

## ITEM 8: PETITIONS UPDATE REPORT – 28 NOVEMBER 2012

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413	Petition in respect of the closure of Busy Bumbles Pre-School	Local Resident * 19 June 2012	Cllr O Gerrish	<p>Acknowledgement letter sent to lead petitioner on 20 June.</p> <p>Response letter sent on 13 July to lead petitioner explaining the space at Busy Bumbles will not be available to use, however places will be available at Little Pirates Nursery and also Neptune Nursery. Both these nurseries have had exceptional results following their Ofsted inspection.</p>
414	Petition in the respect of an Extra Class Needed at Warren Primary School in Reception	Local Resident 20 June 2012	Cllr O Gerrish	<p>Acknowledgement letter sent to lead petitioner on 21 June.</p> <p>A feasibility study to look at the possibility of providing additional school places at Warren Primary School was commissioned. The constraints on the site mean that it is not feasible to build on the existing site, but alternatives to providing additional school places in the Chafford Hundred are being considered.</p>

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415	Petition to save the Pegasus Sports & Social Club from development when it is sold by Price Waterhouse Cooper.	Local Resident * 15 August 2012	Cllr A Smith / Cllr Worrall	<p>Acknowledgement email sent to the Manager of The Pegasus Club on 21 August 2012.</p> <p>The site is allocated as green belt, and in addition, the Sports Field shown as open space in the adopted Core Strategy proposals map. The Council has no current proposals to change these above designations.</p>
416	Petition in respect of the increasing traffic speeding up and down Corringham Road, Stanford Le Hope.	Local Resident * 17 September 2012	Cllr Gaywood	<p>Acknowledgement letter sent to the lead petitioner on 17 September 2012.</p> <p>A letter was sent to the Lead Petitioner on 9 October 2012 advising that the Council would be undertaking a seven day speed survey at two locations on Corringham Road to establish the current situation.</p> <p>The surveys have been undertaken and the results will now be analysed. A further update will be provided at the January meeting.</p>

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417	Petition in respect of the proposed closure of the Stanford Le Hope local council office.	Local Resident * 17 September 2012	Cllr Morris-Cook	<p>Acknowledgement letter sent to the lead petitioner on 18 September 2012.</p> <p>A letter was sent to the lead petitioner on 16 October 2012, following a full discussion of this issue at Housing Overview &amp; Scrutiny on 10 October 2012.</p> <p>Members were advised about proposals to transform the way in which housing services are delivered locally, so that more effective outcomes are achieved. The key proposal is to devise a system of service access and delivery that provides targeted help for the most vulnerable tenants, whilst an automated system, via web-based and telephony services, handles routine service requests.</p> <p>Members were advised that a necessary consequence of this channel shift in delivery is that the Local Office would need to close to enable professional housing officers to get out and about on housing estates and in peoples' homes.</p>

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				<p>There are other benefits, such as value for money savings from transactional costs and productivity outputs. Members agreed the recommendation that the office should be closed to the public from 5 November 2012.</p>
418	Petition asking the Council to take action to prevent future flooding in Catalina Avenue.	Cllr Wootton 26 September 2012	Cllr Andy Smith	<p>Acknowledgement letter sent to the lead petitioner on 27 September 2012.</p> <p>A meeting was held between Thurrock Council and Anglian Water on 23 October 2012.</p> <p>Anglian Water have confirmed that their foul sewer system including the pumps were operating correctly on the weekend including 8 July 2012.</p> <p>The surface water system is by gullies leading to pipes which outfall into a soakaway system. There are no pumps in the surface water system.</p> <p>The gullies (Thurrock responsibility) had been cleaned in the last 18 months a part of the routine maintenance. They have also been cleaned since the July incident.</p>

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				<p>Anglian Water have checked the pipes and report that they are clear.</p> <p>Thurrock Council own the soakaways and they are going to be inspected/ cleaned in the next two weeks.</p>
419	<p>Petition asking the Council to effect the closure of the uninhabited section of Brentwood Road adjoining Peartree Lane and exiting opposite the Middleton Hall farm on the A128.</p>	<p>Local Resident 26 September 2012</p>	<p>Cllr Gaywood</p>	<p>Acknowledgement letter sent to the lead petitioner on 27 September 2012.</p> <p>In pursuing this issue in response to the community's concerns, the Council has done a number of things; namely:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cut back vegetation in the highway.</li> <li>2. Liaised with adjacent landowners and sought to encourage them to cut back vegetation on their land.</li> <li>3. Responded quickly to fly tipping.</li> <li>4. Liaised closely with the Police to ensure regular surveillance of the Lane.</li> <li>5. Put up warning signs to deter anti-social behaviour.</li> </ol> <p>These actions have been generally agreed to have resulted in a noticeable improvement in the local environment.</p>

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				<p>In addition, there are further potential actions that are being investigating as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The possibility of putting up further signage;</li> <li>2. Pursue the further cutting back of vegetation with adjacent landowners;</li> <li>3. Investigate whether the installation of bollards is feasible to deter HGV parking</li> </ol> <p>Other possible interventions have been considered (including actions under various sections of the highways acts), but given the current lack of evidence from the Police as to significant anti-social behaviour and an inability to demonstrate that the highway is redundant, these are not avenues that can be pursued at this present time.</p>
420	Petition regarding the proposal of a Zebra/Pelican crossing to be situated adjacent to Thurrock Garden Centre in South Road.	Cllr C Curtis 24 October 2012	Cllr Andy Smith	Funding has made available for a pelican crossing to be installed before the end of March 2013. The design of this facility is currently underway and it is hoped that implementation onsite will begin in January 2013.

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421	Petition regarding the 22 Bus Route where the Buses are passing each other and are damaging the pathways, kerbs and wing mirrors.	Cllr Redsell 24 October 2012	Cllr Andy Smith	<p>Acknowledgement letter sent to the lead petitioner on 25 October 2012.</p> <p>Negotiations have taken place with Ensign Bus Company to see if they can review the service to assist residents with their requests. A response is awaited from Ensign and once received, a response will be provided to the Lead Petitioner.</p>

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