

Template e-mail to contact councillor about ICAN Cities Appeal



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Subject: Request to meet about local initiative

I am a local resident and [title of health profession] in [town or borough name], and I am writing to ask whether it might be possible to arrange to meet in the next few weeks to discuss an issue that I think is really important.

On January 22nd of this year, the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons entered into force to become international law, and to date 54 nations have ratified the Treaty. This was a historic moment for all of us, and comes after decades of citizens from around the world - led by the survivors of nuclear blasts and testing - pushing for real change.

The Treaty:

- prohibits ratifying parties from engaging in any nuclear weapons activities;
- provides a blueprint for nuclear weapons states to get rid of their weapons;
- and, acknowledges the harms caused by nuclear weapons and testing on communities around the world by creating a humanitarian obligation of victims assistance.

However, disappointingly, the UK government has so far not engaged with the Treaty at all.

I would like to meet to discuss an exciting initiative that invites local councils to sign up to the ICAN (International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons) Cities Appeal, to join towns and cities across the world in showing their support for a nuclear ban.

Health professionals in the UK and internationally have long argued that we must prevent what we cannot cure, and the Coronavirus pandemic has shown that we must take action on a global scale sooner rather than later to prevent future catastrophes

I look forward to hearing from you, and hope to speak to you soon.

Kind regards,

[Your name]

[Your address]