

**Petition Table – Active Petitions**

**Appendix 2**

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><b>E-petition -</b> 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>Following a survey carried out discussions took place with residents and the Town Council.</p> <p>The parties - Durham County Council, Raby Estates and English Heritage are now in discussions in seeking a way forward as to ongoing repair and maintenance of the walls.</p>	<p>Regular update letters sent, with the last one dated 14.10.14</p> <p>Service requested to provide an update - January 2015</p>
<p>Petition 239</p> <p>Westerton Village Footpath – Poor Condition</p> <p><b>E-petition -</b> Petition received 01.08.14 No. of signatures – 32</p>	<p>Oliver Sherratt, Direct Services, Neighbourhoods</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Petitioner informed that Clean and Green team undertook works to cut back trees and shrubs, remove detritus and expose the footpaths. Plus some minor maintenance work has also been completed. It was acknowledged that more extensive improvement of the footpaths is desirable. Therefore arrangements had been made for the footpaths to be inspected as part of the evaluation process for possible inclusion in the 2015/16 capital maintenance programme. If not possible they would remain on the evaluation database for possible inclusion in future maintenance programmes.</p>	<p>Petition <b>CLOSED.</b></p>

Nature of Petition	Appropriate Service/Officer	Summary of Information	Status of Petition
<p>Petition 242</p> <p>To continue to deliver early years services through the Children's Centres</p> <p><b>E-petition –</b> Petition received 11.09.14 No. of signatures – 50</p>	<p>Carole Payne Head of Children's Services, Children and Adults Services</p>	<p>50 Signatures collected via e-petitions system, added to the ongoing consultation process in this regard.</p>	<p>Information passed to the Service as part of the consultation that closed on 24.10.14</p>
<p>Petition 243</p> <p>Request for additional car parking at Laburnum Court, Ushaw Moor</p> <p>No. of signatures – 15 Petition received 15.10.14</p>	<p>T Smith, Special Projects Officer, Neighbourhoods</p>	<p>Petition requesting additional car parking at Laburnum Court, Ushaw Moor. Residents are concerned that as car parking is scarce there is nowhere for carers and ambulances to park.</p> <p>Lead petitioner advised that the conversion of open space amenity land to off street parking spaces, whilst possible in most instances, is extremely costly at an estimated £5000 per space. This estimate can rise dramatically if any public utility apparatus will be affected. Unfortunately there is no budget for this purpose and unable to take the request forward at this stage. Suggested that petitioner may want to contact local Area Action Partnership or local Councillors who may have access to a suitable funding stream.</p>	<p>Petition <b>CLOSED.</b></p>
<p>Petition 244</p> <p>The White House, Peterlee - Halt demolition and enter into full consultation regarding the future of the building</p> <p>No. of signatures – 86 Petition received 31.10.14</p>	<p>S Timmiss, Head of Planning and Assets</p>	<p>Petition requesting the Council to Halt demolition and enter into full consultation regarding the future of the building.</p> <p>Following a meeting with ward members a decision has been made to review this, acknowledging the concerns expressed by parts of the community. The review will include discussions with local groups who have expressed an interest in the building to understand if there is a viable option to retain the building. The Authority needs to ensure that the building has a sustainable future going forward and that the full costs of retaining this building are understood. If the group can demonstrate that they have the necessary funding in place and that the building has a long term future the council will reconsider the decision.</p>	<p>Acknowledgement letter sent 31.10.14</p> <p>Update letter sent 08.12.14</p> <p>Service requested to provide an update - January 2015</p>

Nature of Petition	Appropriate Service/Officer	Summary of Information	Status of Petition
<p>Petition 245</p> <p>Petition Against the Closure of Annfield Plain Community Centre</p> <p><b>E-petition -</b> Petition received 30.10.14 No. of signatures – 1</p>	<p>G Elliott, Head Of Partnership and Community Engagement, ACE</p>	<p>Petition requesting the Council to reverse the decision to close the building.</p> <p>E-petition ran from 20.10.14 until 19.12.14 for collection of signatures.</p>	<p>e-Petition closed with 1 signature and information passed to Service</p>
<p>Petition 246</p> <p>Support Woodleigh as a Community Hub</p> <p><b>E-petition -</b> Petition received 31.10.14 No. of signatures – 4</p>	<p>S Timmiss, Head of Planning and Assets / G Darby, Asset Services Manager, Regeneration and Economic Development</p>	<p>Petition requesting the Council to support Woodleigh as a community hub.</p> <p>E-petition ran from 31.10.14 until 31.12.14 for collection of signatures.</p>	<p>e-Petition closed with 4 signatures and information passed to Service</p>

