

Petitions and Outcomes 2014

Petition tracker number	Subject of petition	Date received	Summary Medway Council's response	Outcome of review (if requested)
57	An e-petition requesting crossings for Bells Lane, How. Now!	30 Dec 2014	<p>Whilst the safety of all road users is a matter of serious concern, the basis upon which the Council introduces safety improvements is casualty reduction whereby locations with the poorest safety records are tackled first.</p> <p>There are regrettably other locations within Medway recording poorer safety records, which will need to be addressed first. The collision record of Bells Lane will continue to be monitored. The lead petitioner was invited to meet with representatives of Medway's Integrated Transport Team to review the current situation.</p>	No review requested

56	An e-petition requesting that Medway's badgers be saved from culling	3 Dec 2014	Badger culling is instigated and controlled by DEFRA. The Council is notified by DEFRA when culls are taking place and, as yet, the Council has not received direct	No review requested
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			notification to this effect. It was further confirmed that such culling is not currently being carried out on Medway Council owned land.	
55	Objection to the installation of parking meters in York Avenue, Gillingham	27 Nov 2014	Following careful analysis of the feedback received as a result of the consultation, several amendments were made. The provision of shared use bays will improve the flow of traffic around Medway Hospital by providing visitors with alternative parking spaces.	At its meeting on 7 April 2015, the Regeneration, Community & Culture Overview & Scrutiny Committee requested that a review of the scheme be undertaken after 6 months of operation and the outcome be reported to the Committee. Also that direction signage to Medway Council be investigated and discussions held with the NHS Foundation Trust on options for further parking provision.
54	The tenant's of Mountevans House objection to the Council's decision to downgrade the scheme manager service.	21 Nov 2014	The Council's response contained a summary of the intention to provide the scheme manager service across two	No review requested

			schemes instead of one in relation to smaller independent living schemes and an explanation of the process undertaken. As part of the formalisation of the new structure, the job descriptions of all Homes for Independent Living staff have been reviewed and amended and there have been no redundancies.	
53	The tenant's of Esmonde House, Gillingham object to the Council's decision to downgrade the scheme manager service without consulting them.	6 Nov 2014	The Council's response contained a summary of the intention to provide the scheme manager service across two schemes instead of one in relation to smaller independent living schemes and an explanation of the process undertaken. As part of the formalisation of the new structure, the job descriptions of all Homes for Independent Living staff have been reviewed and amended and there have been	No review requested

			no redundancies for the staff.	
52	Planning application MC/14/2467: Objection to proposed development of garage site at Seagull Road in Strood.	29 Oct 2014	This petition relates to a planning application and is being dealt with under planning legislation.	Not applicable
51	An e-petition requesting that the Council provide a detailed assessment and strategy with a view to the traffic using Medway City Estate running more efficiently during all hours especially at peak times.	20 October 2014	The Council is aware of the issues raised by the petition. New measures have been introduced during peak times such as the 30mph speed limit in the Medway Tunnel to slow the traffic and increase the number of vehicles exiting from the Estate. With regard to the future, funding has been secured to undertake significant improvements on the A278 between the Medway Tunnel and the Four Elms roundabout including incorporating solutions to address the issue of traffic exiting the Estate. Further initiatives are also being investigated, for example, an	No review requested

			experimental foot ferry from Sun Pier, Chatham to the Estate.	
50	Planning application MC/14/2395: Save Capstone Valley - Objections to the building of 450 houses on the site of Gibraltar Farm.	16 October 2014	This petition relates to a planning application and is being dealt with under planning legislation.	Not applicable
49	Planning application MC/14/2395: Save Capstone Valley - Objections to the building of 450 houses on the site of Gibraltar Farm.	16 October 2014	This petition relates to a planning application and is being dealt with under planning legislation.	Not applicable
48	Planning application MC/14/2395: Save Capstone Valley - Objections to the building of 450 houses on the site of Gibraltar Farm.	16 October 2014	This petition relates to a planning application and is being dealt with under planning legislation.	Not applicable
47	Planning application MC/14/2395: Save Capstone Valley - Objections to the building of 450 houses on the site of Gibraltar Farm.	16 October 2014	This petition relates to a planning application and is being dealt with under planning legislation.	Not applicable
46	Planning application	16 October 2014	This petition relates to a	Not applicable

