

Item 8 : Petitions Update Report – 29 March 2017

Petition No.	Description	Presented (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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487	Objection to double yellow lines (no waiting at any time) Access Road 36-72 Lodge Lane, Grays	21 February 2017	Cllr B Little	Following receipt of all the comments and objections regarding the implementation of the double yellow lines in Lodge Lane a Delegated Decision Report will be submitted to the Portfolio holder to consider all the reasons for implementing the scheme including comments from those who have submitted the service request and all the objections to the scheme.
488	Serious concerns about the level of caretaking services on the Grays South Estate	22 February 2017	Cllr Gledhill	<p>Although some adjustments have been made by housing management to individual task allocations on the estate, this has not resulted in a reduction in service.</p> <p>In summary, three caretakers in Grays were identified as having smaller rounds than some of their colleagues elsewhere, and were allocated some additional duties elsewhere (less than two floors a day each). Staff 'downtime' has been reduced, but we are confident the level of service at Seabrooke Rise has been maintained. Cover arrangements are in place for staff absences and the Team Leader carries out a daily overall check in every block. No complaints from tenants have been received since the changes were made on January 16th</p> <p>Caretaking duties on the Echoes have been assigned to other staff in the service, and there is no impact on tenants in Seabrooke Rise.</p> <p>If tenants have particular concerns these can be raised with Estate Services staff on-site or</p>

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				with the Tenancy Services team who will look at any perceived problems with the service.
489	Conservative's proposed £15 per week charge for all sheltered housing tenants in Thurrock	22 February 2017	Cllr Gledhill	The Council has just completed an extensive consultation exercise on the proposal to extend service charges. The results of the consultation and a final decision will be taken at the June Cabinet.

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