

Reference (official use)



Petitions – submission form

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

Details of Principal Petitioner

Please enter the name and contact details of the person raising the petition. *The Principal Petitioner must be on the Register of Electors for the Scottish Borders Council area.*

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| Name: | MARION SHORT AS CHAIR OF HCC |
| Address: | 16 HIGHLAND HILL BANK HAWICK |
| Postcode: | TD9 9RY |
| Telephone no: | |
| Email: | |

Title of Petition and Petition Statement

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.

Title: 120 Bus Petition

Statement (no more than 250 words):

See attached separate sheet

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.

Action has been co-ordinated with other Community Councils raising similar petitions and also with Elected Councillors and local MSP. A Facebook/Twitter petition has also been raised by Burnfoot CC.

Presentation of petition to the Committee.

Please indicate below if you would like the opportunity to make a statement at the meeting of the Petitions 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 FRENCH WIGHT~~

~~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..... 21/07/2015

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 Petitions Committee the names and addresses, but not signatures, of all signatories will be published on the Council website.

| | Name | Address | Signature |
|---|---------------|----------------------------------|-----------|
| 1 | Ely. Adams | 11 WILTON HILL TERRACE HAWICK | |
| 2 | Emma Little | 5, LANGLANDS RD HAWICK | |
| 3 | K. O'NEILL | 6A WILTON HILL TERRACE HAWICK | |
| 4 | JAN ROBERTSON | 4 LANGLANDS RD HAWICK | |
| 5 | COMBEON KNOX | 27A WELLSBANE PARK HAWICK | |
| 6 | J. TURNBULL | 14 ELM GROVE HAWICK | |
| 7 | Wilson George | 11A GREEN TERRACE | |
| 8 | Marian Shutt | 16 HERONHILL BANK HAWICK | |

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| 9 | M. H Ford | 12 Slitrig Gues. HAWICK. | |
| 10 | BRIAN FORD | 12 SLITRIG CROSSLY | |

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 OSA,
 or email to:
committeepapers@scotborders.gov.uk

Additional sheets of signatures
 were submitted

HCC was made aware of the withdrawal of this bus service and on the basis of public concerns in this and surrounding communities that the withdrawal of the service would result in no public transport connection for locals, tourists and those in employment in neighbouring towns, it was decided to raise this petition to seek support for the continuation of the service and there is scope for compromise on the service which would have to be negotiated. Hawick suffers enough isolation at present with the new railway only reaching Galashiels and this would only compound the isolation. Those who travel to work would have to make the decision to keep working with time added to their day or give up their employment.

Would people in Kelso or Jedburgh who originally wanted to come to Hawick but are faced with travelling via Galashiels not just then stay there rather than extend their travelling time and therefore Hawick loses out on visitors. The withdrawal of the service particularly affects Denholm but in Hawick itself for those residents who live on the perimeter of the town in the Weensland area, they rely on this service as local transport.

The attached petition was distributed to six outlets in Hawick requesting that the service is retained and in the short few days available has amassed hundreds of signatures which is indicative of public feeling.

It should be noted by the reader that you have to live with this situation to really appreciate the effect this withdrawal would have on people in this area.

