

CABINET
16 March 2015

PETITIONS

1. Mapesbury Dell - Exemption from Event Charges

We the undersigned petition the council to Exempt Mapesbury Dell Trust from the £30 charge for holding Community Events

The £30 charge is unwarranted and unjustifiable because: -

- (1) The Trust raised in excess of £150,000 to improve and transform the Dell from a scary dump into the vibrant community asset that it is today;
- (2) The Trust continues to fund improvements to the Dell to the tune of £5,000 or more each year;
- (3) As well as putting cash into the Dell, the Trust's volunteer gardening team put about 40 man hours labour each week into improving and maintaining the Dell;
- (4) It is largely thanks to the efforts of the Trust and its Gardening Team that the Dell has been the only one of Brent's Parks found deserving of a London in Bloom Gold Medal;
- (5) It is Brent's avowed policy to encourage community involvement in Parks. The £30 charge flies in the face of that policy.
- (6) Mapesbury Dell Trust deserves special treatment because (a) of the unique legal partnership agreement that it has with Brent; and (b) because of the incomparable effort and contribution that it puts into making Mapesbury Dell Brent's finest park.

(135 signatures)

e-petition Started by: Tom Putnam (Mapesbury Dell Trust)

2. Petition to oppose the expansion of Bryon Court Primary School from 3 form entry to 5 form Entry (from PABCSE)

We the undersigned Parents of children attending Bryon Court Primary School oppose the expansion proposals and urge Brent Council to reject these plans on the following grounds:

- The negative educational, social and emotional impact on the young children being educated in primary school of 1050 pupils
- The educational impact of such a large school has not been thoroughly investigated
- The local catchment area does not need such a large school
- There are sufficient available places in surrounding existing and new schools to meet local demand
- The council are not presenting a true picture of the demand for places at Byron Court, stating that reception places are oversubscribed, when in fact they are not
- The increased traffic will increase pollution for our children

(approx. 327 signatures)

Lead Petitioner: Pareet Shah (Secretary, Parents Against Byron Court School Expansion)

3. **Petition to oppose the expansion of Bryon Court Primary School from 3 form entry to 5 form Entry**

We the undersigned Residents of Sudbury Court Estate and Parents of Children attending Byron Court Primary School oppose the expansion proposals and urge the Brent Council to reject these plans on the following grounds:

- The negative educational, social and emotional impact on the young child being educated in a primary school of 1050+ pupils
- 5 Form Entry Primary Schools are overwhelming environments that do not play significant regard to the development of young children
- The negative effect of additional building mass in close proximity to surrounding properties, increased noise and light pollution plus other environmental impacts
- Increase traffic through an already heavily congested small residential estate having narrow roads and limited parking

(approx. 759 signatures)

Lead Petitioner: Ms D'Souza (Chair Sudbury Court Residents' Association)