

From: [Robert Carmichael](#)
To: [Thomas Morelli](#)
Cc: [BMSDC Committee Services](#)
Subject: RE: IMPORTANT: PETITION DELIVERY
Date: 12 January 2021 17:01:00
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Dear Thomas Morelli,

Please be advised that following assessment of the petition yesterday 11.01.2021 I can confirm that we cannot accept it in its current form for the reasons as detailed below:

- The petition scheme (that I have linked below) requires that “The name, address or place of work or study and signature of any person supporting the petition”. A postcode does not count as an address. The need for the a full address is to ensure that due diligence checks on a petition can be carried out.
- [Petitions Scheme](#).

The Council welcomes all petitions and engagement in the democratic process and we will be more than willing to assist in this process.

To validate this petition the scheme as detailed above requires 20 valid signatures. To move to this next step I would propose the following steps. Please could you provide the addresses of 20 people who have already signed the petition. Then I will be able to validate this petition.

Further to this I would advise the following regarding the statement of the petition.

1. The subject of car parking (including in Sudbury) will be debated at the next Babergh District Council meeting on 19 January 2021 (item 6A) ([agenda can be viewed here](#)). Further to this the petitions scheme (paragraph 2.8) outlines that “*Petitions which are the same or substantially the same as petitions which have been considered in the previous twelve months will be dealt with having regard to the consideration and outcome of the earlier petition. This may result in the Council declining to take any action on the later petition. It will be for the Council to determine whether a petition is the same or substantially the same as an earlier petition.*” As such if the petition did receive 1000 valid signatures the topic of car parking would not be debated at council again or as a separate item.
2. The subject of Belle Vue House details that the action supported in the petition of any decision on Belle Vue being deferred until the end of February has been undertaken, with the decision being taken at the March Cabinet meeting (11/3/2021) This can be viewed on the Forthcoming decisions list as linked here ([Forthcoming decisions list 8 January 2021](#)).
3. In your email (11.01.2021) you advise that the signature count is different for the issues specifically. Please note that we can only validate signatures that endorse the petition as a whole, not for the individual elements.

Further to this please note that during the current period we would encourage people to use the E-Petitions system on our website which can be found at the following link: [Epetitions](#).

I realise that a lot of work has gone into the petition and am available to talk to regarding any of the elements listed above so that we can resolve this.

Best Wishes

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Please note: While I may email you outside working hours, I do this because it fits with my workload and working pattern. That doesn't mean I expect you to respond outside your normal working hours.

From: Thomas Morelli <me@thomasmorelli.me>
Sent: 11 January 2021 15:28
To: Robert Carmichael <Robert.Carmichael@babermidsuffolk.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: IMPORTANT: PETITION DELIVERY
Importance: High

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Dear Mr. Carmichael,

I have attached the full wording of the petition – it is not present on the Excel spreadsheet, and, while it is written on each scanned petition sheet, this is a more accessible and readable format. I meant to send this with my earlier email – sorry about not doing so.

Many thanks,
Thomas Morelli

From: Thomas Morelli <me@thomasmorelli.me>

Date: Monday, 11 January 2021 at 14:23
To: "Robert.Carmichael@babberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk"
<Robert.Carmichael@babberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: IMPORTANT: PETITION DELIVERY

Dear Mr. Carmichael,

You should now have received an email from OneDrive, containing a link that will provide access to the petition data ZIP file. If you can not see it, please check your Junk email folder.

Please confirm receipt of the email below (containing information about the files & the data), and then please also confirm receipt of the full ZIP file once this has been successfully downloaded.

Many thanks,
Thomas Morelli

From: Thomas Morelli <me@thomasmorelli.me>
Date: Monday, 11 January 2021 at 14:10
To: <Robert.Carmichael@babberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk>
Subject: IMPORTANT: PETITION DELIVERY

Dear Mr. Carmichael,

This email is to inform you that the petition I have organised is ready for delivery to Babergh District Council.

You should shortly receive an email from OneDrive informing you that I have shared a ZIP file with you. This file, once unzipped, contains the following:

- An Excel file entitled "Signatures.xlsx" – this file contains the details of each signature on the petition, typed up from the scans of the physical sheets.
The headings of each signature are "PrintedName", "Postcode", "Date", "FileNameSaved", and "Notes". The first three columns are as the signatures are written on their respective sheet, the fourth column is the name of the file (see below bullet-point) which contains a scan of the petition sheet which that signature is on, and the fifth column is for any notes I have made about that signature.
This spreadsheet, under the "Totals" tab, also contains details on the total numbers of signatures.
- A folder entitled "Signed sheets". This folder contains a scanned/photographed copy of every petition sheet that contains a signature recorded on the spreadsheet. Every signature recorded on a sheet within this folder is recorded within the Excel spreadsheet.

Please confirm receipt of this email, and then please also confirm receipt of the full petition ZIP file once this has been downloaded.

PLEASE NOTE: The OneDrive folder will be shared from my One Sixth Form College OneDrive account, which I have as a student of OSFC. OSFC HAS NO AFFILIATION WITH THIS PETITION – I AM ONLY USING THIS ONEDRIVE ACCOUNT AS I KNOW IT HAS THE STORAGE AVAILABLE TO HOLD THE FILES RELATING TO THIS PETITION.

Please let me know if you have *any* queries or problems regarding the files or the petition.

Many thanks,
Thomas Morelli