



## PETITIONS FORM

If you wish to submit a petition for consideration by the Petitions Panel, please complete this template.

***Please refer to the Guidance on Submission of Public Petitions before completing the template. If you require any further information or advice, please contact the Clerk to the Panel whose details are provided at the end of this form.***

### Details of Principal Petitioner

Please enter the name of person and organisation (if applicable) raising the petition. Please include a contact address to which correspondence may be sent, a contact telephone number and e-mail address if available.

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### Title of Petition ... **Removal of fencing and Re-instatement work at Holmehill, Dunblane**

**Petition Statement** - Please state (in no more than 250 words) what action the Petitioner wishes the Council to take.

1. To petition Stirling Council to ensure removal of the Heras fencing at Holmehill, in order to restore public access to this area designated as open green space.
2. To petition Stirling Council to proceed with re-planting of trees at Holmehill, in order to re-instate the woodland.

The intention of the Council to do this is indicated in the email from Ingrid Withington, Tree Officer, dated 1 October 2014 [attached].

The landowner undertook un-authorized felling of trees within Dunblane Conservation Area, on 29 June 2013.

He was issued with Re-instatement report on 13 August 2013 requiring him to have undertaken tidying up and re-planting work by March 2014. He failed to do so.

He was issued with a Tree Replacement notice 14/046/TRECON on 24 June 2014 requiring the planting of trees by 23 August 2014. Again he failed to do so.

Stirling Council now has the authority to undertake re-placement planting and maintenance of trees as detailed in the Tree Replacement notice. We petition that this work is carried out during Winter 2014/5.

**Action Taken (if any) to Resolve Issues of Concern before Submitting the Petition**

Before a petition is submitted, petitioners are expected to have taken reasonable steps in attempting to resolve the issues.

Please enter below details of any individuals or organisations approached. Copies of correspondence, including any responses, should be appended. This information will be made available to the Petitions Panel prior to its consideration of the Petition.

Holmehill Community Buyout has always worked through statutory bodies in pursuing its aim of protecting Holmehill for all the community to enjoy. In connection with the unauthorised tree-felling and re-instatement we have communicated with,

Local Councillors Mike Robbins, Mark Ruskell and Graham Houston, Anne McGuire MP, Ingrid Withington, Tree Officer, Richard Barron, Access Officer, Peter Morgan, Wildlife Officer P C O'May, Forestry Commission Scotland, Dunblane Community Council, members of Holmehill Community Buyout and widely with the Dunblane community..

The attached correspondence evidences this liaison.