






## PETITION

West Lancashire Pensioners' Forum, being dissatisfied with the record of West Lancashire Borough Council on equality rights and human rights for West Lancashire elderly and disabled residents, PETITIONS West Lancashire Borough Council to provide a Public Equality and Human Rights Forum at which members of the public will have the right to raise, with officers and members, issues of equality and human rights that concern them.

**Background;** many vulnerable residents of West Lancashire, such as the 1,000 members of the Dial-A-Ride service, were disproportionately affected by the total elimination of the funding that provided their means of being able to leave their homes to be socially included in as normal a life as their disabilities allow.

West Lancashire Pensioners' Forum wants West Lancashire Borough Council to avoid the institutional processes that lead to discrimination as part of the cultures that are to be found in many public organisations. Barriers that prevent fair access to services and equal employment opportunities can discriminate against people on the grounds of age and disability.

**What do you want the council to do?** We Petition council to meet with the officers of the West Lancashire Pensioners' Forum as soon as possible to establish a Public Forum that will meet regularly at the Council offices to discuss issues of equality and human rights before decisions are made about us, our homes, our safety, our wellbeing, our community, and address all issues of age equality and discrimination, and that Council puts forward to the West Lancashire Pensioners' Forum a draft document in the form of a proposed constitution of such a Forum.

  
Lead petitioner: Name: Raymond Brookfield Esq, Secretary of the West Lancashire Pensioners' Forum; Email address:   
Telephone: Home , Address:  Halsall, Ormskirk, West Lancashire L39 

We, the undersigned, request West Lancashire Borough Council to consider this petition.

Received  
21 July 2011