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Park cuts are opposed

THREE thousand people are backing a campaign against park cuts.

Scores of residents, bowlers and members of park friends groups have signed a petition handed in to the council this week.

They oppose proposed job cuts and a restructure of environmental services.

Councillor Jane Baugh, who is involved in the Save Our Parks campaign, said: "The council has not thought its proposals through and they will cost them more in the long run when our parks start to deteriorate and are subject to vandalism, with no permanent staff in the park."

Twenty seven posts were initially to go as part of a shake-up of services, including parks maintenance and cemeteries, under council proposals unveiled this year. Unison has since been negotiating to reduce that figure although indications suggest there will be at least six compulsory redundancies.