

### MIDLOTHIAN COUNCIL – FORM TO BE USED TO LODGE A PETITION

Before completing this form you should read Midlothian Council's "Procedures for Dealing with Petitions" which can be found on the Council's website at [www.midlothian.gov.uk/petitions](http://www.midlothian.gov.uk/petitions) Copies can also be obtained by telephoning the Council Secretariat on 0131 271 3156.

The completed form should be delivered:-

- by email to [petitions@midlothian.gov.uk](mailto:petitions@midlothian.gov.uk); or
- by mail or by hand to Petitions Staff, Council Secretariat, Corporate Resources Division, Midlothian Council, Midlothian House, Buccleuch Street, Dalkeith, EH22 1DN.

If you require any further information or advice, please contact the Petitions Staff, Council Secretariat by telephoning 0131 271 3156.

#### Details of Principal Petitioner

Please enter the name of person raising the petition. Please include a contact address to which correspondence may be sent and a contact telephone number. Only the principal petitioner's name and no other details will be made public.

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#### Petition Statement

Please state clearly the purpose of your petition and what action you wish Midlothian Council to take.

#### Plea

This petition seeks to create an enhanced and safe road environment for the residents of Midlothian's Conservation Village of Lasswade by creating a "20's Plenty" speed limit on the A768 High Street and its adjacent feeder roads as outlined on the appended map.

#### Critical Factors

1. Over the past three years, the growth of housing developments in Midlothian has resulted in an ever increasing volume of traffic using the A768. Although access to and from Polton Road has been improved, access to Westmill Wynd, School Green and Lasswade Park has become increasingly hazardous. Also, the Laird and Dog car park, G2G3 premises and all the Village residents who have a driveway adjacent to the A768, find it increasing difficult to join the road as the traffic flow is too fast, even at 30 mph, to enter the main road safely.

2. The road at the Bridge across the River North Esk requires the negotiation of a 45 degree corner when travelling West through the Village and several recent collisions demonstrate that vehicle speed on approach is critical, especially when a large bus or lorry is part of oncoming traffic.



The current 30mph limit travelling West on Melville Dykes Road is 20 yards beyond the entrance to the Village and only 5 yards before the junction with the B704 road from Hillhead. This is clearly an anomaly. Also, at the entrance to the Village travelling East, the speed limit area is so close to a sharp 40 degree bend that many vehicles do not slow sufficiently to negotiate the corner and are forced to cross the centre line into the path of oncoming traffic at the apex.

3. The excessive speed of some traffic on the A768 and Polton Road has long been a major concern of Lasswade residents. Despite traffic calming measures on Polton Road and the road narrowings at both entrances to the Village, a significant percentage of vehicles exceed the 30mph speed limit, some of them to an alarming and dangerous extent. At peak times, heavy volumes of traffic create queues which slow down traffic, however, when traffic is lighter, there is a serious speeding problem with all sizes of vehicles (including buses) when entering the Village.

Para 4. and 5 and a map are continued on appended pages.

### **Action taken to resolve issues of concern before submitting the Petition**

Before a petition is submitted, you may have already raised the issue in question with the relevant Council Division or other agency and it would be helpful if you could briefly outline what measures if any you have taken. This could include, for example, details of any individuals or organisations approached. Please limit any information to no more than 4 sides of A4 paper.

Officials and members of Lasswade District Civic Society have made several approaches on the topic of Road Safety in the Village of Lasswade to Midlothian Council, mainly through the elected Councilor, Mr Derek Milligan.

### **Presenting your Petition**

As the principal petitioner you will be invited to appear before the Council's Petitions Committee to speak in support of the petition and also to answer any questions which members of the Committee may wish to put to you and assist them in reaching their decision.

You may be accompanied by one supporter who may speak on your behalf.

### **Signature of Principal Petitioner**

When satisfied that the petition meets all the criteria outlined in the Procedures for Dealing with Petitions, the Principal Petitioner should sign and date the form in the box below.

All other signatures gathered should be appended to the form.

**Signature**

[Redacted Signature]

**Date**

24<sup>th</sup> May 2013

(Please type your name if sending by e-mail)

**Name in block capitals**

JANET JEROME

(Please type your name if sending by e-mail)

### **Appended Information**

Please ensure that the following items are appended to this form:-

- Other signatories to the petition (if any) — *250 signatories*
- Copies of relevant correspondence
- Any additional information for consideration

### **Submission**

Please submit this form and attachments, by mail or in person, to:-

Petitions Staff  
Council Secretariat  
Midlothian Council  
Midlothian House  
Buccleuch Street  
Dalkeith  
EH22 1DN

or by email to [petitions@midlothian.gov.uk](mailto:petitions@midlothian.gov.uk)



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4. The above concerns have been voiced consistently over the past three years by Lasswade and District Civic Society to Midlothian Council Members and Officials, to no avail. Members of LDSCS and the residents of Lasswade have noticed that a significant amount of road safety measures, including speed reminding signs, traffic calming measures and speed restrictions have been applied widely throughout Midlothian. Conversely, strong pleas from Lasswade and surrounding district for a less dangerous and lower risk road environment, within a designated conservation area, have been neglected.

5. The considerable number of signatories appended with this plea of petition clearly demonstrates the weight of local opinion which Midlothian Council surely cannot ignore. During the signature canvassing the canvassers were astonished at the depth of feeling and frustration expressed by residents and other users about the speed and behaviour of vehicle drivers going through the Village. The signees put forward a number of alternative solutions as noted below:-

Speed Cameras for the current 30mph zone.

Speed Signs showing vehicle speed and "slow down" message.

Speed Bumps

Yellow boxes at junctions such as at the entrance at G2G3 and the Laird and Dog, where employees and customers find it impossible to enter the traffic stream every week day evening.

Better road marking at bends to ensure traffic moving in opposite directions is kept well apart.

Bridge Widening.

A Village By-pass.

Lasswade and District Civic Society

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Bridget

To see all the details that are visible on the screen, use the Print link next to the map.

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