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Our ref: Petitions 23-24-P23-04
Please ask for: Lisa Cooper
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To: Lead Petitioner

Lorna Ford
Chief Executive

Town Hall
Bexhill-on-Sea
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Dear Lead Petitioner,

Petition – Closure of Pett Level Toilets

I confirm receipt of your Petition presented by District Councillor Andrew Mier to Ben Hook, Director - Place and Climate Change on Tuesday 14 November 2023. I am writing to confirm how the Council intends to deal with your Petition.

In accordance with our Petition Scheme any person living, working or studying in the Rother District can sign a Petition; it is noted that there are approximately 375 signatures on your Petition.

Details of the Petition and this response will be added to the Council's Petition Log and can viewed at the following link: [Petitions and e-petitions – Rother District Council](#)

Rother District Council has taken the difficult decision to temporarily close several toilets across the district, on a trial basis over the winter months. Information and the rationale for the closures is set out on the Council's website at the following link: [public-toilets/public-toilets-to-close-on-a-trial-basis](#) together with frequently asked questions that can be found at this link: [public-toilet-trial-closure-faqs/](#).

The toilets will most likely be closed for the winter and into 2024 whilst the budget consultation is in progress, which refers to the closures and invites feedback from residents and stakeholders. The consultation closes in December 2023 after which the full results of the consultation will be considered by the Council in meetings during January and February 2024.

There will be ongoing reviews during the consultation period, and the Council will continue working with colleagues at Town and Parish Council level to facilitate public toilet provision being managed at a local level for the communities they serve. Your petition will be considered during the review period and a copy of it has been passed to the Head of Neighbourhood Services, Deborah Kenneally for her information.

The Council is not able accede to the request in your Petition at this time, for the reasons given.

Thank you for organising this petition and taking the time and trouble to submit it to Rother District Council. Cont/.....
Yours sincerely,

Lisa Cooper

Mrs Lisa Cooper
Democratic Services Manager