From:
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 To:
 Thomas Morelli

 Subject:
 FW: Petition

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## Dear Mr Morelli,

Following on from our telephone conversation today. I again want to take the opportunity to thank you for your efforts in capturing public feeling on the issues stated in the petition. As a Council we are very keen to encourage our resident to participate and take part in local democracy.

We welcome petitions and are happy to provide advice and support on how to go about setting them up, including advice on how to launch e-petitions on our website, should you wish to do anything like this again in future, or should you find yourself advising anyone else who wishes to start their own.

However, as mentioned there are some rules that need to be followed. For example, we do need names and full addresses in order to carry out due diligence and avoid fraud. Our full petitions policy can be found in under Part 3 of the Council's Constitution. As such I am currently unable to validate your petition in its current form.

Although I haven't been able to formerly validate your petition I would like to invite you to join our next virtual Full Council meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021 as our guest, where you will be invited to speak to councillors directly ahead of the debate around the proposed changes to parking arrangements across the district.

I appreciate that your petition also asked that no decision be made on the future of land at Belle Vue, or changes to our face-to-face customer service provision in Sudbury until after February. In the case of Belle Vue, this is not due for discussion by Babergh Cabinet until March, and the Council has already publicly stated that it will continue to provide face-to-face customer service in Sudbury when its current contract with Sudbury Town Council comes to an end in March.

I do hope that you will be able to join us at the meeting, as I am sure our councillors will wish to recognise the work you have undertaken to capture this public feeling and will welcome your input on behalf of those you petitioned.

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