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Nature of Petition	Appropriate Service/Officer	Summary of Information	Status of Petition
<p>Petition 302</p> <p>A167 Parking on Pavement near Sheraton Park</p> <p>Petition received 20.3.17 No. of signatures – 25</p>	<p>John Reed Head of Technical Services</p>	<p>Petition asking the Council to ban builders from parking on the pavements near to Sheraton Park on A167.</p> <p>Parking on the A167 highway verges was due to construction workers parking their vehicles whilst working on a development site in the Sheraton Park estate. The Strategic Highways Manager had visited the site on a number of occasions to speak to the construction site manager.</p> <p>Possible arrangements and mitigation measures were discussed to improve the situation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site staff parking vehicles on the verges of the A167 Following discussions with the Council’s highway engineer it was arranged for : the erection of temporary barriers to protect sight lines at junctions. daily inspection and cleansing of footways. continued monitoring and keep safe full re-soiling and seeding upon completion of the works • Footpath available for parking on Faraday Court The potential to utilise the unused footpath the east boundary of the site (Faraday Court) to ease the problem on the A167. This would probably accommodate about 20 cars. It was acknowledged that this isn’t happening because of representations made by the local residents. Utilising internal car parking when completed - the internal service/car park was nearing completion and the possibility of using this for site vehicles was discussed. Unfortunately, this was not possible because of the need to free up space to complete other works on site. Effectively, it would be used as a compound with little or no capacity for other use. 	<p>Petition CLOSED</p>

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		<p>The site manager apologised for the disturbance and frustrations that are being generated because of this inconvenient arrangement for the duration of the works. He confirmed that he is keen to work with the Council in any way practicable to assist. He gave reassurances that he would continue to monitor/maintain.</p> <p>More importantly, all site operatives were aware of their duty to be extremely safe and cautious when on the highway either in a works vehicle or their own, personal transport.</p> <p>The County Council would monitor the situation and raise any concerns with the site manager directly and ensure prompt action, where required. DCC would revisit the site periodically and speak to the site manager.</p>	
<p>Petition 303</p> <p>Allow Citizens to Stay in the UK</p> <p>Petition received 16.3.17</p> <p>No. of signatures – n/a</p>		<p>Petition asking the Council to vouch for citizens to remain in the UK.</p> <p>Petition rejected as falls outside of the scope of the Local Authorities responsibilities. Petitioner advised to contact change.org or the Government’s petitions website.</p>	<p>Petition REJECTED</p>
<p>Petition 304</p> <p>Make Wheatley Hill a Better Place to Live</p> <p>E-Petition</p> <p>No. of signatures – 11</p> <p>Petition received 12.4.17</p>	<p>Graham Wood</p> <p>Economic Development Officer</p>	<p>Petition asking the Council to make the village a better place to live, to clean up the front street area and Wordsworth avenue and to help us get our village back to how it once was.</p> <p>e-Petition ran from 12.4.17 to 24.5.17 and closed with 11 signatures.</p>	<p>Waiting for response from Service</p>

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<p>Petition 305</p> <p>Speeding on the C36 between Chilton and Kirk Merrington</p> <p>Petition received 13.4.17 No. of signatures – 53</p>	<p>Keith Jameson Traffic Asset Manager</p>	<p>Petition asking the Council to address continuous speeding of police and motorists on the C36 road between Chilton and Kirk Merrington. Concerns were also expressed about the roundabout and placement of the road crossing position and signage on the A167.</p> <p>Officers from Durham County Council and Durham Constabulary met with residents on 9th May 2017 to discuss the issues raised. The formal response is as follows:</p> <p>Local Speed Limits</p> <p>The Council is required to follow Department for Transport legislation and guidance to ensure that speed limits are credible with the aim that they become self-evident and enforcing by virtue of their surroundings. When reviewing speed limits, various factors and criteria are considered and evaluated such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing vehicle speeds; • Nature of the road and its surroundings; • Local needs; • Existing highway infrastructure; • Development; • Highway signs; • Road markings and street lighting; • The various road users; • The credibility of the speed limit; and • Accident history. <p>Having checked the accident recording database shared with Durham Constabulary, DCC can thankfully confirm there has been no recorded ‘personal injury’ accidents within the 30mph section of Denebridge Row in the past four years, this being the standard search criteria. Compared to many other locations, this</p>	<p>Petition CLOSED</p>

