

ITEM 8: PETITIONS UPDATE REPORT – 27 February 2013

Petition No.	Description	Presented by (and date)	Portfolio Holder	Status Full copies of the responses may be obtained from Democratic Services
416	Petition in respect of the increasing traffic speeding up and down Corringham Road, Stanford Le Hope.	Local Resident * 17 September 2012	Cllr Gaywood	A speed survey was undertaken 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.
417	Petition in respect of the proposed closure of the Stanford Le Hope local council office.	Local Resident * 17 September 2012	Cllr Morris-Cook	Members agreed the recommendation that the office should be closed to the public from 5 November 2012 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. An appointment system is in place and home visits for vulnerable residents are

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				taking place.
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				We have held a total of 13 surgeries to date. To date the Estate Officers have not made any updates to the identified vulnerable persons list. They have been asked to visit all vulnerable persons on their patch within the next two weeks.
418	Petition asking the Council to take action to prevent future flooding in Catalina Avenue.	Cllr Wootton 26 September 2012	Cllr Andy Smith	A meeting was held between Thurrock Council and Anglian Water on 23 October 2012. Anglian Water have confirmed that their foul sewer system including the pumps were operating correctly on the weekend including 8 July 2012. 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. The gullies (Thurrock responsibility) had been

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				cleaned in the last 18 months a part of the routine maintenance. They have also been cleaned since the July incident. Anglian Water have checked the pipes and report that they are clear. Thurrock Council own the soakaway, which has been recently inspected.
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				There is no evidence of any technical issues with the drainage system in the locality. Anglian Water have checked the pipes and report that they are clear. Thurrock Council own the soakaways and they are going to be inspected/ cleaned in the next two weeks.
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	In pursuing this issue in response to the community's concerns, the Council has done a number of things; namely: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cut back vegetation in the highway. 2. Liaised with adjacent landowners and sought to encourage them to cut back vegetation on their land. 3. Responded quickly to fly tipping. 4. Liaised closely with the Police to ensure regular surveillance of the

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				<p>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"> 1. The possibility of putting up further signage; 2. Pursue the further cutting back of vegetation with adjacent landowners; 3. Investigate whether the installation of bollards is feasible to deter HGV parking <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 now complete and installation is still on track for completion by end of March 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>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> <p>Following a meeting held on the 28th January, it was agreed that Ensign Bus Company would review their services to Stifford Clays and use the current road closure in Blackshots Lane as an opportunity to investigate alternative routes. The next update will be in approximately 8 weeks time.</p>
422	Asking Council to support the police in their recommendations to the Home Office to provide more visibility to small, vulnerable, isolated communities such as the Thurrock Nepalese Community.	Local Resident * 15 January 2013	Cllr Gaywood	<p>The Council works with the Police to address concerns of residents around safety and crime.</p> <p>The council in principal will support recommendations from the Police to the Home Office around the role of the Police and PCSO officers on the street that would provide more visibility to communities and in particular those</p>

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				aimed at improving visibility to vulnerable and isolated communities.
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423	Thurrock Council to provide improved play equipment, seating and waste bins to enhance the play area at the bottom of Cruick Avenue, adjacent to Chelmer Drive.	Cllr W Curtis 23 January 2013	Cllr V Holloway	<p>Thurrock Borough Council has received a petition to refurbish the playground within the estate at Cruick Avenue.</p> <p>Andrea Winterflood the Play and Open Space Development Manager is working with Cllr Wendy Curtis and the key resident to establish how they would like to see the site developed. The key age range will be ten and under with a separate area for dogs to be exercised.</p> <p>We will be applying to the Veolia Mardyke Trust for these works in February for capital money to be spent on the park up to value is up to £25,000</p>

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424	Problem with cyclists at Warren Terrace, Arterial Road, North Stifford.	Resident* 5 February 2013 Received by Democratic Services on 13 February 2013.	Cllr A Smith	Acknowledgement letter sent to the lead petitioner on 14 February 2013. Details of the petition has been sent to officers for response and copied to the portfolio holder and ward members. Officers have been requested to provide a response to the lead petitioner by 4 March 2013.
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