


Petitioning workshop


What will we cover?

- What is a petition
 - What is the purpose of petitioning
 - Who can petition


 - **How to write a petition**
 - **Key tips for a successful petition**

 - What happens next
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What can not be achieved

- *Locus standi* (the right to be heard)
 - Even the best worded petition is not guaranteed *locus standi*
 - A complete petition
 - Need time to consider what we all want to achieve
 - Need to ensure petitions are aligned
 - It is down to petitioners to ensure their petition is in the correct format
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What is a petition, what is its purpose?

- Not a collection of signatures
 - Formal document
 - Fairly simple- but follows a specific layout
 - Allows petitioners to state their grievances to the Bill
 - Allows petitioners to request changes/amendments to be made to the Bill
 - Relates to the Hybrid Bill and documents relating to this
 - Deposited in Parliament
 - If no agreement is reached, the Select Committee will hear petitions (assuming *locus standi* is not challenged)
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What can I petition on:


- Grievances about the Bill, ES, and supporting documents
 - Noise
 - Transport
 - Visual impacts etc...
 - Points you support
 - Mitigation proposals
 - Tunnels
 - Other comments briefly
 - Consultation issues
 - Principle of the Bill (fixed by this point)
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Who can petition?


- Anyone 'specifically and directly affected'
- Known as having *locus standi*

Likely to have <i>locus standi</i>	Local authorities, owners, lessees and occupiers of land within the Bill limits. Businesses within the Bill limits. Organisations representing the interests of those within the Bill limits.
May have <i>locus standi</i>	Bodies representing traders, businesses, amenities, education, travel, or recreational interests, who feel that they will be affected by the Bill, even if they are not within the Bill limits. Bodies affected by competition from the Bill's proposal.
Unlikely to have <i>locus standi</i>	Councils and businesses whose land is not within the Bill's limits, and are unlikely to be affected by the Bill. Groups which have formed specifically to object the principle of the Bill. Individuals who are not directly affected by the Bill.

How do I write a petition? Overview

- See template-handout 1
 - Need to edit highlighted sections
 - 2 main sections to edit
 - Who the petitioner is, how are they affected, why they should be heard (handout 2)
 - Petitioning points (handout 3)
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How do I write a petition?

- See handout 2
 - Who the petitioner is, how they are affected, why they should be heard (granted *locus standi*)
 - Include specific details
 - Owner of property within Bill limits
 - Regular user of construction route (school run, commute)
 - How will you be affected, why you should be heard
 - Subject to intolerable construction activity
 - Unable to access local facilities
 - **Make it personal and specific**
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How do I write a petition?

- See handout 3
 - Each point should follow the same structure:
 - What the issue is (blue)
 - Your proposed remedy (red)
 - Put each point in a separate bullet point
 - Keep points brief (expand at the Select Committee)
 - Cover all points

Again, make it personal and specific
Remember- if you don't ask, you won't get!




Key tips for successful petitions

- Make it personal and specific
- Always state a remedy
- Ensure remedies are in line with others
- Raise all points
- Keep it brief and to the point
- Avoid emotive language, capitals and bold

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What happens next

- Petitioning (i.e. when petitions can be deposited) set at date of Second Reading (mid April)
 - Will last around 3 weeks
 - Try and reach an agreement pre-Select Committee
 - Ensure all commitments are through ‘undertakings’
 - If granted *locus standi* prepare for Select Committee
 - Select Committee
 - Opportunity to expand on petitioning points
 - May need to provide further evidence
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Further information

- Bucks petitioning guide on 51m website
 - Includes links to useful resources
- Forum on 51m website
 - Opportunity to agree petitioning points with others affected
 - Ensure remedies are inline

Questions and Answers

