

## REDDITCH BOROUGH COUNCIL

### **COUNCIL**

5th September 2011

#### **PETITION – SAVE BROCKHILL GREEN BELT**

Relevant Portfolio Holder(s)	Cllr J Pearce
Relevant Head of Service	Head of Planning and Regeneration
Not a Key Decision <i>(in relation to this specific item)</i>	

A Petition has been received containing approximately 674 signatures in accordance with the new constitutional arrangements / new Petition Scheme. The 'prayer' of the petition is as follows:

*"Redditch Borough Council, through its Core Strategy, is intending to seek development on Green Belt lands in the Brockhill area of Redditch.*

*We the undersigned request Redditch Borough Council to abandon these damaging and inappropriate proposals.*

*We also request Redditch Borough Council to preserve and protect the green belt in Redditch and exempt it from any further development."*

The recently adopted scheme provides for the 'petition organiser', Mr Mark Whitworth, to be given the opportunity *"to present the petition at the meeting and the petition will then be discussed by Councillors, with a maximum of 15 minutes being allowed for the consideration of each petition. The Council will decide how to respond to the petition at this meeting. They may decide to take the action the petition requests, not to take the action requested for reasons put forward in the debate, or to commission further investigation into the matter, for example by a relevant committee. Where the issue is one on which the Council's Executive Committee is required to make the final decision, the Council will decide whether to make recommendations to inform that decision. The petition organiser will then receive written confirmation of this decision."*

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