	MC/14/2395: Save Capstone Valley - Objections to the building of 450 houses on the site of Gibraltar Farm.		planning application and is being dealt with under planning legislation.	
45	Planning application MC/14/2395: Save Capstone Valley - Objections to the building of 450 houses on the site of Gibraltar Farm	16 October 2014	This petition relates to a planning application and is being dealt with under planning legislation.	Not applicable
44	Planning application MC/14/2395: Save Capstone Valley - Objections to the building of 450 houses on the site of Gibraltar Farm.	16 October 2014	This petition relates to a planning application and is being dealt with under planning legislation.	Not applicable
43	Planning application MC/14/2395: Save Capstone Valley - Objections to the building of 450 houses on the site of Gibraltar Farm.	16 October 2014	This petition relates to a planning application and is being dealt with under planning legislation.	Not applicable
42	A petition asking the Council to protect the Medway taxi trade from 'out of town' taxis from working in the Medway area.	16 October 2014	The Council is working with the Medway Licensed Taxi Driver Association (MLTDA) and other local authorities to look	No review requested

			<p>at ways to tackle this problem. The Council will be liaising with the Chairman of the MLTDA on a report on this issue that will be considered at the next meeting of the Licensing and Safety Committee on 18 November 2014. It is hoped the any changes, if agreed following consultation, will be implemented early in the New Year.</p>	
41	<p>Medway Council is asked to take the necessary action to safeguard the Medway Health and Lifestyle Team service.</p>	16 October 2014	<p>The proposal to decommission the health trainer service in Medway was made with regret and after much deliberation about the best use of the public health grant in the current climate of significant financial pressures. The decision was influenced by the fact that when compared with other public health interventions, there is less evidence that health trainer services are cost-effective or that they have any influence at a population level. A</p>	<p>At its meeting on the 11 December 2014, the Committee noted the expiry of the Health and Lifestyle Trainer service contract with the Sunlight Development Trust and that a decision as to whether to decommission or to re-procure the service will be taken as part of the 2015/16 budget process.</p>

			<p>further impact assessment has been carried out, and will be considered by Cabinet for decision on 28 October. The impact assessment considered the potential impacts of decommissioning this service, and proposes mitigating actions to minimise any negative consequences.</p>	
40	<p>A petition requesting the removal of unsuitable trees (e.g. Sycamore etc) which have been planted too close to property boundaries on the south side of Kingsfrith Playing Field.</p>	16 October 2014	<p>This is a long-standing complaint which has been thoroughly investigated by the Council over the years. In 2013, the lead petitioner's complaint was again fully investigated under Stages 1 and 2 of the Council's complaints procedure. As the lead petitioners remained dissatisfied, the Local Government Ombudsman further investigated and found that the Council had fully considered the complaint about the trees in line</p>	<p>At its meeting on 29 January 2015 the Regeneration, Community and Culture Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommended no further action but that the area of Kingsfrith Fields Park be kept under regular inspection and review.</p>

			with the Council's Adopted Tree Policy and arboricultural best practice. In addition, a recent independent tree safety audit of all trees within the Council's control found that all trees abutting Magnolia Avenue are in good health and require no maintenance works. Medway Council's decision not to prune or fell healthy trees remains.	
39	Planning application MC/14/2734: Objection to the demolition of garages and the construction of 5 two bedroom houses including amenity space and car parking to the rear of 4 and 6, St John's Road, Hoo.	10 October 2014	This petition relates to a planning application and is being dealt with under planning legislation.	Not applicable
38	An e- petition requesting the creation of a speed hump in front of Gillingham Park opposite numbers 7 and 9 Oxford Road, Gillingham.	6 October 2014	Whilst speeding, inconsiderate and dangerous driving are a matter of serious concern, the basis upon which Medway introduces road safety improvements is casualty reduction. According to the	No review requested

			collision history of Oxford Road there has been one personal injury to a driver caused by the car colliding with an unleashed dog. There are many areas of Medway with a poorer safety record and therefore receive a higher priority for safety measures. It is therefore not possible for speed deterrent measures to be introduced at this time. The collision record for this road will continue to be monitored and a speed indication device will be erected on a temporary basis.	
37	Planning Application MC/14/2395. Objections to Gibraltar Farm, Capstone Valley - Paws in the Park	30 September 2014	This petition relates to a planning application and is being dealt with under planning legislation.	Not applicable
36	Planning Application MC/14/2395. Objections to development at Gibraltar Farm, Capstone Valley -	30 September 2014	This petition relates to a planning application and is being dealt with under planning legislation.	Not applicable
35	Planning Application MC/14/2395. Objections to	30 September 2014	This petition relates to a planning application and is	Not applicable

