

Petition Information	
<b>Title of Petition</b>	Re-open London Fields Paddling Pool
<b>For Consideration By</b>	Cabinet
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	20 July 2026

The Governance Team received a request for an electronic petition (e-petition) to appear on the Council's website as set out below. The e-petition was deemed to meet the criteria set out within the [Petition Scheme](#) within Council's Constitution and subsequently ran from 23 February to 23 May 2026. During this time, it garnered **817 valid signatures** from individuals with a Hackney address.

The e-petition met the threshold set out in the Petition Scheme to trigger the right to have it debated due to having received in excess of 750 signatures. The petition has been referred to Cabinet as the subject matter relates to an executive function.

### **Petition Text**

We, the undersigned, petition the council to Re-open London Fields Paddling Pool. For five years the London Fields paddling pool has been closed. In a city facing hotter summers every year, this small, fenced, dog free pool is a lifeline for local families, especially those without gardens or private outdoor spaces.

Families need safe, free places to play and cool down. Families want easy access, app free, inclusive spaces. This is a matter of social justice in a rapidly gentrifying area. A pool would support children's physical and mental health and align with Hackney and London's wider commitment to a 'green and blue' city.

Residents and community groups are keen to fundraise and apply for grants to make this essential facility in Hackney's busiest park available again.

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