

Item 8: Petitions Update Report – 26 February 2014

Petition No.	Description	Presented by (and date)	Portfolio Holder	Status Full copies of the responses may be obtained from Democratic Services
430	Request that the Council review the parking situation on Butts Road, Stanford Le Hope.	Cllr Hebb 23 October 2013	Cllr A Smith	It has been agreed that a delegated decision report is not needed at this stage. The lead petitioner (Cllr Hebb) has agreed that a statutory consultation should be undertaken first, then the delegated decision report will be drafted to reflect the results/outcome. The Traffic Regulation Order (statutory consultation) is currently being drafted and should be advertised week commencing 3 rd March 2014.
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 23 October 2013	Cllr A Smith	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. Half bell bollards will be installed at badly over-run corners. Thurrock Passenger Transport Unit will raise residents concerns with Ensign buses.
432	Lack of toilet facilities in Corringham town centre	Cllr P Smith 27 November 2013	Cllr J Kent	Morrisons in Corringham have advised that whilst they would like to provide toilet facilities in principle, they do not believe the present store has the space to offer this. The point made by Morrisons was that the Corringham store was amongst the busiest Morrisons of its size, and although here would be a business benefit to such provision, it is a

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				rented store, not owned by Morrisons, and there is no available space within the current store footprint to make such facilities available.
433	<p>Allotment Site for the Community of Purfleet.</p> <p>Purfleet has waited a very long time for its very own community allotment site. A place where the youth, parents and elders alike can get involved in community building skills and mutual support, getting to know each other whilst helping one another grow fruit, veg and flowers.</p> <p>I seriously think this is just what our local community needs. Lets take it back to the Roots of knowledge of the good old garden!!</p> <p>Good for the environment, good for the community and Good for you!</p>	e-petition *	Cllr V Holloway	At present there is no land owned by the Council available for allotment usage in Purfleet, although the area is to go through a significant regeneration programme in the near future and as a result of these proposals it is possible that some land may become available for this type of demand. In the meanwhile there are allotment associations in nearby Aveley and West Thurrock which in accordance with the Councils policies are self managed by site users. We are happy to put any resident in touch with the management committee of these allotments in order that an interest in the site can be registered with the appropriate individuals.

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434	<p>Give cruisers a place to go. Find a place for cruisers and car enthusiasts to go, away from the dispersal zones and complaints and give us somewhere to meet up and park up out of the way of the public.</p> <p>As all these dispersal orders come into effect and force cruisers from one place to another, the cruising community are feeling like they're not being treated fairly, after all, 99% of the community just park up and talk, instead of forcing people to move onto other places and just giving out warnings, If you don't want the cruisers at sites like Laindon, Southend or Lakeside, then the community feels you should find somewhere for all the cruisers to go and be out of the way or people as by paying road tax the cruisers should be treated the same and fairly.</p> <p>To outline what the cruising community wants,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • somewhere to meet without it being a dispersal zone • somewhere that's large enough for all the cruisers • Somewhere away from houses, to eliminate the noise complaints 	e-petition *	Cllr A Gaywood	A response is currently being prepared and will be available by the deadline of 5 March 2014.
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435	<p>Turn the State Cinema into an O2 academy.</p> <p>Using the Historic State Cinema building to bring life and activity to the otherwise stagnant area of Grays town centre, by encouraging O2 to convert the State Cinema into an O2 Academy Music Venue.</p> <p>This will bring jobs and boost the local economy by turning Grays into a location people from all over Essex will come to in order to watch international music acts. This will appeal to wide range of ages and demographics. O2 has a long history of turning unused historic venues into popular attractions, the former derelict nightclub "The Roxy" in Sheffield is a prime example.</p>	e-petition *	Cllr A Smith	<p>We recognise the importance of resolving the future of the State Cinema to the fortunes of Grays. The current condition of the building and its potential reuse formed large parts of the discussions which developed the vision for Grays last summer. The Council is committed to supporting efforts to reopen the building and has been working with the owners of the building and stakeholders to test the feasibility of a range of options. This work remains ongoing. In terms of the specific proposal, we have spoken to O2 in the past but understand that the building does not fit their business model and is too close to a number of their London venues for them to consider.</p>
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