

Petition attracts nearly 4,000 signatures

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A petition organised by SAVE WELLS attracted a total of 3,777 signatures from people protesting against the development concepts for Wells put forward by Centros Miller. On the 9th of November the petition was presented to Mendip District Council, with a copy to the Mayor of Wells by Save Wells Chairman Tony Everard

The petition read: We, the undersigned, reject the Centros-Miller development proposal for the Princes Road area of Wells as inappropriate for the medieval City of Wells. We petition Mendip District Councillors to vote to reject it, and to undertake a wider consultation on community enhancing development that is more appropriate to the City's needs. The majority of petitioners came from Wells and the surrounding villages, but a significant number of people have visited Wells as tourists, or have connections with the City, from as far afield as America and Australia. The first phase of the SAVE WELLS campaign was highly successful. From the first packed meeting in the Town Hall to the presentation of the petition, thousands of people have voiced their objections not only to the general development concepts set out by Centros Miller, but also to a number of specific issues. These included: The proposed closure of Princes Road.

Ownership of such a large area of Wells by a development company. The high proportion of retail outlets fear will have a detrimental effect on the High Street, as has happened elsewhere with Centros Miller development. expansion of Tesco beyond that given in planning permission. The moving of the recently refurbished bus station. A number of volunteers were involved with both, and SAVE WELLS is grateful for the time and energy they gave.