

Item 8 : Petitions Update Report – 22 February 2017

Petition No.	Description	Presented by (and date)	Portfolio Holder	Status Full copies of the responses may be obtained from Democratic Services
484	<p>There is insufficient parking for local residents living in Plaistow Close. The road is particularly small and with cars parked across the pavements there is still not enough space for everyone to park.</p> <p>We request the Council install free parking permits down the road which would mean that local residents could guarantee that there is space for them to park their vehicles.</p> <p>We request the Council also look to add additional parking on the grass verge at the end of the road.</p>	8 December 2016	Cllr B Little	Following investigation by the Council's Traffic Team, it has been identified that the provision of additional parking would require the use of land currently designated as 'open space'. Council officers are investigating the feasibility of this land being made available for parking.
485	<p>We the undersigned petition Thurrock Council to amend the proposed changes to Children's Public Health Services and Children's Centres to no longer include the closure of Stanford-le-Hope Children's Centre.</p> <p>While we accept Thurrock Council's desire to integrate and strengthen services for children and young people aged 0-19 and families in need of additional help, we ask that Stanford-le-Hope Children's Centre remains open and does not become an outreach service.</p>	21 December 2016	Cllr Halden	The Petition was received by Thurrock Council on 7 December 2016. However, the consultation around the changes to Children's Centres had closed on 4 December 2016. We informed the Lead petitioner that we would be unable to accept the comments attached to the petition as the deadline had passed and we had rejected three other late responses received prior to the petition. The Lead Petitioner was also advised that the format of the original petition did not meet the Council's criteria. The petition was regularised and resubmitted. We have been in ongoing communication with the Lead Petitioner.

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	<p>Stanford-le-Hope Children’s Centre is a crucial part of the community and we think it is important for families in Stanford-le-Hope, Corringham, Fobbing, Horndon-on-the-Hill and Orsett to have access to a local dedicated facility that is open 5 days a week, with trained staff members on hand to offer support and advice.</p> <p>The flexible drop-in sessions and facilities, including a range of educational and age appropriate toys and access to a garden area, that would be lost if the Children’s Centre were to close, are vital for parents in need of extra support and for those who don’t have access to such facilities elsewhere.</p>			
486	<p>The parking facilities are of grave concern to the residence of Dalroy Close. This drop drive being proposed for number 23 will cause massive problems for the residence to Dalroy Close, when the person in question doesn’t even live at the property of number 23 and hasn’t lived there for more than 10years, this is so selfish, inconsiderate and thoughtless causing inconvenience to others, others that need that space if they have young children, if they are elderly or registered disabled, and most importantly the emergency services, which have used that space previously.</p>	6 January 2017	Cllr B Little	<p>The vehicle crossing meets all the conditions set out in Council policy and therefore there is no reason to refuse it and has approval to proceed. The Lead Petitioner has been informed.</p>

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