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Nature of Petition	Appropriate Service	Summary of Information	Status of Petition
<p>Petition 433</p> <p>Derelict and abandoned houses in Stanley</p> <p>E-Petition Received 10.3.23 No. of signatures 10</p>	<p>REG</p>	<p>Petition asking the Council to put pressure on landlords and owners to bring back derelict/abandoned property back in to use.</p>	<p>E-Petition ran from 13.3.23 – 31.8.23</p>
<p>Petition 435</p> <p>Save Leadgate Village</p> <p>Received 11.5.23 No. of signatures 453</p>	<p>REG</p>	<p>Petition asking the Council to use emergency powers to resolve the disruption being caused at the crossroads at St. Ives Road and Durham Road as this is having a sever effect on local businesses and the community. The traffic lights were initially installed in the interest of public safety when the Council received a report of the structural issues at number 48 and 49 Front Street.</p> <p>The Council’s Building Control department have been liaising with the building owners, their insurers and contractor since the issues were raised, a number of surveys and structural inspections have had to be carried by the owners out before repair work could be arranged.</p> <p>Structural scaffold is now being erected around the building to stabilise it while repairs are carried out, once the scaffolding has been installed the Council will review the situation and the traffic lights will be removed if deemed safe to do so.</p>	<p>Petition Closed</p>
<p>Petition 437</p> <p>20 mph South Stanley Junior School</p> <p>Received 20.07.23 No. of signatures 208</p>	<p>REG</p>	<p>Petition asking the Council to look into dangerous driving and speeding around South Stanley Junior School, and for someone to visit the school to talk to the children about this issue.</p> <p>Early discussions had taken place between Durham County Council Traffic Assets team and local elected members regarding the introduction of a 20mph zone outside of South Stanley Junior School on Tyne Road. However,</p>	<p>Petition Closed</p>

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		<p>current policy states that funding must be secured from AAP, Elected Member Neighbourhood Budgets, Town/Parish Councils or schools when introducing 20mph speed limits or zones onto existing roads. If suitable funding can be obtained, our Traffic Assets Team will develop the detailed design and progress with the implementation of the scheme.</p> <p>Further to the above, as you will be aware, the Council's Road Safety Team had provided the school with a Safer School Gate Parking Campaign toolkit to help you disseminate messages to parents/carers locally, about the importance of safe and considerate parking. The toolkit includes images and messages for schools to post on their social media platforms and in their school newsletters. The team are able to offer education and advice pertaining to road safety and to support and promote walking and safer parking initiatives if this would be of further benefit to the school.</p>	
<p>Petition 439</p> <p>Hawthorn Petition For Reduced Speed Limit</p> <p>Received 04.08.23</p> <p>No. of signatures 82</p>	<p>REG</p>	<p>Petition asking the Council to review road safety at Hawthorn.</p> <p>Residents often have a desire for a lower speed limit outside their properties and along roads in general and the Council take these concerns seriously and give them full consideration when evaluating changes to speed limits. In undertaking these reviews, guidance issued by the Department of Transport is used and our own local experience of implementing speed limits within the County. We also work closely with Durham Constabulary when considering changes to speed limits.</p> <p>It is an intention of the Department for Transport guidance to ensure that speed limits are credible with the aim that they become self-evident and enforcing by virtue of their surroundings. During the review process many criteria and factors are considered and evaluated. The existing vehicle speeds, nature of the road and its surroundings, local needs, existing highway infrastructure, development, highway signs, road markings and street lighting, the various road users, the credibility of the speed limit and accident history</p>	<p>Petition Closed</p>

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		<p>are some of these factors being considered. The length of speed limit, distance between speed limit terminal points and the number of changes along the route are also considered.</p> <p>The speed limits along the B1432 have been reviewed in accordance with the criteria mentioned above. This review which was undertaken jointly with Durham Constabulary considered that the speed limit in the location is the correct speed limit for the road and therefore the Council does not propose to make changes.</p> <p>Unfortunately, the setting of speed limits can be quite an emotive issue with residents generally demanding lower speed limits on roads and motorists opposing any reductions. We therefore have a difficult task in striking a balance and providing a compromise based upon the national and local strategies and also taking local factors into account. As is often the case, a speed limit which lacks credibility results in a significant proportion of motorists ignoring the limit and potentially driving at even higher speeds and can also lead to greater risk taking. In addition, the imposition of non-credible lower limits can raise residents' expectations that the speeds of vehicles will suddenly reduce but this is seldom being achieved in practice, thus creating further annoyance for both residents and motorists, and also unfair criticism of the police who have to enforce the speed limits.</p> <p>Whilst it is common for people to compare one location with another, a speed limit review considers each road on its own merits and taking into account all the relevant factors.</p> <p>A review of the road markings and signage through Hawthorn has already been completed and it is expected that the proposed changes will start to be implemented in the coming months. These road markings are aimed at</p>	

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		highlighting the road layout to drivers and providing markings to assist driver control.	
Petition 440 Red light cameras A690 Rainton Gate E-Petition Received 11.08.23 No. of signatures	REG	Petition asking the Council to install red light enforcement cameras and a bus lane camera at the new A690 crossing/Rainton Gate.	E-Petition to run from 11.08.23 – 22.09.23
Petition 441 Salters Lane footpath for walkers E-Petition Received 15.08.23 No. of signatures	REG	Petition asking the Council to build a simple footpath along the length of Salter's Lane from the Nature Reserve into Trimdon Grange	E-Petition to run from 18.08.23 – 15.10.23
Petition 443 Pedestrian crossing requirement E-Petition Received 17.08.23 No. of signatures	REG	Petition asking the Council to provide a public crossing area on Carr Street Road, Spennymoor from the Burton Woods Estate over to Jubilee Park	E-Petition to run from 17.08.23 – 28.09.23

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