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Time is running out: Please sign the petition

Transport for Boston
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Names on a petition to make a bid for money for Boston from a Government fund to build new roads has topped 1,000.

There is still time to add your support for a new road to help relieve town centre traffic congestion, and more names are needed.

Boston Borough Council Leader, Cllr Michael Cooper, said: "I have heard, over the years, many comments about the anguish caused by traffic congestion in Boston town centre. To an extent we are in a better position than others as we already have an agreed plan for enabling some of this traffic not to have to come through the town centre. The corridor for this new road is agreed and protected. What is needed now is the funding, and this is a real chance to progress this. We have got off to a good start, but more signatures are needed if we are to go to the Transport Minister with a petition to impress. If you have not already signed the petition – online or a paper copy – please do so as quickly as you can. I know this is an issue close to many people's hearts, and this is a real opportunity to make your voice heard."

So far 1,277 have signed the petition, either online or on paper. You can sign online using the link above or sign a paper

petition at Municipal Buildings, the Geoff Moulder Leisure Complex or the Guildhall. Or you can request a petition form to gather signatures, as they did at Old Leake Post Office. Contact Emma Staff on 01205 314216 or email emma.staff@boston.gov.uk

Boston Borough Council is backing the Boston Standard campaign to harness public support for a fair share of funding for Boston. The Government is to announce this summer which schemes, valued from £20 million up to £100 million, have been selected for cash from the National Roads Fund. A successful Boston bid, either at this stage or in the future, would help speed the already-planned distributor road which otherwise might not be substantially complete for years to come.

The campaign also has support from MP Matt Warman, Lincolnshire County Council, Lincolnshire Chamber of Commerce, the Road Haulage Association and the Freight Transport Association.

Transport Secretary Chris Grayling has welcomed the "vigorous campaign".

Please return completed petition forms to Emma Staff, Boston Borough Council, Municipal Buildings, West Street, Boston, PE21 8QR.

Frank gives garden waste service the thumbs-up

Frank Kerr's brown bin saves him money and time and a mess in his car. This season Frank's bin is even better value – he was one of ten lucky winners of a free year's worth of kerbside garden waste collections from Boston Borough Council. [Read more at https://bit.ly/2vOdecu](https://bit.ly/2vOdecu)



Sir Joseph Banks Guildhall lecture

Sir Joseph Banks, who sailed as botanist with Captain Cook on the Endeavour, was instrumental in founding Kew Gardens, was Recorder for Boston and one of the world's most influential scientists. His portrait, as Boston Recorder, pictured, hangs in the Guildhall Museum and on Friday, May 18, the Sir Joseph Banks Society holds its annual public lecture at the museum. [Read more at https://bit.ly/2Kc1FyZ](https://bit.ly/2Kc1FyZ)



May Fair is on its way

The showmen will soon roll into town to put up this year's Boston May Fair. The fair dates back to 1125, when it was one of the great trading fairs of medieval times. Merchants came from all over Europe to buy and sell at the Boston fair. [Read more at https://bit.ly/2Kh7eMu](https://bit.ly/2Kh7eMu)



Children going potting

Children from Boston West Academy were in "The Potting Shed" at Central Park on Wednesday learning how to grow using less water in the garden. The event was held by Anglian Water and Lincolnshire Community and Voluntary Service (LCVS) to mark National Gardening Week (April 13 to 19) and the children joined The Potting Shed Club for a visit to the community garden. [Read more at https://bit.ly/2Fmr1GM](https://bit.ly/2Fmr1GM)



Boston Craft Market coming out of hibernation

The weather must be getting better – Boston Craft Market emerges from winter hibernation starting on Thursday, May 17. [Read more at https://bit.ly/2HHBTk9](https://bit.ly/2HHBTk9)

