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Petition No.	Description	Presented by (and date)	Portfolio Holder	Status Full copies of the responses may be obtained from Democratic Services
475	The residents of Blackshots and surrounding areas are against any charging of the car park at Impulse Leisure as this could have a devastating effect on adjacent roads.	27/01/16	Cllr Redsell	<p>Impulse Leisure carried out a consultation exercise during November and December 2015, seeking public views on the introduction of parking charges at Blackshots Leisure Centre. This was a management response to identify potential solutions to parking problems at the site.</p> <p>Impulse clearly recognised from the response to their consultation exercise that car parking charging was a controversial and sensitive issue and concluded that even if charges were considered as a way forward, this could only be the case if the Council implemented a residents only parking scheme in surrounding roads. The Council's view however is that parking charges at Blackshots are not a practical or preferred solution and it has been made clear to Impulse that we will not be introducing residents parking for nearby roads.</p> <p>Furthermore, the Council's interpretation of the formal lease between the parties is that the introduction of charges to the current parking arrangements would represent a variation. The Council has written to Impulse Leisure, advising that no such variation would be agreed to, but also committing to working</p>

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				<p>with them to try to identify other ways of improving the parking issues at the site.</p> <p>It is therefore considered quite clear that parking charges will not be introduced at the Blackshots Leisure Centre.</p>
476	Yearly Management Charges - Quantum Premises, Grays, Essex	24/02/2016	Cllrs Worrall and Gerrish	<p>There is a signed agreement between the Highways Authority and the Developer, Persimmon Homes, for the adoption of some roads, as well as a highways improvement scheme on Woodview, which provides a relocated mini-roundabout access junction onto Woodview. There are three roads which were constructed contrary to the Council's Construction Specifications and will not be adopted as part of this agreement; being classified as un-adopted highway.</p> <p>Whilst we are still in the construction phase of the development, and the developer has yet to practically complete the roads to the required standard, it is the responsibility of the developer to maintain the highway to an appropriate standard until the Highways Authority can agree that the roads have been built to an adoptable standard.</p>
477	Highways England proposals for a New Crossing in Thurrock	23/03/2016	Cllr Gerrish	<p>Following a unanimous vote opposing the Crossing at Council on the 23rd of March, Thurrock Council submitted a formal response to Highways England's Route option Consultation comprising of a letter</p>

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				signed by all three Group Leaders, an Evidence Gathering Report developed by Planning, Transportation, Regeneration Overview and Scrutiny Committee summarising the various representations made to the Council in relation to the consultation; and a report by the Council's technical advisors, Peter Brett Associates, who provided a critique the detail of Highways England's proposals.
478	Petition on behalf of residents of Lansbury Gardens, Tilbury on the increased concerned for the safety of the complex	29/06/2016	Cllr Gledhill	Officers are currently assessing the request for installing gates as well as other means to improve the security and safety of residents at this complex. Other sheltered blocks have made similar request and so all of these will need to be looked at in terms of priority and available resources
479	Resolve the problems it has with the owners of "Nisa" and "Ockendon Pound Store" and allow them to continue trading thereby providing a much needed and highly value facility for the residents of South Ockendon	29/06/2016	Cllr Tolson	There has been communication between a number of people (within and external to the Council) regarding matters relating to the occupation of 11, 13 and 15 Derwent Parade for a number of years. Matthew Essex, Legal and Corporate Property have provided a number of replies to enquiries regarding the action being taken under the leases.

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