

Item 9: Petitions Update Report – 10 September 2014

Petition No.	Description	Presented by (and date)	Portfolio Holder	Status Full copies of the responses may be obtained from Democratic Services
436	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.	14/03/14* Submitted by a local resident	Cllr J. Kent	<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 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</p>
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 Presented at Council by Cllr Kelly	Cllr J. Kent	<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</p>

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				<p>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 has been carried out to identify any suitable alternative traffic management arrangements. The investigations included the feasibility of one way operation being introduced, however the roads are narrow at both entrances and footway over-run would occur. One Way operation is not recommended.</p>
438	<p>Petition to Thurrock Council for the re-siting of pedestrian crossing and the reinstatement of parking at Tesco Express, Southend Road, Grays</p>	<p>08/04/14 * Submitted by a local resident</p>	<p>Cllr J. Kent</p>	<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 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.</p>

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				<p>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>
439	<p>Thurrock Council considers the use of space at Defoe Parade for the purpose of a weekly market to include any Farmer's markets and French market. This is requested due to the lack of shopping facilities and value for money in the area and also to bring the community together.</p>	<p>23/07/14 Presented at Council by a local resident</p>	<p>Cllr L Worrall</p>	<p>Thurrock Council's Housing Department currently provide a license to a market provider for the provision of a market at South Ockendon. They also have an expired licence for a market in Tilbury which may be extended pending conversations with the market provider.</p> <p>The Housing Department do not run markets but provide licenses for providers to run markets on Housing land.</p> <p>If the shop keepers in Defoe Parade wish to work with a market provider or, if they wish to become one themselves, then they simply need to put a business plan together which shows a sustainable market can be run and gain a license from Housing to run a market in Defoe Parade.</p>

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