

**Overview and Scrutiny
Management Committee
6th January 2009
Summary of Petitions**

Nature of Petition	Appropriate Department Officer	Summary of Information Provided	Status of Petition
Petition 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Problem of stagnant water, insects and vermin as a result of flooding problems at Queens Park, Chester le Street 	Dave Wilcox, Area Engineer (North) – Environment Department	The Area Office has made provision for a pumping operation to remove/reduce the flooding. In addition an order has been placed for further investigations to identify what is causing the flooding and to find a solution to the problem. Overview and Scrutiny is to be kept updated.	Update provided to residents on 21/11/08
Petition 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents of Chilton requesting that a permanent skate boarding park be erected for local young people. 	Phil Ball, Director of Leisure Services – Sedgefield Borough Council	<p>An officer from Sedgefield Borough Council has met with Councillor Potts, Forrest and Chilton Parish Council Clerk to discuss the petition. During the meeting issues relating to possible sites for the park and funding were discussed. As a stop gap it has been suggested that the young people use the mobile skate park facility on a Saturday morning 10.00 am to 12 noon until funding has been secured to have the proposed area identified in recent discussions covered in tarmac and the ramps adequately adjusted to become a permanent fixture. In addition the Participation Officer for Children and Young People is working closely with the young people to identify potential funding for the project.</p> <p>Discussions are ongoing however, Overview and Scrutiny will be kept informed.</p>	Update provided on 27/11/08 to Mrs Taylor and Mr Davinson of Henderson Community House.

<p>Petition 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The condition of pavement at Burnhill Way, Bishop Auckland 	<p>Colin Hodgson, Deputy Area Engineer (Southern Area) – Environment Department.</p>	<p>The footway in question did not appear on Durham County Council records as being adopted. However although the footway was not the responsibility of Durham County Council the Deputy Area Engineer undertook further investigation to try and get the repairs carried out by those responsible.</p> <p>The investigation revealed that part of the footway is the responsibility of Housing 21 who run Avon Court and the section beyond Avon Court the responsibility of Sedgfield Borough Council.</p> <p>In relation to the section falling under the responsibility of Sedgfield Borough Council the repairs to this section of footway has been undertaken on 22nd October 2008. The section of footpath falling under the responsibility of Housing 21 which needed repair is also in hand.</p>	<p>Residents notified on 21/11/08 of the outcome of the investigation. [Petition concluded]</p>
<p>Petition 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hazardous and dangerous parking at 104-106 Durham Road, Spennymoor – petition requesting road markings. 	<p>Lee Mowbray (Southern Area Traffic Office) – Environment Dept.</p>	<p>The County Council would only consider the use of waiting restrictions where road safety is being seriously compromised usually at the request of the police or in a town centre where parking control is required. The provision of formal waiting restrictions is costly due to the legal process involved and if objections are received the proposal would be referred to the Highways Committee.</p>	<p>Mrs Price was notified on 6/11/08 of the outcome of the investigation [petition concluded].</p>

		<p>This issue has been brought to the attention of Durham Constabulary. However such an offence requires the judgement and discretion of police officers attending. There is no requirement to have waiting restrictions (yellow lines) when considering and enforcing this offence. It is understood that the police have acted against some of the offenders.</p>	
<p>Petition 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safety of children and parents whilst crossing the road directly outside of Edmondsley Primary School 	<p>John McGargill, Section Manager, Highway Management – Environment Department</p>	<p>The school crossing patrol post is currently vacant, the post has proven difficult to fill.</p> <p>Speed surveys have been carried out in July 2007 and although 85%tile of the speeds were higher than the speed limit, the recent Environment Improvement Scheme on Congburn Bank has introduced measures that are likely to see these speeds reduced. In addition police recommendations are that enforcement is usually targeted at a speed in excess of 10% + 2 mph above the limit. In this instance the speeds were not excessively high and targeted enforcement unnecessary.</p> <p>In relation to a pelican controlled or similar crossing, the Authority has a Cabinet approved policy, these are appropriate if the pedestrian and vehicle volumes attain a certain threshold, however a survey indicated that the volume is well below this threshold.</p>	<p>Mrs T W Bowden was notified on 1/12/08 of the outcome of the investigation.</p> <p>[Petition concluded]</p>

<p>Petition 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for the reinstatement of bus services between Hartlepool and Sunderland 	<p>Richard Startup - Integrated Transport Manager - Environment Department</p>	<p>Following numerous meetings after receiving the petition; the Authority has persuaded Arriva to re-route the withdrawn bus service through Horden.</p> <p>This will reinstate the route between Horden and Sunderland however the route to Hartlepool was never withdrawn.</p> <p>The new service will commence on 4 January 2009 for a trial period of six months, with the service part funded by Durham County Council.</p>	<p>Councillor Stradling notified on 18/12/08 of the outcome of the investigation [petition concluded]</p>
<p>Petition 7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduction of speed limit (reduced to 30 mph) on A690 through Brancepeth 	<p>Dave Wafer, Acting Head, Highways Management - Environment Department</p>	<p>The Environment Department will carry out surveys over the coming weeks on the stretch of road in question and will be able to provide a substantive reply after Christmas.</p>	<p>Update provided on 21/11/08 to Major J Jackson.</p>
<p>Petition 8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Footpaths across the fields south of South Terrace, Esh Winning - establishment of Rights of Way 	<p>Kevin Telford, Countryside Management Assistant – Environment Department</p>	<p>Awaiting response from Department</p>	
<p>Petition 9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parking issues at The Close, Cotherstone 	<p>Dave Wafer - Acting Head Highways Management - Environment Department</p>	<p>Awaiting response from Department</p>	

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