:committeepapers@scotborders.gov.uk)



Scottish Charity No SC039141

2 Kirkwynd Hawick TD9 0AL

E-mail [admin@hawickonline.com](mailto:admin@hawickonline.com)

## Notes to Parking Submission

Since the removal of traffic wardens from Hawick, there has been a marked increase in the abuse of parking regulations on Hawick High Street, and the matter has become a regular topic for discussion at Area Forums, Community Council meetings, and Future Hawick meetings. Despite all the discussion and requests for action, it would appear that there is no solution in sight.

The issue is exacerbated from correspondence with local Community Policing Inspector, Carol Wood, who advises that present levels of policing do not have the capacity to enable more than random enforcement as day-to-day duties permit.

While acknowledging that there should be no abuse whatsoever, human nature is such that there will always be those who try to escape the Law, and this is very much the problem being experienced. Recent appraisals show instances of congested parking on single and double yellow lines, all-day parking by residents and visitors, over-long loading and unloading procedures, parking in designated loading bays and bus stops, double parking preventing through traffic, and parking at or near road junctions preventing vehicular access. In themselves, these issues may appear to be of a minor nature but combined they pose serious issues (eg for emergency vehicles), and decrease the footfall on Hawick High Street, at a time when a lot of businesses are suffering an economic downturn.

High Street businesses, all of whom pay rates, are trying to deal with the situation through telephone calls to police, and in some cases have placed their own "warning notices" on vehicles, but to little avail. The situation has reached the stage where action is required. We are advised that the Council Parking Working Group has completed its remit and it is therefore essential that Scottish Borders Council acts quickly to implement solutions. We are advised by officials that the introduction of decriminalised parking regulations is a lengthy process, but that should not stop processes being instituted immediately.

In requesting a hearing in response to High Street businesses, Future Hawick would lead a small deputation of no more than four or five traders who would detail their experiences of parking issues. Membership of the deputation would depend on dates set and availability for attendance.