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		<p>represents a favourable accident record.</p> <p>A speed limit which lacks credibility can result in a significant proportion of motorists ignoring the limit and driving at even higher speeds, and can also lead to greater risk taking. The majority of drivers will travel at what they consider is a credible speed for their environment, with the average speed being a good indicator.</p> <p>On balance DCC believe that the current speed limit of 30mph is appropriate for this location. However, there are issues with the credibility of this speed limit where there is a lack of immediate roadside frontage property development.</p> <p>The Council will undertake a traffic speed survey on Denebridge Row to determine the extent of speeding issues. The results will be shared with Durham Constabulary who will consider deployment of their Mobile Safety Camera as part of a targeted enforcement campaign if appropriate.</p> <p>Community Speed Watch As part of our partnership approach to improving road safety, joint working with Durham Constabulary has enabled DCC to introduce an initiative known as ‘Community Speed Watch’. This initiative has been very successful elsewhere in the County and, indeed, 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 to enable the appropriate level of intervention and action to be considered.</p> <p>Durham Constabulary have recently reviewed their Community Speed Watch initiative and now offer a “Grab bag” of equipment</p>	

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		<p>to be used by local volunteers to monitor and deter speeding. The Grab Bag includes a speed indication device, warning signs, yellow tabards, body cam, clipboard and relevant forms and letters.</p> <p>Durham Constabulary's Local Beat Team have agreed to contact the lead petitioner to discuss if this would be of interest to residents.</p> <p>Signal Controlled Crossing – Red Light Running The signal controlled crossing was installed when the Chilton Bypass was constructed to assist the passage of pedestrians across the new road layout. A check of the accident recording database shared with Durham Constabulary shows no 'personal injury' accidents at the crossing, representing a favourable accident trend when compared to many other formalised crossing facilities within the County. Durham Constabulary's Roads Policing Unit have agreed to monitor this location to detect and deter any red lighting running as part of routine patrols.</p>	
<p>Petition 306</p> <p>Nevilles Cross 30mph & Road Safety Review</p> <p>E-Petition No. of signatures – Petition received 20.4.17</p>	<p>Keith Jameson Traffic Asset Manager</p>	<p>Petition asking the Council to carry out a road safety review along the A167 and A690 in the Nevilles Cross, Crossgate Moor and Whitesmocks areas.</p> <p>E-Petition to run from 20.4.17 – 30.6.17</p>	

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<p>Petition 307</p> <p>Speeding and Parking on Buckingham Road, Peterlee</p> <p>E-Petition No. of signatures – Petition received 3.5.17</p>	<p>Keith Jameson Traffic Asset Manager/ Dave Lewin Traffic Management Section Manager</p>	<p>Petition asking the Council to control and reduce speeding and parking on Buckingham Road, Peterlee.</p> <p>E-Petition to run from 3.5.17 – 14.6.17</p>	
<p>Petition 308</p> <p>Term Time Holidays</p> <p>E-Petition No. of signatures – Petition received 6.5.17</p>	<p>Caroline O’Neill Head of Education</p>	<p>Petition asking the Council to review and change the rule on taking children out of school during term time holidays.</p> <p>E-Petition to run from 6.5.17 – 17.6.17</p>	
<p>Petition 309</p> <p>Keep open Bishop Auckland General Hospital</p> <p>E-Petition No. of signatures – n/a Petition received 16.5.17</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>Petition asking the Council to keep Bishop Auckland General Hospital open and to re open Bishop Auckland labour ward as the nearest one in the area is Darlington Memorial Hospital.</p> <p>Petitioner informed that as the Council has no direct control over this issue the petition is rejected.</p> <p>Petitioner advised that Adults, Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee have been made aware and have discussed the temporary closure of the Maternity Ward at Bishop Auckland Hospital. The Committee have also received reports and updates in relation to the Durham, Darlington and Teesside, Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby Sustainability and Transformation Plan. Bishop Auckland Hospital will be included in these plans and I would therefore suggest that you contact Alan Foster, Chief Executive of North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust and STP Lead to make your representations.</p>	<p>Petition REJECTED</p>

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