

Malvern Hills District Council

Petitions Scheme - Summary

<i>Less than 100 signatures</i>	<i>We will acknowledge receipt within 10 working days and tell you how we intend to deal with your petition, including giving a timescale for providing a substantive response if we cannot do this within the initial 10 working days</i>
<i>100 or more signatures</i>	<i>In addition to the above we will include details of the petition and our response to it on the Council's website for others to see. If the petition organiser is not satisfied with the Council's response, you can ask for this to be reviewed by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee</i>
<i>350 or more signatures</i>	<i>You may ask for a relevant senior officer of the Council to appear before a meeting of Overview & Scrutiny Committee to give an account of the matters referred to in the petition</i>
<i>750 or more signatures</i>	<i>Unless the petition is one asking for a senior officer to appear before Overview & scrutiny Committee, it will automatically be scheduled for a debate at a meeting of the full Council and the petition organiser will be invited to attend.</i>

Malvern Hills District Council recognises that petitions are an important way in which people can raise their concerns.

This scheme does NOT apply where other statutory procedures are applicable or to petitions in respect of planning applications, licensing applications or other regulatory functions. Such petitions will continue to be presented to the appropriate Committee considering the application, subject in the case of Licensing Act matters to restrictions on relevant representations.

All other petitions sent or presented to the Council will receive an acknowledgement from the Council within 10 working days of receipt. This acknowledgement will set out what we plan to do with the petition. We will treat something as a petition if it is identified as being a petition, or if it seems to us that it is intended to be a petition.