

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.

<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>	SEONAD BLACKIE
<b>Address:</b>	CHERRYBANK
	ORANGE LANE
	COLDSTREAM
<b>Postcode:</b>	TD12 4LY
<b>Telephone no:</b>	_____ (WORK)
<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> ROAD SAFETY ON SPYLAN ROAD
<b>Statement (no more than 250 words):</b> ENCLOSED

**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.

ENCLOSED

**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 ..... CHRISTINE HAMILTON .....

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..... 28/3/16 .....

**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	ADDITIONAL SHEETS OF SIGNATURES		
2	ENCLOSED, TOTALLING <u>126</u> .		
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Petition: Road safety on Spylaw Road

Statement:

I own a children's nursery and out-of-school club on Spylaw Road in Kelso, and have had ongoing concerns about the speed of traffic driving past our premises which are approximately halfway along the road. It is a wide, non-through road, with a combination of commercial and private traffic passing by e.g. to Council depots, Border Concrete, an exercise gym and J. Hislop's haulage yard.

Parents absolute best intention is always to keep their child / children with them at all times, but they have huge concerns that if their child got away from them the possibility of a resulting accident is greatly increased by the speed and sometimes poor driving of those passing. Many have more than one child plus bags to manage when they are arriving / leaving. Lorries regularly thunder past - even if they are sticking to the 30 limit it seems far too fast. Cars have also been seen to overtake cars that are edging out of our carpark, possibly going too fast to slow down.

We have previously asked for road signage to be considered, but on review by the Council and Police Scotland this was turned down. Schools have signage and 20 limits at peak times, and it seems arbitrary that we would not be considered for similar measures. We understand that we are a private business, but we provide for approximately 130 families on a weekly basis and their safety while they are with us is paramount. We are asking for support to extend this safety to Spylaw Road.

Further information:

We have received support from our local Councillor Tom Weatherston and John Lamont MSP.

Our concern was considered by Andrew Drummond-Hunt, Service Director Commercial Services at SBC along with Police Scotland, who considered it to be an enforcement issue and that it would be inconsistent and against guidance to provide signage. Mr Drummond-Hunt stated that 'general guidance for school signage...does not apply to nurseries where the children are almost exclusively escorted to and from the premises.' As mentioned in our statement, parents often have more than one child plus bags, therefore they may need to carry one child and have one walking alongside them. Importantly, very young children do not yet understand the danger of running away from their parent. Therefore even with signage we understand that some of the risk will still be present (as it will be in a school based scenario), but if awareness can be raised with those that are driving past we believe that reduced speeds could greatly reduce the risk of a serious accident taking place.

I have personally been to speak to other businesses on the road to raise awareness. When required, and sadly it does happen, our staff have had to flag down vehicles to tell them to slow down. This has even been in situations where the children are out for a walk and are dressed with high-visibility vests, so are clearly visible to drivers.

I think the number of signatures that we are presenting with this petition clearly emphasises the concern of parents, staff and visitors to the premises. I believe a number of parents and staff would be happy to speak to a representative from the Petitions Committee to describe their experiences and thoughts on this issue, or to provide supporting statements.

## Petition to install road signage on Spylaw Road

I would like to support this petition, which requests that Scottish Borders Council installs road signage on Spylaw Road in Kelso to make drivers aware that there is a children's nursery on this road and that they should reduce their speed. Speeding drivers in both private and commercial vehicles are causing a safety issue for the children, families, staff and visitors using Castlegate Nursery.

People completing this must be aged 16 or over and resident in the Scottish Borders. 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
ANNE CASKIE	SEASTFIELD OF LEMPIILAW COTTAGES BY KELSO	
Elizabeth Britton	1 orchard cottage wooden kelso	
Emma Graham	7 Riddle Dumble Park Glasshels	
Julie Marsh	6h Sydenham Ct kelso	
Sarah Milligan	5 croft Road Kelso.	
Michelle ford	6 Halliden Road Kelso	
CHLOE HORNE	11 Rachel Drive DUNS	
EMMA DOUGLAS	8 SPYLAW PARK, KELSO	

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Name	Address	Signature
Abbey Hook	18 Paddock Court, Kelso	
Ashley Middlemiss	8 Douglas Court Coldstream	
Rachel Worrell	45 Oakfield Court, Kelso	
Vicki Hutcheon	17 Deanfield Court Yetholm	
Selina Purves	19 CROFT RD. KELSO	
Edgar	2 Deanfield Ct Yetholm	
SENAID BLACKIE	CHERRYBANK ORANGE LANE COLDSTREAM	