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<p>Petition 433</p> <p>Derelict and abandoned houses in Stanley</p> <p><b>E-Petition</b> 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. E-Petition ran from 13.3.23 – 31.8.23</p> <p>Durham County Council has processes and procedures in place to deal with all empty residential properties working within the legislation available to the team. Empty properties are dealt with on a case by case basis, each having different levels of intervention to bring them back into occupation. Working with internal and external partners to ensure relevant action is taken, interventions range from advice, support, and assistance to using enforcement as a last option.</p> <p>In 2022/2023 the target set of bringing 200 long term empty properties back into occupation was exceeded by eight, one of the properties being empty more than 30 years and another over 20 years. We are on course to achieve this year’s target set.</p> <p>We have supported owners to bring empty properties back into use, using interest free loans, advice, support, and negotiation. Empty Properties are monitored and visited frequently until they become occupied. The team has a range of tools to encourage owners to work with them, using the most appropriate one to achieve a satisfactory result.</p> <p>The following links provide information on how to apply for an empty homes interest free loan, how to report an empty property and what happens after the report is received.</p> <p><a href="#">Empty homes interest free loans - Durham County Council</a></p> <p><a href="#">Empty homes - Durham County Council</a></p>	<p>Petition Closed</p>

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<p>Petition 443</p> <p>Pedestrian crossing requirement</p> <p><b>E-Petition</b> Received 17.08.23 No. of signatures 11</p>	<p>REG</p>	<p>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 ran from 17.08.23 – 28.09.23</p> <p>All requests for formalised crossing such as zebra or signal controlled crossings are assessed against a national criteria devised by the Department for Transport (DfT), which takes into account various factors including traffic flow and the number of pedestrians crossing the road throughout the day, not just the busiest period. It is appreciated that residents have a desire for such facilities in the vicinity of their homes however research shows that putting a formal crossing in where this criteria is not met, can result in an increase in road traffic accidents as drivers become complacent and unaccustomed to being stopped at the crossing or simply ignore its existence. The guidance for assessment of Pedestrian Crossings Traffic Signs Manual Chapter 6 – Traffic Control can be found at the following link - <a href="https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5df0e29fed915d15f42c4820/dft-traffic-signs-manual-chapter-6.pdf">https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5df0e29fed915d15f42c4820/dft-traffic-signs-manual-chapter-6.pdf</a></p> <p>In this case where national criteria could not be satisfied, this is partly because there is no overall “desire line” on what is a long section of road where pedestrians choose to cross where it is convenient for them, rather than at a specific location. It is for this reason that you typically see formalised crossing facilities in commercial town centres only where pedestrians have been “funnelled” to a particular crossing point. In addition, and importantly, the pedestrian and vehicular flows are significantly too low to achieve the necessary threshold criteria to justify a crossing. Observations made indicated that due to the traffic volumes, pedestrians generally did not have to wait to cross the road.</p> <p>We have investigated the feasibility of providing a pedestrian refuge island however due to a combination of insufficient road width and the need to</p>	<p>Petition Closed</p>

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		<p>accommodate turning movements for side roads, accesses, and bus stops this could not be installed within the existing road layout. The location was assessed based on a recent visit as part of enquiries relating to works in the immediate area and traffic data available from our database.</p>	
<p>Petition 444</p> <p>Southfield Way Crossing at the Sniperley Roundabout</p> <p><b>E-Petition</b> Received 29.09.23 No. of signatures 127</p>	<p>REG</p>	<p>Petition asking the Council to give (long overdue) priority to enhancing the safety of pedestrians and cyclists crossing Southfield Way at the A691 exit road into Durham from the Sniperley (Hospital) roundabout. E-Petition ran from 29.9.23 – 10.11.23</p>	<p>Awaiting response</p>
<p>Petition 445</p> <p>Urgently Introduce a 20mph Speed Limit on Burton Woods Estate</p> <p><b>E-Petition</b> Received 8.10.23 No. of signatures 32</p>	<p>REG</p>	<p>Petition asking the Council to Impose a 20mph Speed Limit on the Burton Woods Estate in Spennymoor. E-Petition ran from 8.10.23 – 19.11.23</p>	<p>Awaiting response</p>

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Petition 446  Traffic lights to be put on 63 roundabout  <b>E-Petition</b> Received 16.10.23 No. of signatures	REG	Petition asking the Council to install traffic lights just before the entrance to the roundabout which would make a safe break from traffic entering from the A1(M) and Picktree Lane.	E-Petition to run from 16.10.23 - 31.12.23
Petition 447  Lanchester Traffic Calming  Received 2.11.23 No. of signatures 117	REG	Petition asking the Council to advise a plan for pavement widening, traffic calming measures and a reduced speed limit to be actioned on Durham Road, Lanchester stretching from All Saints Parish Church to the Oakwood Estate.	Awaiting response