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Democratic Services



**Petitions – submission form**

If you wish to submit a petition for consideration by the Audit & Scrutiny Committee, please complete the form below. You are advised to refer to the Guidance Questions and Answer sheet provided.

<b>Details of Principal Petitioner</b> Please enter the name and contact details of the person raising the petition. <i>The Principal Petitioner must be on the Register of Electors for the Scottish Borders Council area.</i>	
<b>Name:</b>	MR GREG DALGLEISH
<b>Address:</b>	5 BRANXHOLME ROAD,
	HAWICK
<b>Postcode:</b>	
<b>Telephone no:</b>	
<b>Email:</b>	

<b>Title of Petition and Petition Statement</b> Please enter the title of the Petition and a statement to cover the main subject of the Petition or the action you would like the Council to take.	
<b>Title:</b>	STOP SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL CLOSING PLAYPARKS
<b>Statement (no more than 250 words):</b>	PLEASE SEE STATEMENT SHEET PRINTED.

## Statement

We believe in this instance 'bigger and better facilities' should not be justification to remove the smaller parks that are situated in the various housing estates in Hawick and the Scottish Borders. It is very clear from the comments associated with this petition and via social media these smaller parks are still well used and have been described as a safe place to play and exercise on the doorstep of many homes. Not everyone can access the likes of Wilton Lodge Park on a regular basis and children with additional needs also find these areas too busy and noisy.

We would like to call into question how Scottish Borders Council 'Carefully looked at playparks that aren't (supposedly) used as much and arrived at their decision.

We would also like to question why some of these parks are in a poor state of repair? If it's a case of the council has neglected these parks over the years, then again it should not be a justification to remove.

It should also be noted that Priority 2 within the Borders Director of Public Health Report 2018 where SBC is a partner highlights 'Investing in children's play one of the most important things we can do as a community to support children's health and wellbeing.

Forget that by removing these play parks Scottish Borders Council will still be within the national average... We should be fighting to shout that we are above the national average for playparks!!

**Signature of Principal Petitioner.**

If you are satisfied your petition meets all the requirements as stated in the Guidance Questions and Answers please add your signature and date below.

Signature of Principal Petitioner... ..

Date... 1/9/19 .....

**Accompanying signatures.**

Your petition must be accompanied by at least 10 signatures in total, from persons aged 16 and over, resident in the Scottish Borders. The signatures must be from a minimum of 3 separate addresses.

*Please be aware that if the petition is on the agenda for a meeting of the Audit & Scrutiny Committee the names and addresses, but not signatures, of all signatories will be published on the Council website.*

	Name	Address	Signature
1	* ALL SIGNATURES ARE INCLUDED WITHIN THE PETITION <del>THE</del>		
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*Attach additional sheets of signatures if you wish.*

**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)

+ 581 signatures on accompanying  
sheets

**Further information.**

Please enter below any measures already taken, or persons/organisations approached to attempt to resolve the issues. 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.

- ① CREATED AN ONLINE PETITION AND ALSO DISTRIBUTED PAPER COPIES IN AND AROUND HAWICK TO GATHER SUPPORT AND VIEWS.
- ② E-MAILED ALL THE HEADTEACHERS IN HAWICK TO GAIN THE VIEWS OF ALL THE CHILDREN WHO WOULD BE AFFECTED WITH ANY PLAYPARK CLOSURES.  
\* PLEASE NOTE THIS REQUEST WAS DENIED BY SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL AND ALL HEADTEACHERS WERE TOLD THEY COULD NOT ASSIST \*
- ③ E-MAILED ALL THE HAWICK COUNCILLORS TO MAKE THEM AWARE OF THE COUNCIL'S POTENTIAL DECISION, THE PETITION AND ASK FOR THEIR SUPPORT.
- ④ E-MAILED MEMBERS OF THE HAWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL AS ABOVE.
- ⑤ COMPLETED THE ONLINE PLAYPARK STRATEGY AND ENCOURAGED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO DO SO.

**Presentation of petition to the Committee.**

Please indicate below if you would like the opportunity to make a statement at the meeting of the Audit & Scrutiny Committee when your petition is considered. Whether or not you will be invited to do so will be at the discretion of the Chairman.

\*I do/~~do not~~ wish the opportunity to make a brief statement about the petition.

\*I would like my deputy named below to make a statement on my behalf.

Name of deputy .....

Contact details .....

Signature of deputy.....

\* please delete as appropriate

## STOP SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL CLOSING PLAYPARKS

Scottish Borders Council are seeking to decommission eleven playparks in the Teviot and Liddesdale Locality (74 in total in the Scottish Borders ) With the UK Government constantly battling to get kids exercising, we feel this decision by SBC is ludicrous and only makes the challenge tougher.

We the undersigned urge SBC to adopt a totally different approach and invest in giving the playparks a much needed revamp with new and exciting equipment.

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