

## Item 8: Petitions Update Report – 27 November 2013

Petition No.	Description	Presented by (and date)	Portfolio Holder	Status Full copies of the responses may be obtained from Democratic Services
426	<p>We, the Community of Grays, would like to see THE STATE previously a CINEMA , opened as an entertainment complex consisting of facilities to be able to provide as many of the following as possible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• show films to all ages, (children in the school holidays as well as local people at other times)</li> <li>• be used as a venue for the practising and showing of plays and musicals</li> <li>• be used as a venue for comedians</li> <li>• be used as a venue for musicians to practice and to entertain</li> <li>• be used as a conference and meeting centre for businesses</li> <li>• have the rising organ played regularly</li> <li>• be used as recording studios, if sound proofing allows</li> <li>• be used for dancing</li> <li>• have a room opened for morning coffee, afternoon tea and evening meals</li> <li>• be used for other entertaining purposes, as the community would like</li> <li>• good advertising for THE STATE and its entertainments, having the top of the building illuminated, so as to be seen by people on public transport as well as from a</li> </ul>	Resident* e-petition 2 July 2013	Cllr A Smith	<p>The petition was accepted and further signatures to those online have since been received.</p> <p>The petition organiser has received a response from the Head of Regeneration, which advised that the Council recognises the importance of securing the reuse of the building to the future fortunes of Grays Town Centre.</p> <p>This formed a large part of the Council's recent work to develop a clear vision for the town. The Council continues to work with the existing owners of the State Cinema to support efforts to bring the building back into use and, whilst we would certainly support the principle of the uses which you have suggested within the petition, we must recognise that ultimately the reuse of the building needs to be commercially sustainable for the long term.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• distance, to attract publicity.</li> <li>• be maintained thereafter.</li> </ul>			
427	We the residents of North Stifford call on London Gateway to install appropriate sound mitigation measures at North Stifford to offset the impact of the significant additional lorry and vehicle movements on the A13 associated with their new port development.	Cllr Hague	Cllr A Smith	This is a Highway Agency road and the Council has been in contact with the Agency to understand their priorities. Their view is that the primary noise mitigation solution at this location is resurfacing of existing surface with low noise materials when maintenance is due. Resurfacing is likely to occur between 2014 and 2021. Also, the topography at this location prevents the effective use of noise barriers.
428	Residents of the Blackshots Lane (Leisure Centre end going towards Wentworth Place) have expressed a wish for yellow lines in that vicinity. This is to alleviate problems for residents due to inconsiderate parking in this area.	Cllr Redsell	Cllr A Smith	The petition organiser has received a response from the Council's Principal Traffic Engineer, which advised that a service request has been raised for parking restrictions to be considered. This will be scored and prioritised for inclusion in our programme of works.

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429	This petition requests the Essex and Suffolk Water Company to provide a ring main in the Buckles Lane, South Ockendon vicinity. This area now has 1,000 residents living and working in the Buckles Lane vicinity. They ask to be given a safe environment to live in.	Cllr W Curtis	Cllr A Gaywood	<p>The issues with the water supply are associated with the site itself as opposed to the public supply provided by Essex and Suffolk Water. This is due to the size of the site meaning that some areas on it are distant from the public main.</p> <p>In order to provide the best fire cover in these circumstances, Essex Fire have enhanced their prearranged attendance for this site to include a water tanker and a hose laying vehicle.</p> <p>Any enhancements to the water distribution system on site to improve fire fighting capabilities would be the responsibility of the site owner or occupier.</p>
430	Request that the Council review the parking situation on Butts Road, Stanford Le Hope.	Cllr Hebb	Cllr A Smith	A response is being prepared and will be sent to the Lead Petitioner by 22 November 2013.

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431	Residents of Jesmond Road, Laird Avenue, Long Lane and Kerry Road are concerned with the grassed areas and the declining state of the roads with pot holes. Residents also concerned with weight of traffic and the volume of double-decker buses.	Cllr Redsell	Cllr A Smith	<p>The roads are to be reviewed through the normal inspection schedule and the annual condition survey for consideration to include in the 2014/15 work programme.</p> <p>Half bell bollards will be installed at badly over-run corners.</p> <p>Thurrock Passenger Transport Unit will raise residents concerns with Ensign buses.</p>

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