

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>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>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 sent, with the last one being dated 14.10.14</p> <p>Service requested to provide an update - May 2015</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. We need 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 - May 2015</p>
<p>Petition 250</p> <p>Safe crossing place for residents in Witton Gilbert</p> <p>E-petition – Petition received 02.12.14 No. of signatures - 4</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. E-petition ran from 02.12.14 until 1.4.15 for collection of signatures.</p>	<p>E-Petition closed with 4 signatures and information passed to Service.</p>

<p>Petition 252</p> <p>To re-instate lighting on A692 Grove to Consett Road</p> <p>E-petition – 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>Following a robust and detailed road safety risk assessment being completed and taking into account the Street Lighting Energy Reduction Project, the Street Lighting Policy, the Road Safety Risk Assessment and Safe Walking Routes to School, the Council have consulted with local elected Members and they have not provided any information that changes the conclusions of the risk assessments. The luminaires were removed last October and the columns were to be removed.</p>	<p>Petition CLOSED</p>
<p>Petition 253</p> <p>Grit Louisa Estate</p> <p>E-petition – Petition received 19.01.15 No. of signatures - 27</p>	<p>T Smith, Special Projects Officer, Neighbourhoods</p>	<p>Petition to have gritting at Louisa Estate, Stanley. E-petition ran from 19.01.15 to 28.02.15 for the collection of signatures.</p> <p>The Council's published Winter Policy states that the Council will precautionary salt the more strategic routes as part of our Priority 1 network along with some other important key routes within the County. This is much higher than many other similar Highway Authorities and shows the Council's commitment to provide the best winter maintenance service it can line with available resources. Unfortunately, due to budget constraints the network coverage cannot be extended any further.</p> <p>These limited resources are used where they are most effective, and concentrate resources on strategic roads. The roads within the Louisa estate cannot be described as strategic roads. The Council do recognise that there may be difficulties on these roads and seven salt bins have been provided for this estate to enable members of the public to help themselves in time of need.</p> <p>With regard to footpath clearance, limited resources are used where they provide the most benefit. The Council have identified strategic footpaths which are based on the importance of the footway to the network.</p> <p>All of the footways in this estate are categorised as Category 4 footways which reflects their importance and position within the</p>	<p>Petition CLOSED</p>

		<p>overall network and therefore they will not be a priority for treatment at the onset of bad weather.</p> <p>The Council will try to assist in times of severe weather, where resources are available and where we receive a request for assistance, particularly where there is a need for the emergency services to attend or for life changing hospital treatment.</p>	
<p>Petition 254</p> <p>Street lights on A692 between Pudlers Corner and The Grove, Consett be switched back on</p> <p>No. of signatures – 58 Petition received 10.02.15</p>	<p>T Smith, Special Projects Officer, Neighbourhoods</p>	<p>Petition that street lights on A692 between Pudlers Corner and The Grove, Consett are switched back as the removal of them has seriously compromised children's and people's safety, some of whom are disabled, for this well walked route.</p> <p>Following a robust and detailed road safety risk assessment being completed and taking into account the Street Lighting Energy Reduction Project, the Street Lighting Policy, the Road Safety Risk Assessment and Safe Walking Routes to School, the Council have consulted with local elected Members and they have not provided any information that changes the conclusions of the risk assessments. The luminaires were removed last October and the columns were to be removed.</p>	<p>Petition CLOSED</p>
<p>Petition 256</p> <p>Traffic calming at Shotton Colliery Front Street</p> <p>E-petition – Petition received 04.02.15 No. of signatures - 13</p>	<p>T Smith, Special Projects Officer, Neighbourhoods</p>	<p>Petition asking to enforce traffic calming measures the length of Front Street, Shotton Colliery – E-petition ran from 04.02.15 to 18.03.15 for collection of signatures.</p> <p>Petitioner advised that the Council receives more requests for traffic calming than it is able to fund from limited road safety budgets. As such, all requests for traffic calming are added to a future scheme list which is reviewed periodically.</p> <p>Due to the need to reduce casualty accidents, Highway Authorities are required to direct their limited funding towards addressing locations with known and proven accident problems.</p> <p>Having checked the accident recording database shared with Durham Constabulary, there have been 4 recorded 'personal injury' accidents in the vicinity of Station Road and Front Street within the 30mph speed limit in the past three years, this being the standard search criteria. The accidents occurred at junctions where driver error was identified as the causation</p>	<p>Petition CLOSED</p>