	Gibraltar Farm, Capstone Valley - Bredhurst WI		being dealt with under planning legislation.	
34	Planning Application MC/14/2395. Objections to Gibraltar Farm, Capstone Valley - in conjunction with Save Capstone Valley e-petition	30 September 2014	This petition relates to a planning application and is being dealt with under planning legislation.	Not applicable
33	Planning Application MC/14/2395. Objection to Gibraltar Farm, Capstone Valley (e-petition)	29 September 2014	This petition relates to a planning application and is being dealt with under planning legislation.	Not applicable
32	Planning application MC/14/2395 – Gibraltar Farm. Objection to the planned 500-property housing development on farmland in the Capstone Valley.	22 September 2014	This petition relates to a planning application and is being dealt with under planning legislation.	Not applicable
31	Planning application MC/14/2383. Objection to the proposed change of use to Ashgrove, Ratcliffe Highway, St Mary, Hoo to children's home.	17 September 2014	This petition relates to a planning application and is being dealt with under planning legislation.	Not applicable
30	Planning application MC/14/2239. Objection to an application to	11 September 2014	This petition relates to a planning application and is being dealt with	Not applicable

	build a Tesco store in Luton Village		under planning legislation.	
29	Petition re halfway house for juveniles at 54 College Avenue, Gillingham who constantly trouble their neighbours with noise nuisance and damage to property.	29 August 2014	This juvenile halfway house is not used by Medway Council's Services and is operated by a private company. Kent Police have advised that research conducted between 28.04.14 and 31.08.14 relating to this address identified a number of incidents some of which resulted in recorded crimes. Kent Police will continue to respond to and investigate reports of criminal activity and anti-social behaviour but are unable to comment on the closure of the premises. Medway Council can intervene regarding noise nuisance from inside the property. The establishment of noise nuisance is assisted initially by the completion of diary sheets by affected residents and the diary has to be completed	No review requested.

			for 14 days and then returned to the Environmental Protection Team who assess whether the case can be taken forward for investigation.	
28	The petition requests an urgent review of the 40mph speed restriction with a view to it being reduced to 30mph on Watling Street, Strood - the main road through the town. The petition also requests consideration of the installation of other traffic mitigation measures.	4 August 2014	<p>Whilst speeding, inconsiderate and dangerous driving are a matter of serious concern, the basis upon which Medway introduces road safety improvements is casualty reduction. Watling Street, Strood, has been investigated and at the current time there are other locations within Medway recording poorer safety records. These areas are therefore a higher priority for safety engineering intervention. Therefore it is not possible for speed restriction measures to be introduced at this time. The 40mph speed limit is generally in line with current guidance on the setting of local speed limits for this type of road.</p>	<p>At its meeting on 7 April 2015, the Regeneration, Community and Culture Overview and Scrutiny Committee requested that design features be considered to improve pedestrian safety, together with the possible provision of permanent speed indication signs. Also that the Kent and Medway Camera Partnership be approached to include Watling Street on the programme for traffic speed enforcement.</p>

27	Currently the Council does not maintain roads within Medway Gate and the petition calls on the Council to adopt all Medway Gate roads.	24 July 2014	<p>The Medway Gate Persimmon Homes development has been split into five phases each requiring a Section 38 Legal Agreement to be signed by all parties. Once the agreement is signed, a walkover undertaken and all associated works have been completed, a Certificate No. 2 can be issued to start a 12 month maintenance period. During this period any defects that occur, such as the Enabling Road collapse, will be put right entirely by the developers at their cost. On the completion of the maintenance period and another site walkover, if Medway Council is satisfied that all associated works and legal agreements have been completed, then the final adoption can take place. Up until final adoption the whole development will remain private and the timescale for</p>	No review requested.
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			this rests solely with the developer.	
26	<p>The petition objects to the lack of concern Rainham Girls School shows to the community with regard to the level of noise transmitted by the loudspeakers at the netball facility mainly at weekends when the facility is hired out to third parties. The petition requests that the school be asked to take responsibility and to impose a contractual obligation on hirers to restrict the output level to half the maximum volume.</p>	26 July 2014	<p>The netball facility is a valuable asset to the school and for promoting the health and fitness of young people. It has been confirmed that the loudspeakers on the school site are considered 'de minimus' in planning terms and as such do not fall under planning legislation. The Lead Member for Children's Services, Councillor O'Brien, has offered to host a meeting between the lead petitioner and a senior representative of the school and, if this is of interest to the lead petitioner, the Council will make the necessary arrangements for the meeting.</p>	No review requested.
25	<p>Planning Application MC/14/1697 - The petition objects to resubmitted outline plans to build 3 one-bedroom flats,</p>	18 July 2014	<p>This petition relates to a planning application and is being dealt with under planning legislation.</p>	Not applicable

