

Petition Table – Active Petitions

Nature of Petition	Appropriate Service/Officer	Summary of Information	Status of Petition
<p>Petition 211</p> <p>Community Petition to save the Walls of Barnard Castle</p> <p>E-petition - Petition received 14.05.13 No. of signatures – 63</p> <p>Paper petition received 07.04.14 No. of signatures - 1895</p>	<p>S Timmiss, Head of Planning and Assets, Regeneration and Economic Development</p>	<p>Petitioner informed of a positive meeting between the parties involved, with all involved noting the importance of working together to attempt to resolve the issue.</p> <p>It was agreed for a structural survey of the cliff be undertaken and all parties to keep public and other interested parties up to date. Further discussions would take place after the survey and the Council would in the meantime reinforce fencing at the area</p> <p>Awaiting the results of the survey and will then be able to discuss with residents and the Town Council.</p>	<p>Regular update sent, with the last one being dated 27.06.13</p> <p>Petition continued – update sent 09.05.14 Service requested to provide an update – September 2014</p>
<p>Petition 235</p> <p>Put a Safe pedestrian crossing on Manor Way between St Cuthberts Church Vicarage and the William Brown Centre</p> <p>No. of signatures – 171 Petition received 15.05.14</p>	<p>T Smith, Special Projects Officer, Neighbourhoods</p>	<p>Petition requesting that in order for all pedestrians to cross the road safely a pedestrian crossing be installed.</p> <p>Petitioner informed that the County Council have adopted a policy based upon national guidelines. This approach ensures consistency in determining requests as well as ensuring that a formalised crossing is safe and fit for purpose. On site observations indicate that even after additional weighting was applied, the location would not meet the criteria to justify the provision of a controlled crossing. As there is the possibility that circumstances change, the location will be kept under periodic review by officers.</p>	<p>Final letter sent 12.06.14</p> <p>Petition CLOSED.</p>
<p>Petition 236</p> <p>Removal of trees from Chapel Hill Road, Peterlee</p> <p>No. of signatures – 10 Petition received 28.05.14</p>	<p>Oliver Sherratt, Head of Direct Services</p>	<p>Request to remove trees from Chapel Hill Road, Peterlee</p> <p>Petitioner informed that following investigations the trees were in a healthy condition and they did not meet the criteria of being in a dangerous condition or excessive shade to a habitable room. The concern expressed about leaf accumulation has been addressed and a clear up of the accumulated leaves and wind-blown rubbish has been removed.</p>	<p>Final letter sent 17.06.14</p> <p>Petition CLOSED.</p>

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Petition 236 cont.		Petitioner also advised that some modest pruning of the tree closer to the corner site and reducing some overhang from a large branch would be undertaken in the winter.	
Petition 237 Objection to Proposed Parking Restrictions in Middleton in Teesdale No. of signatures – 253 Petition received 02.06.14	Sarah Thompson Strategic Traffic Management - Traffic Section RED	Petition of Objection to Proposed Parking Restrictions in Middleton in Teesdale. Petition rejected under the petitions scheme, as refers to ongoing consultation. Passed to service to deal with as part of their consultation.	Letter sent 09.06.14
Petition 238 Improvement to Bollards, Shotton Road, Horden No. of signatures – 44 Petition received 11.07.14	T Smith, Special Projects Officer, Neighbourhoods	Petition proposing that a new, more effective barrier be erected near to the top of Shotton Road, to deny access to all motor vehicles to and from the adjacent fields and Chapel Hill area. It is proposed that a chicane be positioned across the footpath to allow access to wheelchairs, pushchairs and pedestrians only. Service response sets out the reasons why it is not possible to erect barriers at the location, the types of bollards that were in place in the area, options that had been considered at the location, and that issues of public disorder and nuisance should be directed to Durham Constabulary.	Final letter sent 06.08.14 Petition CLOSED .
Petition 239 Westerton Village Footpath – Poor Condition E-petition - Petition received 01.08.13 No. of signatures 32	Oliver Sherratt, Direct Services, Neighbourhoods	Petition asking the Council to inspect and commission the necessary work to clear and tidy the footpath leading from the A688 to Westerton Village and the footpath leading from Westerton Road to Westerton Village. e-Petition live from 08.08.14 to 30.09.14. e-Petition closed with 32 signatures – awaiting response from service.	Acknowledged via e-petition system 08.08.14 e-Petition live 08.08.14

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<p>Petition 240</p> <p>Reduce 60mph Speed Limit on A68 from South Road, Toft Hill to Spring Gardens to 40 mph</p> <p>No. of signatures – 204 Petition received 27.08.14</p>	<p>T Smith, Special Projects Officer, Neighbourhoods</p>	<p>Petition asking the Council to reduce the 60mph Speed Limit on A68 from South Road, Toft Hill to Spring Gardens to 40 mph</p> <p>Service response sets out the reasons why it is not possible to support the lowering of the speed limit. The introduction of Department for Transport (DfT) Circular 01 of 2006 “Setting Credible Speed Limits”, required Highway Authorities to review all ‘A’ and ‘B’ class roads by 2011. It was the intention of this Circular to ensure that speed limits are credible and consistently applied throughout the Country with the aim that they become self-evident and enforcing by virtue of their surroundings. The review process takes into account various criteria and factors that are to be considered and evaluated. The existing vehicle speeds, nature of the road and its surroundings, local needs, development, highway signs, road markings and street lighting, the various road users, the credibility of the speed limit and accident history are some of the factors which are considered during the review.</p> <p>The speed limit on A68 has been the subject of much debate in recent years resulting in a number of requests over the past few years to reduce the speed limit. In 2008 the County Council together with Durham Constabulary undertook a joint review of the entire length of the A68 from its boundary with Northumberland to its boundary with Darlington in accordance with DfT Circular 01/06. The review having taken into consideration the factors mentioned above determined that the section of the A68 between Toft Hill and West Auckland would remain subject to the National Speed Limit.</p>	<p>Final letter sent 12.09.14</p> <p>Petition CLOSED.</p>
<p>Petition 241</p> <p>Provide a 2nd Football Goal on Kelloe Green</p> <p>E-petition – Petition received 04.09.14 No. of signatures 4</p>	<p>Steve Howell Head of Culture and Sport, Neighbourhoods</p>	<p>Petition requesting a second goalpost to be provided on Kelloe Green. A new goal post was installed a year ago by the County Council and a second would enable the youth in the community to enjoy a game of football.</p> <p>e-Petition live from 04.09.14 to 01.10.14</p> <p>e-Petition closed with 4 signatures however a response to be provided direct to lead petitioner by Service.</p>	<p>Acknowledgement via e-petition system 04.09.14</p> <p>Response to be provided by the service</p>

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<p>Petition 242</p> <p>To continue to deliver early years services through the Children's Centres</p> <p>E-petition – Petition received 11.09.14 No. of signatures – e-petition runs until 23.10.14 & numbers will be available after that time.</p>	<p>Carole Payne Head of Children's Services, Children and Adults Services</p>	<p>Petition the Council to continue to deliver early years services through the Children's Centres.</p> <p>Already consultation taking place - lead petitioner advised that we can hold e-petition until closing date of consultation, after which time the collection of signatures would be passed to the Service, to feed into their consultation process.</p> <p>e-Petition live 11.09.14 – runs until 23.10.14</p>	<p>Acknowledged via e-petition system 11.09.14</p> <p>e-Petition live 11.09.14</p>