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Petition No.	Description	Presented by (and date)	Portfolio Holder	Status Full copies of the responses may be obtained from Democratic Services
470	Petition to demolish Butler, Davall and Greenwood High Rise blocks in Grays.	14/10/15	Cllr Worrall	<p>At the meeting of Cabinet held on 14 October 2014 (decision 01104415) it was resolved to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cabinet not to award decant status to three Grays high rises – Butler, Davall and Greenwood House, but instead to note that continued consultation should take place with residents to include detailed design on alternative home provision to ensure residents are given a clear unambiguous set of choices. 2. Cabinet to agree that officers consider feedback from this consultation as part of the development of the emerging master plan for Grays Town Centre. 3. Cabinet to note that the Council’s new build development on Seabrooke Rise will be allocated in accordance to the Council’s existing Lettings Policy and existing residents of the Seabrooke Rise high rise towers will not benefit from enhanced priority status at the current time, therefore Council explores a local lettings plan as a matter of urgency. 4. Cabinet to note that the Council is currently reviewing the proposed Housing Development Plan and Estate Regeneration Programme in the light of

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				<p>the Government's imposed reductions in rent. The Council are assessing the implications and options available to ensure that the financial parameters of the HRA are met, whilst retaining an affordable and deliverable programme of housing investment and new build development.</p>
471	<p>The petition is with regards to the shelters on Dilkes Park on the Belhus Estate, the undersigned would like them to be removed. Issues include groups of individuals setting fires, taking drugs, drinking and generally terrorising residents.</p>	22/10/15	Cllr Potheary	<p>Resident of the surrounding area of Dilkes Park have suffered from persistent antisocial behaviour in the area resulting in worry for the community.</p> <p>Although the Police, supported by the Council, have been addressing the issues and taking action in the area against perpetrators, it is agreed that these shelters should be removed.</p> <p>On visiting the site it can be seen that the shelters are not in keeping with what is otherwise a very family friendly park.</p> <p>The shelters are repeatedly damaged and vandalised, leading to the Environmental workforce having to continually commit resource to address ongoing issues.</p> <p>The intention is to have the shelters removed before Christmas 2015.</p> <p>There is a risk that this will just move the problem of the antisocial behaviour, however</p>

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				<p>the Police will continue to work with the Council and the Community to address any ongoing issues.</p> <p>It should be noted that removal of the shelters will be an estimated cost of £4000.</p> <p><u>Update – 8 February 2016</u></p> <p>Shelters have been removed.</p>
472	Residents of Long Lane (Rugby Club end), Kerry Road, Jesmond Road and Laird Avenue are asking for a one way system for the bus route number 88.	28/10/15 at Council	Cllr Gerrish	<p>Bus route 88 is operated by a private operator, Ensign Buses, and they have confirmed there are no major operational issues and do not intend to register a route change with the traffic commissioners as requested.</p> <p>In such circumstances the Council have no or few powers to act due to bus deregulation.</p>
473	<p>The residents of Webster Road call on the Council to commence a review in aid of securing additional parking arrangements / facilities in the immediate vicinity. A suggestion is the potential reconfiguration of the land outside properties with the lowest door numbers in Webster Road on the grass section in front of houses (i.e. numbered 1,3,5,2,4,6 etc).</p> <p>Residents call on Thurrock Council to discuss this with the local residents to see how this piece of land could be changed / adapted to accommodate more vehicles. A</p>	25/11/15 at Council	Cllr Gerrish	<p>An investigation into the possibility of providing parking on the Highway green in front of properties 1-9 & 2-10 Webster Road.</p> <p>The area will be reviewed with a view to providing verge protection to the green to permit parking whilst retaining the pleasant feel of the area and to assist with drainage. A scheme proposal will be drawn up and a cost estimate will be calculated.</p> <p>However, a preliminary view of the site indicates that currently vehicles are parking in the turning head in front of the green and I must point out that that some of this will be</p>

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	potential example can be found in Deveron Gardens in South Ockendon.			lost to permit access to the green and allow for vehicles to turn. Officers will advise when furthers costs are known.
474	The petition is too keep gate 129 between College Avenue and Bradleigh Avenue, Grays closed. It has been gated and closed to the public since 2008 following local residents fighting long and hard for it to be. The Pathway is close to a school and house.	1/12/15	Cllr Gerrish	The current Gating Order is valid until October 2017. Officers are exploring the case for permanently stopping up the footpath using the Council's powers under s116 of the Highways Act, and proposals will be subject to formal consultation in due course.
475	The residents of Blackshots and surrounding areas are against any charging of the car park at Impulse Leisure as this could have a devastating effect on adjacent roads.	27/01/16	Cllr Redsell	Impulse Leisure carried out a consultation exercise during November and December 2015, seeking public views on the introduction of parking charges at Blackshots Leisure Centre. This was a management response to identify potential solutions to parking problems at the site. Impulse clearly recognised from the response to their consultation exercise that car parking charging was a controversial and sensitive issue and concluded that even if charges were considered as a way forward, this could only be the case if the Council implemented a residents only parking scheme in surrounding roads. The Council's view however is that parking charges at Blackshots are not a practical or preferred solution and it has been made clear to Impulse that we will not be introducing residents parking for nearby roads.

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				<p>Furthermore, the Council's interpretation of the formal lease between the parties is that the introduction of charges to the current parking arrangements would represent a variation. The Council has written to Impulse Leisure, advising that no such variation would be agreed to, but also committing to working with them to try to identify other ways of improving the parking issues at the site.</p> <p>It is therefore considered quite clear that parking charges will not be introduced at the Blackshots Leisure Centre.</p>
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