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Petition No.	Description	Presented (date)	Presented (by)	Status
522	Closure to the entrance to the woodland area in Woodend Close, Grays RM17 5FN	June 2019	Ms Nweke	<p>The Council relinquished its freehold interest in the Former Treetops School site when it sold the land to Keepmoat. It is not possible for the Council to close the access because it does not own the land.</p> <p>Keepmoat obtained planning consent to develop the land for housing in 2016 which was subject to planning conditions and s.106 agreement. In accordance with the terms of the s.106 agreement, the woodland area is due to be transferred to the Land Trust for future management.</p> <p>Keepmoat are responsible for the maintenance of the woodland area and viewing platform until the land is transferred. The Council has written to Keepmoat to remind them of their responsibilities. Residents should report incidences of anti-social behaviour directly to the Police.</p>
523	Save Culver Fields - reject any attempt to build on the Culver Fields without proper consultation	June 2019	Cllr Fletcher	<p>The Council, in considering the best use of its assets to meet strategic priorities, such as the need to build new homes, including affordable housing for Thurrock residents, will from time to time identify locations where it will consider a change of use may be in the best interest of the wider Thurrock community.</p> <p>Any planning application to develop residential accommodation on Culver field is subject to Council and statutory provisions on public consultation and this process will be followed.</p> <p>Further, in recognition of local residents concerns a fuller consultation strategy is being prepared to engage with local residents and other stakeholders which will include public exhibitions of proposals prior to submission of any planning application and commencement of the formal statutory planning process. The exhibitions will form part of a wider consultation approach including provision of written material</p>

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				and opportunity for residents to submit consultation feedback online.
524	Thurrock Sports Council – Improve sports facilities	19 June 2019	Mr Norrington	<p>We continue to work with sports clubs and community groups across the borough to improve sports provision and encourage getting people active.</p> <p>The draft sports strategy is being progressed and the Active Parks team have been proactive during the summer with community engagement and sports sessions in parks and open spaces.</p>
525	Calling for a Pedestrian Crossing around the junction of the Broadway, Gypsy Lane and East Thurrock Road, in Grays	19 June 2019	Cllr J Kent	<p>The Transport Development team have undertaken a review of the area and have concluded that the location does not meet the criteria to implement a zebra or signalised crossing.</p> <p>The Transport Development team will look into whether an uncontrolled crossing, with refuge island, could be implemented. However this will be subject to finding a suitable location with adequate width and no objections. This will be investigated in more detail as part of the wider A126 Safer Roads Funding programme.</p>
526	Petition against the exclusion of the parade of shops and flats on Bridge Road, Grays, RM17 6BU from the new Grays Permit Parking Zone H. Reason being that the parade is between both William Street and Grove Road, there is no allocated parking for the shops or for the residents who reside above the shops on Bridge Road and there is only 30 minutes no return on the parade for customer use. Often customers, especially	24 July 2019	Mr Kazantis	<p>Parking Permit Area Zone H has been advanced following representations from residents who are concerned about commuter parking which prevents residents being able to park on-street.</p> <p>Following feedback from local residents and businesses the Transport Development team have assessed the extension of PPA Zone H.</p> <p>Residents above the shops in Bridge Rd will be eligible for resident parking permits when the scheme goes live and the extension of the scheme will include limited waiting bays at Gypsy Lane and Arthur Street to provide parking places for the Broadway, Arthur Street and Gypsy Lane customers and businesses.</p>

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	businesses and residents located on Bridge Road require parking for longer periods of time, especially where they live and work in this immediate area.			<p>For Bridge Road businesses and customers there are existing limited waiting bays between William Street and Grove Road that can be used. For longer stay / business parking, customers and businesses can use existing parking facilities that are outside PPA zone H.</p> <p>All works are to be completed by the end of Sept and required permits will be operational from this date.</p>																
527	Installing CCTV to catch the illegal motorbikes and cars	24 July 2019	Cllr Rice	<p>Essex Police are responsible for enforcing safer roads in Thurrock. The Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex Crime Plan 2016-20 acknowledges improving the safety of our roads is a local priority to keep Essex safe. Thurrock Council helped fund Operation Caesar, a Police campaign to clampdown on anti-social and dangerous off road motorbike and quad biking in Thurrock. It relies on residents to report incidents of illegal motorbikes and cars to help the Police solve cases and make arrests. Since the end of November last year, the crackdown has resulted in nine arrests, 46 people being reported for careless driving, 31 people dealt with for having no insurance, 27 people driving without a licence and a further 59 people had warnings issued for riding in an anti-social manner. However police action is intelligence led and relies on members of the public reporting incidents in relation to Thamesview and Crouch Road, the number of crime incidents recorded by Essex Police from April 1 to July 17 2019, is as follows:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Thamesview</th> <th>No</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Off road motorbikes</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Drugs</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Damage to fence</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Thamesview Amenity Land</th> <th>No</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Off road motorbikes</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Drugs</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Damage to fence</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Thamesview	No	Off road motorbikes	0	Drugs	0	Damage to fence	0	Thamesview Amenity Land	No	Off road motorbikes	2	Drugs	1	Damage to fence	0
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528	Thurrock Council to Declare a Climate Emergency	1 August 2019	Mr Hill	Councillor Halden as Local Councillor for Homesteads and as Cabinet Member wrote to the lead petitioner on the 6 August 2019 outlining past and current Council initiatives to tackle climate change.								