

Item 8: Petitions Update Report – 23 July 2014

Petition No.	Description	Presented by (and date)	Portfolio Holder	Status Full copies of the responses may be obtained from Democratic Services
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 * 15/02/14	Cllr T Fish	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 * 05/02/14	Cllr P Smith	<p>Thurrock Council have previously attempted to identify sites for vehicle activities without success.</p> <p>We are therefore not in a position to identify suitable sites in Thurrock.</p> <p>Should the Cruiser Community be successful in identifying suitable sites in Thurrock and obtaining the agreement of owners to allow use the Council will work constructively with representatives via a safety advisory group to advise on the provision of any proposed events.</p>
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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 05/02/14	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>
436	<p>A petition on behalf of residents of Viola Close, South Ockendon, Essex Advising of parking issues and requesting a Residents' Parking Scheme on Viola Close.</p>	14/03/14	Cllr A Smith	<p>A letter was sent to the Lead Petitioner on 17/04/14 which explained that:</p> <p>A number of requests have been received from residents of the Flowers Estate for the extents of the Permit Area to be amended.</p> <p>All requests received since the scheme came into force have been listed for consideration, following completion of the monitoring period. This petition was included amongst those requests.</p> <p>The monitoring period was set until the end of May. After this time a letter will be sent to all residents currently not included in the permit</p>

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				area in order that an amendment can be made to include new roads that now have a majority view in favour of joining the scheme
437	To stop the menace of HGV's waiting to unload on the Globe Works industrial estate. We also call for suitable traffic management controls or planning constraints to be put in place to stop HGV's exiting.	26/03/14	Cllr A Smith	<p>A letter was sent to the Lead Petitioner on 06/05/14 which explained that:</p> <p>“Unfortunately there are no operating restrictions limiting the number of heavy goods vehicles from entering the industrial estate during the day and Conditions cannot be imposed upon premises already operating with existing Conditions. Vehicles queuing to gain access to premises do not constitute a contravention of the parking restrictions.</p> <p>However, your concern with heavy goods vehicles mounting the footways has been noted. Whilst we can not prevent HGVs from entering the estate, an investigation will be carried out to identify any suitable alternative traffic management arrangements. The investigations will include the feasibility of one way operation being introduced and will be completed within the next 4-6 weeks.”</p>
438	Petition to Thurrock Council for the re-siting of pedestrian crossing and the reinstatement of parking at Tesco Express, Southend Road, Grays	08/04/14	Cllr A Smith	<p>A letter was sent to the Lead Petitioner on 23/04/14 which outlined:</p> <p>Prior to implementation last year, a full investigation was carried out in order to site the crossing at an appropriate location to deal</p>

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			<p>with the unsafe practices that were occurring.</p> <p>A statutory consultation was carried out and letters were delivered to businesses in the immediate vicinity of the proposed crossing location. Meetings were also held with Managers from Tesco and following discussions regarding the safety of customers and road users, the position and the layout of the Zebra Crossing was agreed.</p> <p>An independent Road Safety Audit was carried out on completion of the works on site and recommendations have been made relating to the position of the bollards and the length of the white zig zag markings etc. These amendments will be carried out shortly.</p> <p>There is a clear demand for the Zebra Crossing outside the Tesco store and unfortunately there are no alternative suitable locations that the crossing could be relocated to.</p> <p>Whilst there is concern for the lack of parking facility on the forecourt, the unsafe vehicle and pedestrian manoeuvres that were being undertaken could not be ignored.</p>
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