

Petitions Update Report

Petition No.	Description	Presented (date)	Presented (by)	Status
518	To ask Uber to move their geo-fencing back to London Boroughs	28 November 2018	Mr Colley	<p>Officers have sought extensive legal advice in regards to the operation of Uber in Thurrock as to whether the operation can be challenged as being unlawful and a breach of Section 46(1)(d) of the LGMPA 1976, both before and after the recent decision in the Reading appeal.</p> <p>As part of that, an advice was sought from the Council's Legal Team, who's view is <i>"The Council's Legal Team has now fully considered whether Uber's activities in Thurrock are unlawful and are a breach of Section 46(1)(d) of the LGMPA 1976. It is their opinion there is no unlawfulness in the current operation of Uber in Thurrock. Therefore, there is no basis on which to bring a prosecution against Uber. We will now write to Uber to follow up on our previous discussions with them, asking them to withdraw from Thurrock, or make an appropriate operator's licence application with Thurrock."</i></p> <p>These confirm the position that Uber are not acting unlawfully. As such the council has no basis on which to bring a prosecution against Uber. The council will now write to Uber to follow up on previous discussions with them asking them to voluntarily withdraw from Thurrock or to agree to make an appropriate operator's licence application to the council.</p>
519	Air Quality and Pollution Review in Tilbury	30 January 2019	Mr Mayes	<p>Officers routinely review the areas of Air Quality which fall within the jurisdiction of the Council as set out in the "Update on Air Quality and Health" report to Cleaner, Greener and Safer Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 7 February 2019.</p> <p>In relation to the dust issues experienced in Tilbury the Environment Agency (EA) and London Port Health Authority (LPHA) are the relevant enforcement agencies for the company presumed to be the source. Further mitigating measures have been introduced.</p>

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				The Council has established a Steering Group to work alongside the EA and the LPHA – the next meeting is 5 July 2019. The community is being kept informed via the Tilbury Community Forum.
520	Name change from Purfleet to Purfleet-on-Thames	30 January 2019	Mr Batchelor	The consultation process required ahead of a formal decision on the proposal to change the name of Purfleet to Purfleet-on-Thames is expected to begin in July 2019 and run for 12 weeks. The consultation will be promoted widely across the borough.
521	Thurrock Council's Kerb-It Project - Parking Improvement Scheme – Petition is the response from residents who would like the first option implemented	May 2019	Annette Geaney	Thurrock Council's Kerb-It Project - Parking Improvement Scheme – Dalroy Close, South Ockendon, the decision has been taken to delay implementation of the proposed Kerb-It scheme option as a result of the objections that have been received through the petition process. Officers will consider all options and implications, in liaison with the Portfolio Holder, ward members and affected residents, to identify a suitable option for implementation in summer 2019.
522	Closure to the entrance to the woodland area in Woodend Close, Grays RM17 5FN	June 2019	Ms Nweke	<p>The Council relinquished its freehold interest in the Former Treetops School site when it sold the land to Keepmoat. On this basis it is not possible for the Council to close the access (because it does not own the land).</p> <p>Keepmoat obtained planning consent to develop the land for housing in 2016 which was subject to planning conditions and s.106 agreement. One of the conditions required a Woodland Management Plan to be submitted and approved by the Local Planning Authority prior to the occupation of any units. The approved Woodland Management Plan addressed elements of public access, including the management of the walkway and viewing platform.</p> <p>In accordance with the terms of the s.106 agreement, the woodland area is due to be transferred to the Land Trust for future management. At this time, the land has not yet transferred to the Land Trust and remains the responsibility of Keepmoat. The transfer of the land is a private transaction between the</p>

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				Land Trust and Keepmoat. Whilst the Council has no role in the process it should be borne in mind that there is an approved management plan and Keepmoat are responsible for the maintenance of the viewing platform until the land is transferred. The Council has also written to Keepmoat to remind them of their responsibilities. Residents should report incidences of anti-social behaviour directly to the Police.
523	Save Culver Fields - reject any attempt to build on the Culver Fields without proper consultation	June 2019	Cllr Fletcher	<p>The Council, in considering the best use of its assets to meet strategic priorities, such as the need to build new homes, including affordable housing for Thurrock residents, will from time to time identify locations where it will consider a change of use may be in the best interest of the wider Thurrock community.</p> <p>Any planning application to develop residential accommodation on Culver field is subject to Council and statutory provisions on public consultation and this process will be followed.</p> <p>Further, in recognition of local residents concerns a fuller consultation strategy is being prepared to engage with local residents and other stakeholders which will include public exhibitions of proposals prior to submission of any planning application and commencement of the formal statutory planning process. The exhibitions will form part of a wider consultation approach including provision of written material and opportunity for residents to submit consultation feedback online.</p>
524	Thurrock Sports Council – Improve sports facilities	19 June 2019	Mr Norrington	<p>We acknowledge the petition from Thurrock residents and welcome the opportunity to continue working with the sports clubs and community groups across the borough to improve sports provision and encourage getting people active.</p> <p>A draft sports strategy is in the process of being developed and consultation will include all sports clubs.</p>

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				<p>The Active Thurrock Network already supports communities starting new activities and supports engaging inactive groups across the borough.</p> <p>The Active Parks team work borough wide delivering community engagement and sports sessions in parks and open spaces. The team are also consulting with the community to develop services in response to their needs.</p> <p>Council sports facilities are maintained to a municipality standard and we are working with clubs to establish ways in which they can get more involved, exploring opportunities where there is an interest in managing their own facilities and supporting self-management where appropriate. This will empower the clubs and community groups to develop the facilities and activities at their site in a more dynamic way with support.</p>
525	Calling for a Pedestrian Crossing around the junction of the Broadway, Gypsy Lane and East Thurrock Road, in Grays	19 June 2019	Cllr John Kent	<p>The Transport Development team have undertaken a review of the area and have concluded that the location does not meet the criteria used to determine if a zebra or signalised crossing should be implemented.</p> <p>The Transport Development team will look into whether an uncontrolled crossing, with refuge island, could be implemented. However this will be subject to finding a suitable location with adequate width and no objections.</p>