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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 meetings taking place between Raby Estates, Historic England and DCC about the future management of the site's restoration and the asset as a whole.</p> <p>Petitioner advised that a tripartite approach was introduced in order to identify the issues and work towards their resolution by taking forward a repairs strategy and a long term management programme for upkeep of the walls. The membership;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. English Heritage (as it was), in their role as guardians of the monument and advisors on heritage matters on a national basis. Following their split in 2015, English Heritage has taken up responsibility for the management of the asset, whilst the newly created Historic England is responsible for guidance and dealing with statutory permissions around the scheduled monument. ii. Raby Estates, through their role in a land owning capacity and, iii. DCC in the roles of seeking to protect the historic environment of the county and more directly, protecting both 	<p>Regular update sent, with the last one being dated 27.06.13</p> <p>Petition continued – update sent 14.10.14</p> <p>Update November 2015</p> <p>Update sent January 2016 Petition CLOSED</p>

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		<p>highway and public safety.</p> <p>A significant outcome from this has been the commissioning of a jointly funded survey of the walls and environs in order to identify the potential causes and extent of the wall’s structural problems and to propose possible solutions. Following a meeting of the group in September last year, it was understood that representatives of Raby Estates and Historic England would subsequently liaise with each other in order to agree upon and take further action.</p> <p>To date, the Council has been advised by Historic England that the process is ongoing and we will be seeking further clarification at a forthcoming general review meeting with Historic England diared for February. In the meantime DCC will continue to support the process in fulfilling its duties regarding highways and public safety.</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, Regeneration and Economic Development</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>Assets confirmed that the property would be put on the market shortly.</p>	<p>Acknowledgement letter sent 31.10.14</p> <p>Update letter sent 08.12.14</p> <p>Update November 2015</p>

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<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>Petition set up on a third party website so no way of verifying signatures.</p> <p>DCC have set up a Humanitarian Support Partnership and have released a media statement. Information passed to Assistant Chief Executive.</p>	<p>Petition CLOSED</p>
<p>Petition 272</p> <p>Call for Durham County Council to accept Syrian Asylum Seekers</p> <p>No. of signatures – 279 Petition received – 15.10.15</p>	<p>Lorraine O'Donnell Assistant Chief Executive</p>	<p>Petition asking the Council to accept Syrian Asylum Seekers.</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>Petition CLOSED</p>
<p>Petition 274</p> <p>West Auckland Village Green</p> <p>No. of signatures – 14 Petition received – 30.11.15</p>	<p>S Timmiss, Head of Planning and Assets, Regeneration and Economic Development</p>	<p>Petition asking the Council to resolve a matter about a property on West Auckland Village Green back to a grassed area.</p> <p>Petitioner informed that the Asset Management Team were considering the issues raised and were in discussions with the owner of the garden to which the petition refers.</p>	<p>Update sent 25.1.16</p>
<p>Petition 275</p> <p>Traffic Concerns at Lanchester</p> <p>No. of signatures – 54</p>	<p>Trudi Smith Special Projects Officer Neighbourhood Services</p>	<p>Petition raising concerns about speeding traffic along the B6296 from residents in the Hollinside, Colepike and adjacent farms in the Lanchester area.</p> <p>Petitioner advised that the Department for Transport guidance on the 'Setting Credible Speed Limits', requires Highway</p>	<p>Petition CLOSED</p>

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<p>Petition received – 1.12.15</p>		<p>Authorities 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.</p> <p>Speed limit reviews are undertaken jointly between the Council and Durham Constabulary, who are the enforcing authority. Various criteria and factors are considered and evaluated during the review.</p> <p>The current derestricted 60mph speed limit in this area has been reviewed and is considered an appropriate and credible speed limit for the nature of the road which is rural with few houses that have direct frontages on the route. As Hollinside Terrace does not directly front the B6296 it would not be considered a factor in assessing a lower speed limit.</p> <p>Speed Survey A speed survey carried out at Hollinside in 2014 showed traffic were travelling at an average speed of 42.8mph and there was a good compliance with the speed limit (data collected 24 hours a day for a 7 day period).</p> <p>Accidents The Council shares an accident database with Durham Constabulary that records all accidents that are reported to them.</p> <p>There have been 2 recorded personal injury accidents on B6296 (from a point west of the Ford Road junction and Black House Farm) in the past 4 years, this being DCC's standard search criteria. The causation factor in these accidents were not reported as being attributable to excess traffic speed. Whilst DCC would wish to see no accidents, compared to many other locations within the county, this represents a favourable accident figure. The Council have to focus limited resources towards</p>	

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		<p>addressing locations with known and proven accident problems.</p> <p>Maintenance of road markings and roadside vegetation The location will be inspected and where required arrangements will be made to undertake maintenance of road markings and roadside vegetation to assist in visibility in and out of the side roads and junctions on the B6296.</p>	
<p>Petition 276</p> <p>Create Free Buses for all in County Durham</p> <p>E-petition - Petition received – 16.1.16 No. of signatures –</p>	<p>Adrian White Head of Transport & Contract Services</p>	<p>Petition asking the Council to create free buses for all in County Durham to increase the use of public transport , improve our health, develop the economy, reduce traffic and lower our County’s contribution to climate change.</p> <p>e-petition live on website to collect signatures from 16.1.16 – 31.5.16</p>	<p>Acknowledgement sent 16.1.16</p>