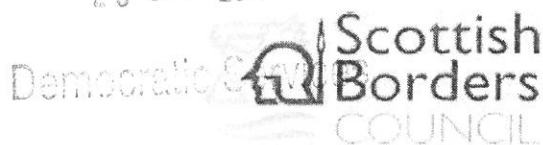


Chief Executive

23 SEP 2019

Reference (official use)



## 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>	Marianne Bamkin
<b>Address:</b>	Waterside Cottage
	Waterside Road
	Jedburgh
<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>	The retention of a library service and contact centre at the Carnegie Library in Jedburgh
<b>Statement (no more than 250 words):</b>	<p>The people of Jedburgh wish to retain the library service and contact centre in the current building rather than re-locate to Jedburgh Grammar Campus (JGC) for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Proposed location is unsuitable, being hard to access for many council residents</li><li>• Proposed space is too small to comply with SLIC's public library strategy</li><li>• Current heritage building was given to the town as a library for every resident</li><li>• Left vacant the building will become a liability</li></ul>

**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.

Consequences of relocation will be:

- Detrimental to the health and social welfare of residents
- Economic health of the town will be impaired
- SBC will not be delivering an excellent public service
- Culture and creativity will be impaired

Each resident of Jedburgh has a right to access information and council services, but that right will be withdrawn from them if the library is removed from the town centre. Vehicular access to JGC is limited and pedestrian access to the steep hillside location, up a flight of steps, will not be possible for older and vulnerable people. A library is a gateway to knowledge, not merely a book delivery point. The proposed space with limited access to books and computers leaves little opportunity for residents to increase their knowledge and improve their health, social welfare and well-being. Footfall in both the library and the High Street will drop as residents that cannot access the library stay at home. Ultimately, SBC will incur costs spent on health and social welfare and the safety of the vacant building.

**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

**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: 31/08/2019

**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	EDMUND CRASTER	NORMANNE, FR MRS JEDBURGH TD8 6BN	
2	MARK WALKER-STEWARD	3 CORNELIUS CLOSE JEDBURGH TD8 6AW	
3	MARIANNE BANKIN	Waterside Cottage, Waterside Rd, Jedburgh TD8 6HA	
4	DAVID GREEN	KISHORN THE FRIARS JEDBURGH TD8 6BF	
5	JANE NEAGLE	91B Castlegate Jedburgh	
6	MAGGIE SURGISON	BEECHROUNT HONEYFIELD ROAD JEDBURGH	
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ELLA MURROW A, Cypress

Elysha - Jones Cypress

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8	b.B CHISHOLM	HIGH CROFT HONEYFIELD RD. JEDBURGH
9	Harry Brown	HIGH CROFT HONEYFIELD RD. JEDBURGH
10	b. Jeffrey	Lycress Grove JEDBURGH

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)

+ 127 signatures on accompanying  
sheets