

## ITEM 8: PETITIONS UPDATE REPORT – 23 JANUARY 2013

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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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				<p>The speed surveys have been completed and the results analysed. The data captured included volumes and speeds over a one week period and the mean speeds recorded were found to be well below the 30mph speed limit. In addition an accident search revealed only three slight injury accidents in the last three years along the section between Wharf Road and Burgess Avenue. In light of this information, Corringham Road does not meet the criteria necessary to qualify for intervention measures to be implemented. A further letter has been sent to the lead petitioner explaining the findings of the surveys.</p>
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>Members agreed the recommendation that the office should be closed to the public from 5 November 2012</p> <p>A series of Local surgeries, covering a range of topics, have taken place since office closure with the latest being held at Impulse Leisure Centre this month. An appointment system is in place and home visits for vulnerable residents are taking place.</p>

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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. Thurrock Council own the soakaway, which has been recently inspected.</p> <p>There is no evidence of any technical issues with the drainage system in the locality.</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	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.	Local Resident 26 September 2012	Cllr Gaywood	<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> </ol>

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				<p>4. Liaised closely with the Police to ensure regular surveillance of the Lane.</p> <p>5. Put up warning signs to deter anti-social behaviour.</p> <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-</p>

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				social behaviour and an inability to demonstrate that the highway is redundant, these are not avenues that can be pursued at this present time.
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	Acknowledgement letter sent to the lead petitioner on 25 October 2012.  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.  There has been a meeting arranged on Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> January at 19.00pm at the Civic Offices with Ensign Bus Company, Cllr Redsell, Cllr B Maney and the

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