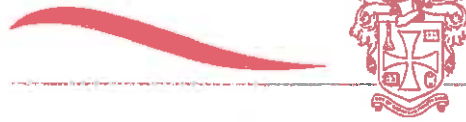


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## PUBLIC PETITION

(For official use only)  
PUBLIC PETITION NO.

138-14

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.**

<b>1. NAME OF PRINCIPAL PETITIONER</b> Fortune Sibanda
<b>2. PETITION TITLE</b> OPEN GROUND REAR OF 36-62 INKERMAN STREET, HEATH TOWN
<b>3. PETITION TEXT</b> We, the undersigned, call on Wolverhampton City Council to commission work to secure the open space to the rear of Nos. 36 to 62 Inkerman Street, Heath Town, for the purpose for use by community and youth groups for football and other sporting activities, by means of some form of fencing or gating, marking out of pitches, installation of goal posts and lighting, as part of the regeneration of the wider area, and to reject any proposal which would turn the site over for development as housing.
<b>4. ACTION TAKEN TO RESOLVE ISSUES OF CONCERN BEFORE SUBMITTING THE PETITION</b> Heath Town regeneration is currently in the consultation process.
<b>5. PETITION BACKGROUND INFORMATION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ground currently being used by The Heath Town Football Club (Heath Town FC);</li><li>• Heath Town FC have 2 teams under 8'S(9 players) &amp; under 17'S (20 players). Next year they hope to have an under 12's team (not yet started to recruit) and under 14's team (13 players);</li><li>• The teams use the field on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday for their practice session, weather permitting;</li></ul>

- Heath Town FC is managed by a volunteer who played in the second tier of the Ghanaian Football league he is a qualified to level 2 of Youth Module
- Four additional volunteers currently working with Heath Town FC will qualify with an FA level One Coaching Badge in January 2015
- There is therefore an established and growing community use for the facility, for which there is no local alternative readily available. This is a positive contribution to the local community that helps to prevent anti-social behaviour, to combat local youth gang culture.
- This is a valuable community asset in an area of high regeneration need, which should be preserved and improved.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION (NOT FOR PUBLICATION)	
<b>Name</b>	Fortune Sibanda
<b>Address</b>	107 Inkerman Street Heath Town, WV10 0ER
<b>Telephone nos.</b>	<b>Home:</b> <b>Mobile:</b>
<b>E-mail address</b>	
<b>No. of petition signatures</b>	- 315
<b>STATEMENT TO THE COMMITTEE:</b> Should the Committee consider it necessary, in order to broaden its understanding of the petition, it may invite a petitioner to appear before and give an oral presentation and answer question. Would you wish, if invited, to appear?	
<b>YES</b>	
<b>SIGNATURE OF PRINCIPAL PETITIONER:</b> 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.	
Signature .....	
Date 22/11/2014.....	
Completed forms should be returned to— Democratic Support Governance Services Delivery Directorate Wolverhampton City Council St Peter's Square Wolverhampton WV1 1SH  Email: democratic.support@wolverhampton.gov.uk Tel: 01902 550181	