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### Public Petitions Committee: e-Petitions



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**Do you want to support or comment on a petition online?**

e-Petitioner allows you to support a petition by adding your name and address online.

Information about the subject is also provided, to help you decide which petition to sign.

You can also see who else has supported the petition (name and country only) or join in a discussion about it.



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# e-Petitioning: Enabling Ground-up Participation

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# Introduction

- The Scottish Parliament was officially opened in July 1999
- 4 key principles foundational to its work:
  - Sharing the Power
  - Accountability
  - Access and Participation
  - Equal Opportunities
- Public Petitions Committee established as an integral part of widening access and participation
- Technology seen as a useful tool to assist in this

# The e-Petitioner System

- Two core components:
  - a. Front End – citizens area
  - b. Back End – secure administration area for Public Authority

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<b>Scottish Parliament: Session 2</b>			
<a href="#">Disposal of Listed Buildings</a>	<a href="#">Ms Florence Doyle</a>	30 October 2005	Collecting Signatures
<a href="#">NHS24</a>	<a href="#">Mr. Kevin Herd</a>	31 December 2005	Collecting Signatures
<a href="#">Scottish Civic Forum</a>	<a href="#">Dr James Crawford, on behalf of Edinburgh's</a>	04 November 2005	Collecting

# e-Petitioner – Front End


- This enables citizens to:
  - View guidance on the (e-)petitions process
  - Download an e-Petition template
  - **List e-Petitions**
  - **View background** information on e-Petitions
  - **View/Sign e-Petitions**
  - Participate in a **discussion** about the e-Petition
  - Send email to '**Tell a Friend**' about the e-Petition
  - Keep up to date with the Petition's progress through a **feedback** page

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**Disposal of Listed Buildings**



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**Disposal of Listed Buildings**  
**Raised by: Ms Florence Bayle on 05 October 2005**

Petition by Ms Florence Bayle, on behalf of West Edinburgh Heritage Ltd, calling for the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Executive to require Local Authorities to conduct structured and meaningful public consultation and analysis procedures with the local community before any disposal of listed buildings, common land or related endowment, held in public ownership or trust, land.

To sign this petition fill in the form below and press 'Sign'  
 ^ All fields are compulsory, except *Email*

**(Closing date for signatures - 30 October 2005)**

^ Name:



## e-Petitioner – Back End

- This enables Public Authorities to:
  - **Create** and **edit e-Petitions**
  - **Moderate** the online **discussion** forum
  - **View signature information** and remove any that are clearly invalid
  - **Create reports** on e-Petition signatures and discussion comments for submission to the Public Petitions Committee
  - View and report on the **Questionnaire statistics**

**Public Petitions Committee: e-Petitions: Admin**



**Scottish Civic Forum**

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Nick Adams logged in

<a href="#">edit</a>	<a href="#">renew</a>	<a href="#">discussion</a>	<a href="#">questionnaire</a>	<a href="#">signatures</a>
<a href="#">moderate</a>	<a href="#">view statistics</a>	<a href="#">generate report</a>	<a href="#">make comment</a>	

**e-Petitioner Moderate Discussion**

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<b>Display Comments:</b>	Threaded / <a href="#">First order</a>
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Here are some of the comments added so far. To read more, just click on the comment you want. If there is a + sign before a comment, you can click on it to see the replies.

-	<a href="#">The Scottish Civic Forum was set up under the principles of the Consumer Satisfaction Group on the G... (read more)</a> (0)	✓	<a href="#">To edit</a>	Dr James Cruickshank 29/09/2005 16:27
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# e-Petitioner and the Parliamentary Process

- Petitions can be electronic, paper or both
- Once petition text is agreed the petition is posted using the e-Petitioner admin site
- Petitions run 4-6 weeks
- On closure a report is created (using e-Petitioner admin tools) and submitted to the Public Petitions Committee
- e-Petitioner's progress page is regularly updated to provide feedback to Citizens

# Impact of the e-Petitioner System

In 12 months since formal launch in Feb 04:

- 20,812 signatures,
- 639 comments, on
- 45 e-petitions

Currently 4 active e-Petitions

# Impact of the e-Petitioner System II

6 month period: Nov 2004 – April 2005

- Number of visitors 30,594
- Average duration 147sec
- Pages viewed/visitor 3.55

# Transferability of e-Petitioner

... but e-Petitioning does not only have to be done at a national level ...

- e-Petitioner has also been used by two English Authorities:
  - Bristol
  - Royal Borough of Kingston-Upon-Thames


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Subject	Principal Petitioner:	Closing Date:	Status:
e-Petitions			
Traffic calming and one-way system - Chessel Street and South Street	Cllr Claire Warren	23 November 2005	Collecting Signatures
Childrens Play Facilities/Equipment in Whitchurch Park	Cllr Colin Smith	31 December 2005	Collecting Signatures



# Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames



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Kingston Town			
<a href="#">Keep Kingston Christmas Market For The Community Traders</a>	<a href="#">Eimon Blatchly, Director of Creative Nature Ltd</a>	08 May 2005	Closed
Suition			
<a href="#">Installation of Mobile Phone Mast/Case Station on Langley Avenue</a>	<a href="#">Louise Litherington</a>	15 September 2005	Collecting Signatures
General			



## Transferability of e-Petitioner II

... and now more recently it is also being piloted by the German Bundestag ...



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## DEUTSCHER BUNDESTAG – Petitionsausschuss -



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Klicken Sie **eines** der Themen **in der Tabelle an**, um eine Petition einzusehen.

Thema	Hauptkontakt	Mitzeichnung bis	Stand des Verfahrens
<b>Deutscher Bundestag 16. Wahlperiode</b>			
Arbeitslosengeld II	Stephan Fischer	5. Dezember 2005	<b>In der Mitzeichnung</b>
Nichtberufliche	Werner	5. Dezember 2005	<b>In der</b>

- Publikationen
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# Conclusions

## e-Petitioner has:

- Given Scottish citizens a tangible mechanism to hold their elected representatives accountable
- Attracted 20,812 signatures, 639 comments, on 45 e-petitions
- Demonstrated its transferability:
  - a. National level – Bristol/Kingston
  - b. Internationally – German Bundestag