

**PE1722/L**

Petitioner submission of 9 September 2020

We are very concerned about the omissions from the options and documents in the paper for our petition to be considered on 10 September 2020.

**1. The Committee is invited to consider what action it wishes to take, but the option does not address the substance of the Petition, and the option to *support* the substance of the Petition is not included.**

**In our submission of April 2020 we have specifically requested that the Petition is now supported, noting no compelling arguments against supporting it throughout the process of the Committee's consideration. In fairness, and consistent with the fundamental purpose of the Public Petitions process (which, as we understand it, is to organise and gain support for a particular action in expectation that it will be thoroughly considered and addressed if it is reasonable to do so), we ask that this option is also explicitly brought to the attention of the members of the Committee in good time as they prepare for tomorrow's meeting.**

We also stress our significant concern that the option so far tabled, which is to close the Petition, is based on grounds that *do not address the principle of lifeline services and how integral parking is to them for islanders - i.e.:*

*a) Scottish Government has accepted that implementation of ICiAs is delayed (we also note there is no update on implementation of ICiAs since March. It would seem reasonable given the delays at present, that an update might have been sought and received, to best advise the Committee.)*

*b) Argyll & Bute Council have accepted that they failed to follow obligations in the case of the Mull Traffic Regulation Order - this acknowledgement is not sufficient to address the Petition's substance*