

<b>COUNCIL</b>	AGENDA ITEM No. 7(c)
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**PETITION FOR DEBATE ‘OPPOSITION OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF 100-123 HOUSES ON THE FORMER GLOUCESTER CENTRE SITE IN ORTON LONGUEVILLE’**

<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>
<b>FROM : Interim Director of Law and Governance</b>
<p>It is recommended the Council either:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. note and take no action for the reasons put forward in the debate;</li> <li>2. take the action, or part of the action, requested by the petition; or</li> <li>3. refer the petition to either Cabinet, a Cabinet Member, or the relevant Scrutiny Committee for consideration having regard to the comments made in the course of debate.</li> </ol>

**1. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT**

1.1 A petition has been received by the Council with contains more than 500 signatures from people who live, work or study in the city. As such, the right to a debate of the petition by a meeting of the full Council has been triggered, according to the Petitions Scheme.

**2. BACKGROUND**

2.1 As set out in the Council’s Petitions Scheme, if a petition contains more than 500 signatures from people who live, work or study in the city, it may trigger the right to be debated by a meeting of the full Council.

2.2 On 12 December 2018 a petition was received at a meeting of Full Council from Councillor Eelsey. Following the undertaking of a verification process, the petition was confirmed to include 506 eligible signatures.

2.3 Councillor Eelsey requested that the petition was debated by a meeting of the Full Council, as per the Petitions Scheme.

2.4 The petition is titled ‘Opposition of proposed development of 100-123 houses on the former Gloucester Centre site in Orton Longueville’. The petitions calls upon the Council to *‘restrict the number of proposed dwellings on this site to a maximum of 50 dwellings and to ensure that the proposed dwellings are in-keeping with the size and style of the current established community’*.

2.5 A copy of the petition is available to Members to view upon request.

2.6 The petition was referred to the Head of Planning in order that the concerns and questions raised were responded to.

2.7 A response was provided to the lead petitioner as attached at Appendix 1.

### **3. IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 Finance Implications – There are no financial, legal, or equalities implications arising from this report.

3.2 Governance Implications – This report will be debated following the presentation of the petition. The Leader Petitioner has five minutes to present this petition. Members will then be invited to debate the request contained therein. The usual rules of procedure will apply to this debate. Each Member may speak once for no longer than 3 minutes. A Member may not speak again, except on a point of order, by way of a personal explanation, or by way of a statement of accuracy. The Mayor will invite a vote on the recommendations at the close of the debate.

### **4. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

4.1 Peterborough City Council Petitions Scheme.

### **5. APPENDICES**

5.1 Appendix 1 – Service Area Response