

## Petition - Lower Drayton Lane Toilets (summary)

- Overview

Lead petitioner: Mr Patrick Whittle  
Received: 14 October 2013  
Confirmed signatories: 453+248+318+20 = 1039 (multiple tranches)  
Officer response: Simon Moon (HoS) on 29 October 2013 & 30 December 2013  
Council meeting: 11 February 2014

- Statement

Public conveniences in Lower Drayton Lane - We, the undersigned, request Portsmouth City Council to ensure that public conveniences in Lower Drayton Lane remain available for residents and visitors to Drayton.

- Officer response (29 October 2013)

Dear Mr Whittle

A decision was made by the Council's Cabinet on 4 March 2013 to reduce the number of standalone toilets, and one of the toilets due for closure are the ones at Lower Drayton Lane. This is in line with the agreed strategy and required to meet the budget limits for providing this service for current and future years.

Officers are implementing the strategy as has been agreed and therefore there are no plans to continue to operate the toilets at Lower Drayton Lane beyond the end of October. The nearest alternative public toilets are the ones at Wootton Street in Cosham.

Kind regards.

**Simon Moon**

- Officer response (30 December 2013)

Dear Mr Whittle

Thank you for your petition dated 2 December 2013.

A decision was made by the Council's Cabinet on 4 March 2013 to reduce the number of standalone toilets, and one of the toilets agreed to be closed were the ones at Lower Drayton Lane. This was in line with the agreed strategy and required to meet the budget limits for providing this service for current and future years.

Officers are implementing the strategy as has been agreed and therefore there are no plans to reopen the toilets at Lower Drayton Lane. The nearest alternative public toilets are the ones at Wootton Street in Cosham.

Kind regards.

**Simon Moon**

- Council response

RESOLVED that

The City Council wishes to thank the petitioners for coming to speak on this issue today.

The City Council recognises the desire from local residents to keep the toilets in Drayton Lane open.

The City Council has in the past and now repeats its offer to transfer these toilets to any local community group that wishes to keep them open.

The City Council has made a decision that 15% of all Community Infrastructure Levy funds should be spent in the ward, and the Cabinet Member for Planning, Regeneration and Economic Development has indicated that she would look positively on an application from local councillors in Drayton and Farlington to spend local CIL monies on maintaining this toilet if it became a Community Toilet.