

Title : **Petition – Housing PFI Scheme – Use of Council owned land**

Portfolio Holder: **Cllr Trevor Carbin, Finance and Policy**

Reporting Officer: **Nicola Mathiason, Head of Legal and Democratic Services**

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## **Purpose**

To report receipt of a petition with 134 signatories.

## **Background**

The petition relates to the Council's Housing Private Finance Initiative (PFI) and in particular, the Council owned development sites identified for the PFI scheme.

The petition states:

“We as parents of children at the Minster Primary School wish to register our strong objections to the proposed use of the Emwell Street Car Park (Warminster) for the purposes of affordable housing.”

Petitions are dealt with in the Constitution under paragraph 13 of the Council Procedure Rules – pages 149/150.

The Constitution states that the Proper Officer shall report to the Council any petition of more than 100 signatories which he/she has received at least 10 clear days before the Council meeting and which has not been referred to another member body. This petition satisfies these criteria as it has over 100 signatories and has not been referred to another member body.

## **Options**

As this petition does not refer to a matter before the Council, the Constitution states that it shall be referred without debate to the appropriate Committee, the Cabinet or Portfolio Holder.

As this matter has been considered extensively (by Cabinet, Scrutiny Committee and special Council) it is not felt appropriate to refer it to a Committee, but instead to refer it to the Portfolio Holder.

Members will be aware that an extensive consultation process is currently underway for the proposed Council owned development sites. The School has been advised that they may want to resubmit the petition as part of this consultation.

## **Background Papers**

Petition received

## **Recommendation**

**That the petition be referred to Cllr Carbin, Finance and Policy Portfolio Holder for noting.**