		<p>factor of the accident and none involved excessive or inappropriate speed. Compared to many other locations, this represents a favourable accident record with priority continuing to be directed to locations with a known and proven accident problem.</p> <p>As part of the partnership approach to improving road safety, joint working with Durham Constabulary, an initiative known as 'Community Speed Watch' has been introduced. This initiative has been very successful elsewhere in the County and nationally.</p> <p>Under the Community Speed Watch initiative, all speeding complaints are directed towards Durham Constabulary and their Police and Communities Together (PACT) meetings, thus enabling the appropriate level of intervention and action to be considered.</p>	
<p>Petition 258</p> <p>Prospect Place, Barnard Castle – dangers to residents, drivers & pedestrians</p> <p>No. of signatures – 64 Petition received 02.03.15</p>	<p>T Smith, Special Projects Officer, Neighbourhoods</p>	<p>Petition asking the Council to minimise the danger to residents, drivers and pedestrians at Prospect Place, Barnard Castle by:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reducing the speed limit to 20mph • Add more signs showing the speed limit in both directions • Add solar powered detector signs • Improve lighting in this area • Look to see what else could be done <p>30mph - At the pre-planning stage of 'The Hub' development, discussions took place between the Council's Highway Development Control Team, the Planning Team and the Traffic Asset Team. It was determined that this development would not justify the extension of the speed limit. Any future potential developments taking access from the A688 will be fully assessed at the pre-planning stage and due consideration will be given to speed limit changes.</p> <p>20mph - The request from Teesdale School is noted and will be considered and evaluated in the future with other similar</p>	<p>Petition CLOSED</p>

		<p>requests should suitable funding become available.</p> <p>Speed Limit Signs - Due to street lighting being present, the regulations do not permit the installation of 30mph "repeater signs".</p> <p>Speedvisors - The Council have operated a speedvisor rotation programme for many years which involves moving a limited number of speedvisor signs between various sites across the County, targeting locations for a week or so at a time. This affords maximum impact and prevents motorists becoming complacent which reduces the speedvisors overall credibility. At this time, the speedvisor rotation programme is at capacity. The use of 'fixed' location speedvisors have been trialled nationally with research by the Department for Transport and Transport for London confirming this approach is less effective as a traffic management tool. Notwithstanding this research, there are 'fixed' location speedvisors at locations within the County which have been installed where funding has been provide by local Councillors and Town and Parish Councils.</p> <p>Street lighting - Further consideration will be given to the request should suitable funding become available in the future.</p> <p>Road Safety - The Council receive more requests for traffic management solutions than it is able to fund from limited road safety budgets. As such, all requests for traffic calming are added to a future scheme list which is reviewed periodically.</p>	
<p>Petition 260</p> <p>20mph Speed Limit in Medomsley Village</p> <p>No. of signatures – 356</p> <p>Petition received – 01.05.15</p>	<p>T Smith, Special Projects Officer, Neighbourhoods</p>	<p>Petition asking for a 20mph speed limit to be introduced in Medomsley Village due to the volume and speed of traffic experienced through the village. The planned housing development could result in increased traffic accidents and injuries to pedestrians and local children.</p> <p>Petitioner informed that regarding Manor Road, in the vicinity of the school there have been no 'personal injury' accidents in the last 4 years, following the standard search criteria. Compared to similar locations within the county this represents a favourable accident record. The Council currently has no plans to introduce a 20mph speed limit in Medomsley. However, this may change in the future depending on the development of the programme of works to install 20mph part-time speed limits outside schools. With regards to new developments the Council will consider at</p>	<p>Petition CLOSED</p>

		<p>the planning application stage the impact any new developments will have on the road network in the immediate areas in and around Medomsley. All the facts will be considered and this could result in the development proposals being rejected, amended or conditions may be introduced to request the developer to carry out highway improvements.</p>	
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