Nature of Petition	Appropriate Service/Officer	Summary of Information	Status of Petition
<p>Petition 248</p> <p>Install a pedestrian crossing or refuge island on A690 at Langley Moor</p> <p><b>E-petition –</b> Petition received 12.11.14 No. of signatures – 17</p>	<p>T Smith, Special Projects Officer, Neighbourhoods</p>	<p>Petition requesting the Council install a pedestrian crossing or pedestrian refuge island on A690 at Langley Moor E-petition ran from 12.11.14 until 31.12.14 for collection of signatures.</p> <p>Lead petitioner advised that the Council are unable to fund the request due to limited road safety budgets. Due to national casualty reduction targets implemented by Central Government, all Highway Authorities are required to direct their limited funding towards addressing locations with known and proven accident problems. It was noted that there had been two recorded personal injury pedestrian accidents on High Street (High Street from the junction with Black Road to the junction with Front Street) in the past four years.</p> <p>Requests for formalised crossings such as a zebra crossing or pelican crossing are assessed against a national criteria devised by the Department of Transport (DfT), and in this case, the national criteria could not be satisfied, as there is no overall “desire line” on what is a long section of road. Pedestrians choose to cross where it is convenient for them, rather than at a specific location.</p> <p>Other crossing facilities A formal crossing facility already exists at the western end of the High Street, albeit a short walk from the location in question. Other types of facility have been considered, including pedestrian refuge islands. Unfortunately, High Street is not wide enough to accommodate such measures without substantial and costly carriageway widening. This would almost certainly result in the loss of on street parking and access to the businesses that front the A690. Any proposed facility would also be subject to consultation as it is likely alteration to the adjacent bus stops would be necessary.</p>	<p>Petition <b>CLOSED</b></p>

Nature of Petition	Appropriate Service/Officer	Summary of Information	Status of Petition
<p>Petition 250</p> <p>Safe crossing place for residents in Witton Gilbert</p> <p><b>E-petition –</b> Petition received 02.12.14 No. of signatures – e-petition runs until 1.4.15 and numbers will be available after that time</p>	<p>T Smith, Special Projects Officer, Neighbourhoods</p>	<p>Petition requesting a safe crossing place, such as a pelican crossing, on Sacriston Lane, Witton Gilbert. There is also a need for traffic calming on the road as speeding is an issue – runs until 1.4.15 for collection of signatures.</p>	<p>E-petition made live 9.12.14</p>
<p>Petition 251</p> <p>Stop the installation of these new street lights</p> <p><b>E-petition –</b> Petition received 12.12.14 No. of signatures – 2</p>	<p>T Smith, Special Projects Officer, Neighbourhoods</p>	<p>Petition to stop the installation of these new street lights as they are not up to the standard of brightness as the sodium lights and the majority of residents where these white lights have been installed are afraid for their safety and security.</p> <p>E-petition ran from 12.12.14 until 23.1.14 for collection of signatures.</p>	<p>E-petition closed with 2 signatures and information passed to Service.</p>
<p>Petition 252</p> <p>To re-instate lighting on A692 Grove to Consett Road</p> <p><b>E-petition –</b> Petition received 17.12.14 No. of signatures – 72</p>	<p>T Smith, Special Projects Officer, Neighbourhoods</p>	<p>Petition to re-instate lighting on A692 Grove to Consett Road issue.</p> <p>E-petition ran from 22.12.14 to 28.1.15 for collection of signatures.</p>	<p>E-petition passed to the Service</p>

Nature of Petition	Appropriate Service/Officer	Summary of Information	Status of Petition
Petition 253 Grit Louisa Estate <b>E-petition –</b> Petition received 19.01.15 No. of signatures – e-petition runs until 28.2.15 and numbers will be available after that time	T Smith, Special Projects Officer, Neighbourhoods	Petition to have gritting at Louisa Estate, Stanley – runs until 28.2.15 for collection of signatures.	E-petition made live 26.1.15