

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 - Sept 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 - Sept 2015</p>

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<p>Petition 262</p> <p>Dangerous Driving in North Bitchburn</p> <p>No. of signatures – 106 Petition received – 05.06.15</p>	<p>T Smith, Special Projects Officer, Neighbourhoods</p>	<p>Petition asking the Council to install traffic calming in North Bitchburn and to advise alleviate the dangerous driving problem in this area.</p> <p>The Council have checked information relating to Accident Analysis; Traffic Speeds; Speed Limits; Traffic Calming; Speed Indicator Signs; and Community Speed Watch.</p> <p>The Police have confirmed that North Bitchburn has recently been set as a PACT priority following an incident in March 2015. There have been no historic PACT priorities previously in North Bitchburn. Once the PACT priority / Community Speed Watch has been completed the results will be shared through the PACT Meetings with further action being considered as appropriate through the various escalation levels associated with Community Speed Watch.</p>	<p>Petition CLOSED</p>
<p>Petition 265</p> <p>Close the passageway behind Elm Terrace, Bishop Auckland due to Anti-Social Behaviour</p> <p>No. of signatures – 13 Petition received – 23.06.15</p>	<p>Anne Lambert , Special Projects Officer, Neighbourhoods</p>	<p>Petition asking the Council to permanently close the passageway behind Elm Terrace, Bishop Auckland to all but the residents due to ongoing anti-social behaviour problems. A Multi-Agency Problem Solving Group would start to look at the problems of anti-social behaviour in the area. Once it had considered all of the relevant information, a time limited action plan (lasting approximately 6 months) to help resolve antisocial related issues would be set up. The Multi-Agency Group would then assess whether the measures that have been in place have been beneficial for residents. It is at this time when a closure of the path could be considered.</p>	<p>Petition CLOSED</p>

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<p>Petition 266</p> <p>Review of Street Lighting in parts of Meadow Dale, Chilton</p> <p>No. of signatures – 50 Petition received – 07.07.15</p>	<p>T Smith, Special Projects Officer, Neighbourhoods</p>	<p>Petition asking the Council to review the street lighting in parts of Meadow Dale, Chilton as there is an inequality in the wattage of lights across the estate.</p> <p>Petitioner informed that there was a Street Lighting Energy Reduction Project, a Street Lighting Policy which was approved by Cabinet in May 2010 following public consultation. In normal residential areas P6 has been adopted as the minimum British Standard. LED wattages and checks were undertaken and confirm that the LED street lights meet and exceed the required lighting level under British Standards as set out in our Street Lighting Policy. Therefore the Council are unable to provide equal LED street light wattages throughout the estate.</p>	<p>Petition CLOSED</p>
<p>Petition 269</p> <p>Lobby the Government to amend or abolish the under occupancy charge (bedroom tax)</p> <p>E-petition - Petition received – 14.09.15 No. of signatures – to collect signatures 31.12.15</p>	<p>Don McLure, Corporate Director, Resources</p>	<p>Petition asking the Council to lobby the Government to amend or abolish the Under Occupancy Charge (the bedroom tax) as it is unfair and unjust - runs until 31.12.15 for collection of signatures.</p>	<p>E-petition made live on 25.9.15</p>
<p>Petition 270</p> <p>Offer Homes to 50 Refugee Families</p> <p>No. of signatures – 761 Petition received – 11.09.15</p>	<p>Lorraine O'Donnell Assistant Chief Executive</p>	<p>Petition asking the Council to offer 50 homes to refugee families.</p> <p>DCC have set up a Humanitarian Support Partnership and have released a media statement. Petitioner advised that County Durham will support the UK's response to the Syrian refugee crisis and to confirm that Durham Humanitarian Support Partnership is leading preparations to ensure County Durham plays its part in welcoming refugees to the area.</p>	<p>Update letter sent 2.10.15</p>

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<p>Petition 271</p> <p>Close the end of Horsley Grove, Bishop Auckland</p> <p>No. of signatures – 15 Petition received – 18.09.15</p>	<p>Caroline Gardner, Community Safety Team</p>	<p>Petition asking the Council to close the access from the end of Horsley Grove to Woodhouse Close Estate making it into a cul-de-sac.</p> <p>As crime is very low in the area, the issues have been referred to the Multi Agency Problem Solving Group for further discussion and it may be decided to ask the Crime Prevention Officer to assess further or offer advice/leaflets on improved property security and domestic abuse etc. to all residents.</p> <p>All residents are urged to attend their local PACT meeting either in person or online should they wish to raise any further concerns to the police. They may also wish to visit the Safer Durham Partnership web page for further advice and information, www.durham.gov.uk/article/3874/Crime-prevention</p>	<p>Petition CLOSED</p>