	<p>with dormer windows in the roof section, and provision for 3 parking spaces at the rear of the shop with access through a gate between the hairdressers and the florists. It is felt that the addition of these residential properties will have a detrimental effect on the business due to the possible reduction in available parking for customers.</p>			
24	<p>The petition requests the installation of street lighting and CCTV on Green Street, Gillingham as a means of security to protect business premises' stock from being burgled. Some businesses have been targeted several times this year.</p>	30 June 2014	<p>Medway's Community Safety Partnership has carried out an analysis of crime and anti-social behaviour in the area requested for CCTV. The analysis showed that a sighting of a camera may be warranted and suggests a location. The Partnership confirms that a rapid deployment camera may be useful in this area and will be installed within 4 weeks. The response also</p>	<p>No review requested.</p>

			made some suggestions of measures the premises owners could take to deter crime.	
23	<p>Planning Application MC/14/1498 - A petition objecting to an application for the Service Station on 217-225 High Street, Rainham ME8 8AY extending its opening hours as follows:</p> <p>06.30hrs - 23.30hrs Mondays to Fridays, 06.30hrs - 23.00hrs on Saturdays and 07.00hrs - 23.00hrs on Sundays and Public Holidays. A resubmission to extend opening hours as follows:</p> <p>06.00hrs - 00.00hrs Mondays to Sundays and Public Holidays.</p>	25 June 2014	This petition relates to a planning application and is dealt with under planning legislation.	Not applicable
22	<p>Planning Application MC/14/1618 - A petition in support of a planning application for the variation of operating hours from 10am to 9pm on Monday</p>	19 June 2014	This petition relates to a planning application and is dealt with under planning legislation.	Not applicable

	to Saturday to 10am to 10pm and from 11am to 7pm on Sundays and public holidays to 11am to 10pm.			
21	Planning Application MC/14/0547 - A petition against the building of a 5-bedroom property replacing the garages at the bottom of Hazlemere Drive.	17 June 2014	This petition relates to a planning application and is dealt with under planning legislation.	Not applicable
20	Planning Application MC/14/1391 - A petition against the proposed housing development for 500 properties in farmland in Hoo which will increase the strain on local schools, doctors, hospitals etc that are already struggling to cope with the growing population.	16 June 2014	This petition relates to a planning application and is dealt with under planning legislation.	Not applicable
19	An improvement was requested in bus services in lower Rainham especially covering lower Station Road and services at	30 May 2014	Medway Council has a limited role in the provision of public transport and its role generally only relates to the support of some	At its meeting on 21 August 2014, the Regeneration, Community and Culture Overview and Scrutiny

	weekends. The petition represents many elderly residents in lower Rainham who rely on buses and find the walk up the hill to the A2, where many buses run, a great difficulty.		socially necessary services at times when commercial operators have not deemed the service commercially viable. Medway Council therefore has to make a judgment decision on giving value for money on individual service routes and areas of Medway. The letter gives responses to four specific questions contained in the petition and concludes that the Director has instructed colleagues in the Integrated Transport Team to contact local bus companies of Arriva, Nu-Venture and Chalkwell which currently run services in Rainham with the suggestions contained in the petition and requested their feedback.	Committee thanked the petitioners for attending the meeting and acknowledged the work put into the petition and the work undertaken by officers to date. Officers were requested to continue to negotiate with the bus providers on the various requests made by the petitioners.
18	The petition expresses dismay at the increase in rent payments for 2014/15 at Longford Court, Rainham. This increase is	16 May 2014	The response to the lead petitioner gives an in-depth explanation of how the Council calculates its rents starting with the setting of the	No review requested.

	<p>despite significant reductions in the warden service. There has been a 15% increase in rent payments in nearly 3 years and the petition is requesting an explanation.</p>		<p>basic rent using the government's rent convergence policy which states rents should increase by September's Retail Price Index/inflation plus 0.5% a year. There is no formal policy for service charge increases but legislation states that the Council should be fair and reasonable, to try to keep the increases as close to the Retail Price Index as possible but with the need to recover costs. The response explains how the Council has put initiatives in place to achieve this aim. The letter also gave details of changes to the Housing Management Service and reasons for those changes. In conclusion, the Council remains committed to providing a cost effective and efficient service to all residents in out Homes for Living Schemes and the service is</p>	
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			continually reviewed.	
17	Planning application MC/14/0781 - Objection to the proposal to change part of the launderette in Silverweed Road into a hairdressers.	15 May 2014	This petition relates to a planning application and is dealt with under planning legislation.	Not applicable
16	A request for width and weight restrictions on Higham Road and Islingham Farm Road to stop contractors delivering to and collecting from the army base and making the vehicles use the army built Woodfield Way instead.	14 May 2014	The request for width and weight restrictions has been noted by the Council who have contacted the Ministry of Defence to discuss the route of HGVs to the army camp on Islingham Farm Road. The petitioner was advised that width restrictions would need to be physical in nature and this could impede the access of emergency and delivery vehicles. The introduction of weight restrictions would require Traffic Regulation Orders to be produced and breach of these orders would be enforceable by the Police. The Council hopes to meet with the Ministry of Defence and	No review requested.

