

CABINET	AGENDA ITEM No. 7
14 MARCH 2022	PUBLIC REPORT

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OUTCOME OF PETITIONS

RECOMMENDATIONS	
FROM: <i>Directors</i>	Deadline date: <i>N/A</i>
It is recommended that Cabinet notes the actions taken in respect of petitions.	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report is submitted following the submission of E-Petitions, the presentation of petitions to Council officers, and the presentation of petitions at Council meetings.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is to update Cabinet on the progress being made in response to petitions submitted to the Council.
- 2.2 This report is for Cabinet to consider under its Terms of Reference No. 3.2.3, '*To take a leading role in promoting the economic, environmental and social well-being of the area*'.

3. TIMESCALES

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	N/A
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4. BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

Petitions Received by the Council

Save Peterborough Embankment

The petition was submitted by Martin Ferguson on 11 October. The petition contained 787 valid signatures and called for the Council to 'Retain the Peterborough Embankment as public parkland.'

The Assistant Director; Growth and Regeneration responded:

"Thank you for your petition demonstrating your concern about development on Peterborough Embankment.

As you may know, the council appointed an independent consultancy - Barton Wilmore - to run a public consultation at the end of last year, to find out what the public want to see on the Embankment.

This consultation was a two-step approach, starting with a survey which was held in October to find out how members of the public currently used the Embankment and what they would like to see in future. Over 1,400 completed surveys were received, with over 20,000 individual responses and numerous emails from the community offering their thoughts along with meetings with key stakeholder groups, such as the Civic Society.

This feedback was then fed into the development of four 'options' for the Embankment, which were the subject of a public consultation held in November, comprising of two face-to-face exhibitions and one virtual event. Members of the public were asked for their preferred design for the Embankment out of four options. A total of 731 feedback forms were completed online, 49 were submitted at the exhibitions, 8 were returned by post and 30 received by email.

Barton Wilmore are now using this feedback to pull together a preferred Masterplan for the Embankment, based on public opinion received. We expect to receive this in February.

While the petition was received after the public consultation deadline we will consider these observations carefully as we develop the masterplan further.”

As per the Petition Scheme, as the petition contained more than 500 valid signatures, the option was available to refer the petition to Full Council for debate. This option was taken by the Lead Petitioner, with the petition debated at the Full Council meeting on 2 March 2022. The resolution of Full Council was as follows:

“Council **RESOLVED** to note the petition and take no further action.”

5. REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 As the petitions presented in this report have been dealt with by Cabinet Members or officers, it is appropriate that the action taken is reported to Cabinet.

6. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 6.1 There have been no alternative options considered.

7. IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no legal, financial, or equalities implications arising from the issues considered.

8. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

- 8.1 Petitions presented to the Council and responses from officers.

9. APPENDICES

- 9.1 None.