

PETITION FOR CONSIDERATION

ITEM NUMBER	DATE RECEIVED	PETITION TITLE AND PETITION STATEMENT	WARD(S) AFFECTED	TOTAL NUMBER OF SIGNATURES
4	31st October 2021	<p><u>“Environmental and diversity risk assessment for use of public land”.</u></p> <p>The Council is responsible for statutory Licenses and Permission to Use contracts for individuals, groups and companies seeking to use public land for events, gatherings and commercial purposes. We are concerned the Council must set and follow high standards in all related processes and should ensure transparency to support public confidence. Currently, GCC doesn't require applicants to produce public-facing environmental and biodiversity impact statements. The public is not informed of any assessment of possible harmful impacts of use of a space, e.g. emissions, air/water/noise/light pollution, increased transport/traffic burden, and the impact of these factors on urban ecosystems and biodiversity. In short, the public doesn't know what harm any use of their public spaces may cause them, their children or their local environment. We call on the Council to demonstrate commitment to sustainability, net zero emissions and protection of biodiversity by requiring transparent assessment of public land use. New process standards are required to ensure (1) applicants seeking to use public land provide adequate publicly-</p>	City wide	93

		available environmental and biodiversity impact assessments and (2) that the Council's engagement is also open to public scrutiny before permission is granted. The Council should - Require and make public environmental & biodiversity impact assessments for all use of public land - Allocate resource (funds & personnel) to create template impact assessments for applicants & an online library of submitted assessments for public scrutiny - Require commercial applicants to offset projected emissions before use covering Scopes 1-3 and using an accredited Scottish offsetting programme		
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