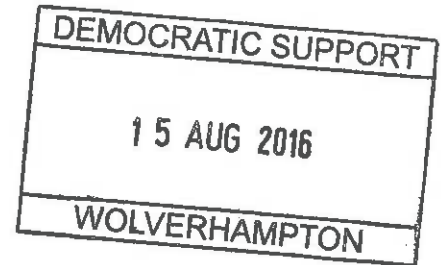
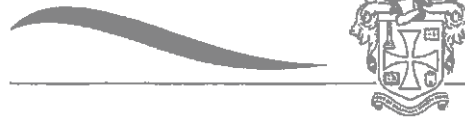


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City Council



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Should you wish to submit a public petition for consideration by the Petitions Committee, **please refer to the guidance leaflet Petitions and E-Petitions Scheme and the Guidance Notes at the back of this form.**

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| 1. NAME OF PRINCIPAL PETITIONER (If applicable, please specify the name of the organisation on whose behalf the petition is raised) |
| Graham Hodson – Bilston Town CFC & Lunt Road/Queen St Residents |
| 2. PETITION TITLE |
| Reclamation of Lunt Road/Queen Street Wasteland |
| 3. PETITION TEXT |
| Reclamation and renovation of wasteland in Lunt Road/Queen Street, Bilston |
| 4. ACTION TAKEN TO RESOLVE ISSUES OF CONCERN BEFORE SUBMITTING THE PETITION |
| Both the Football Club and Local Residents have lobbied local councillors and MP regarding the unsafe/unhealthy wasteland between the football club and the resident's bungalows. Including a meeting last November with Ms Fieldhouse at the Civic Centre, where we requested the area be cleaned up or fenced off – neither has been done. |
| 5. PETITION BACKGROUND INFORMATION |

When satisfied that your petition meets all the criteria outlined in the Petitions and E-Petitions Scheme, the principal petitioner should sign and date below.

...*Graham Hodson*.....

...13th August 2016.....

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(NOTE: In accordance with the Petitions Scheme, the petition will be published on the City Council's Website. Names and addresses will be included, but signatures will be removed)

PETITION TEXT

(Please state clearly and concisely what action you want the Council to take. Submit additional sheets as required)

The wasteland adjacent to Bilston Town CFC and the new Bungalows in Lunt Road is privately owned on a 99 year lease (taken out in 2007). We, the petitioners believe the owner has failed to adhere to the terms of that lease, and allowed the land to deteriorate to its current unsafe, unsightly state, making it detrimental to the area, unsightly for the residents, and an attraction for fly tippers and anti social behaving youths.

Despite requests to the council to enforce the owner to either clear the area of its overgrowth, or at the very least, fence it off to detract fly tipping and make access more difficult, nothing has been done.

We request that the owner be forced to take remedial action, where failure to do so within a stipulated time, would see the land repossessed and given back to the community.

From the Football Clubs perspective, - and with the support of the local residents, the ideal solution would be to level the land and create a car park. This would benefit all parties, as on match days the local streets wouldn't be clogged up with cars, it would be easily maintained, and much more aesthetically pleasing for the local residents.

The Football Club would be happy and willing to liaise with the Council and Accord Housing, to manage the car park, as well as marshal it on match days to ensure the roads around the ground remain traffic free.

Discussions between the football club and residents see a mutual desire for this land to be reclaimed, the area to be improved and a car park would tick all those boxes.

As it stands, this area is both ugly and dangerous, and unless the detriment of the land isn't halted, it will get worse month on month