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Ms P Holland

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By email

Dear Ms Holland

Council Meeting – 30th September 2020

Thank you for submitting a question for the above Council meeting.

You ask “It was recently stated that the uploading of proposed petitions onto the RMBC petition site is the responsibility of the petitioner.

Will you investigate the enormous difficulties that users have found with the RMBC e-petition site and explain how a person, who has been authorised to do so, can upload a petition for an adult survivor of CSE?”

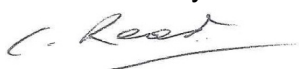
It is correct that the uploading of any proposed e-petition onto the Council’s website is the responsibility of the petitioner. The Council provides this useful function as an alternate means of raising a petition; and in addition to the traditional means a petitioner may wish to raise a petition by physically collecting signatures, or by using a commercial online petitioning site.

Anyone is welcome to propose a petition and guidance is available on the website <https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/downloads/file/1293/petition-scheme>

Where issues are experienced using the RMBC e-petition site individuals should email the details to the governance team governance@rotherham.gov.uk who will be happy to investigate the issues and assist in resolution.

I understand that the specific petition to which your question refers was successfully submitted ahead of last week’s council meeting.

Yours sincerely



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