

Petitions Update Report

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549	Rainbow Road Park Gate, Chafford Hundred - To make this park safer for small children I feel that the addition of a gate would be greatly appreciated by parents. The park entrance is situated on a very busy road through Chafford Hundred with nothing stopping children leaving quickly if their carers have multiple children with them.	10/6/2021	Resident	Julie Rogers	The gate for the entrance of Rainbow Road Park has been ordered and will be installed by the end of August. The lead petitioner was advised that the Council do not lock any parks and open spaces at night. There are instances where the local community have asked permission to carry out this task, each of these requests are assessed on their own merit.
550	Conversion of Green Space to Parking Spaces - We have limited parking spaces available but a huge patch of green at 55-60 Fullarton Crescent, South Ockendon that isn't used whatsoever. We would like it to be converted into available parking area, just like the other cul-de-sac in Fullarton Crescent	30/6/21	On-Line Petition	Julie Rogers	The Council's "Kerb-it" programme seeks to introduce additional parking in residential areas through the conversion of highway verges and green areas with either asphalt or more often a material which strengthens the ground but allows grass to grow through thereby retaining a softer look without creating any drainage issues. Having reviewed the request and established that the grassed area is within the public highway and would be suitable for conversion, this green will now be added to the list of those areas being put forwarded for consideration when the next round of funding becomes available for the "Kerb-it" project.
551	Proposed closure of Kynoch Court Day Centre - Proposed closure by Thurrock Borough Council of a Community Day-care Centre which has been running for over 20 years in a purpose	21/7/21	Council	Ian Wake	The day care centre at Kynoch Court has been closed since March 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic and subsequent restrictions. Prior to the pandemic, it provided a day care service to between 15 and 20 people on a typical day. However, the accommodation is small, meaning

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	<p>built area with in Kynoch Court for the residents of Stanford-Le-Hope, Corringham and Fobbing. A Centre which provides quality care, activities, cooked meals and Social Interaction for those with various disabilities including Dementia. It also provides essential respite for unpaid carers as well, this Day-care Centre is a benefit for all the family who are very much treated as part of the care team family and are welcomed by the residents of Kynoch Court.</p>				<p>that all activities take place in one area; there is little capacity to enable a range of simultaneous activities and therefore little choice for service users. The Council wishes to expand the offer for Day Care services but in order to do so, we need to consolidate the existing three services into one, at the Cromwell Road centre in Grays. Whilst this does mean closing the Kynoch Court and the Bell house services, the result will be an improved offer for service users overall. Cromwell Road is a much larger purpose built site with a number of rooms suited to a variety of activities. In addition, it has parking on site for minibuses, disabled facilities and larger outside garden areas that could be further developed and enjoyed by service users. Maximum use will be made of the facilities at Cromwell Road. A new increased menu of activities will be developed and opportunities for informal carers and other groups to meet and support service users and each other. Minibus transport services will be provided to allow service users to access the site. During the pandemic the Day Care service has provided alternative arrangements so that staff offer respite within the service users home including outside the historical 9am-4pm time period. This has been much appreciated and has opened up opportunities to involve service users in different activities including linking in with others via online social media such as Face Time.</p>

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					<p>Rationalising Day Care Facilities on one site will also allow us to continue to provide and expand these respite services to offer support for people who would not traditionally have attended a day centre, through a Virtual Friendship Club.</p>
552	<p>Save The Thameside Complex - As published in the cabinet agenda and report released on the 29 June, for discussion on the 7 July, the Thameside complex has been listed as a disposable asset. The Complex is home to a multitude of arts and cultural entities, including the theatre, Creative Blast, Performing Arts Studios, Thurrock Museum, Thames Delta Radio and the current Grays Library. The building is also host to tenants not mentioned in the report such as Transvol & Thurrock Lifestyle Solutions, who work throughout the Borough promoting equal rights for the disabled as well as the Cafe at the front of the building. Talking newspapers also has weekly meetings here, bringing the news to those unable to read a newspaper. By closing the building and potentially losing the Theatre, we also lose local groups such as Thurrock Court</p>	21/7/21	Council	Karen Wheeler	<p>Work is currently underway to explore options for the reopening opening of the theatre and museum in the short-term for the period September 2021 until January 2022.</p> <p>Officers have commenced a process of engagement that will be ongoing with stakeholders to discuss the theatre and museum, future delivery models and cultural services more generally. Officers will continue to work with partners to develop a new cultural strategy, a shared vision and priorities to support cultural regeneration across Thurrock.</p> <p>Work has commenced to bring together practitioners from across the sector to a roundtable discussion with Members and officers.</p>

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	<p>Players and TOPS on stage who are frequent users of the theatre and the local Scouts who perform their annual Gang Show on the stage, as well as many, many other groups performers and dance schools both local and out of the Borough. According to the report published the Register Office is set to be relocated to the new Civic Offices extension, the library is also up for discussion of relocation. It would be a terrible shame to not only lose all of the arts and culture located in this building, but to lose a vital piece of local history. As we come out of the pandemic, people need things to bring them joy, need to be able to laugh and smile, and have things to look forward too and the Thameside Complex can bring this to the community.</p>				
553	<p>The petition is against the proposed sale of the 6.8 acres of green fields opposite Cole Avenue, RM14 4JQ by Thurrock Council.</p>	21/7/21	Council	Sean Clark	<p>Following petition and related member representations the Council is carefully considering the historic position of this site in order to ensure that all material factors are adequately managed. Whilst the review is ongoing, active steps to progress the sale of the site are paused.</p>