			will carry out a traffic survey to look at the extent of the problem. Following the meeting and the survey the Council will inform the petitioner further.	
15	A petition re the provision of trolley collection points at the Waterfront Way Chatham Bus Station platforms C and D.	1 May 2014	Sainsburys' currently have a trolley park opposite the Information Centre at the Bus Station and Sainsburys's have been contacted with regard to the request for a trolley park to be provided between platforms C and D. However, the Bus Station Manager has agreed to contact a number of other large shops in Chatham to see if any of them would be willing to install and maintain a trolley collection point.	No review requested.
14	A petition asking for the Council's help with the situation regarding a GP at the Delce Medical Centre and the possible closure of that Medical Centre.	24 April 2014	NHS England (Kent and Medway Area Team) has supplied a full response setting out the background to concerns raised by the petitioners about the current circumstances affecting the	At its meeting on 24 June 2014, the Health and Adult Social Care Overview & Scrutiny Committee agreed (a) that a letter be sent on behalf of the Committee to

			<p>provision of primary care at The Delce Medication Centre, Rochester. The matter will be discussed at the Health and Adult Social Care Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 24 June 2014.</p>	<p>the General Medical Council stressing the need for an early resolution in the interests of the patients; (b) that Healthwatch Medway to be asked to facilitate a discussion between NHS England, Kent and Medway with the patients of Delce Medical Centre and (c) that NHS England, Kent and Medway be invited to attend a future meeting of the Committee to discuss plans for the future provision of primary care.</p>
13	<p>A protest about the closure of the Izzatt Day Centre, Chatham and a request to the Council for a "stay of execution"; a health impact assessment on the closure of the Centre; a period of time to be allowed to try and arrange an alternative</p>	24 April 2014	<p>The response to the petitioner set out the basis upon which the Council had agreed funding of the Izzatt Day Centre and the fact that the objectives were not being met and therefore the funding had been withdrawn. Advice and support has been offered to assist</p>	<p>At its meeting on 24 Jun 2014 the Health and Adult Social Care Overview & Scrutiny Committee noted that that the landlord of the day centre had agreed to permit the ladies to continue to meet there for no charge</p>

	meeting place; and Council officers to look into other possibilities of grant funding to allow the Centre to continue.		attendees of the Day Centre to identify a wide range other local community groups.	which had been welcomed. There was also a good level of dialogue with Age UK looking at some of the very specific transportation needs for some of the service users who have limited mobility and CVS were currently seeking a volunteer to assist with activities.
12	A petition regarding the unacceptable condition of Darland Avenue and Rowland Avenue and asking the Council to carry out suitable repairs as soon as possible.	24 April 2014	Following the receipt of the petition, highways officers had undertaken an assessment of the site using the suitable criteria to assess for potential resurfacing. Darland Avenue scored a category 3 and Rowland Avenue a category 2. The highest priority would be a category 1. The Council's current resurfacing programme only includes category 1 sites of which there is a long list together with limited financial resources. However both	No review requested.

			roads mentioned in the petition will continue to be monitored in case of deterioration.	
11	A request for the extension of the Parking Permit Scheme in Maidstone Road, Rochester to include house numbers 85-151.	24 April 2014	The requested scheme is now due to be implemented in the coming months.	No review requested.
10	Concern regarding the flooding at Star Hill with its junction with Rochester High Street (adjacent to Magee's Cafe) after heavy rain caused by poor drainage.	24 April 2014	The drainage issue at the junction with Star Hill was investigated in early November 2012. It was found that UK Power Networks (UKPN) had broken the drain whilst installing their plant. The Council contacted UKPN about removing their plant so that the drain could be repaired. UKPN attempted to remove their plant in February and March of this year but were unable to do so due to traffic management concerns at this very busy junction. UKPN had since requested a meeting with the Council to discuss alternative methods of repairing the	The request for referral to the Regeneration, Community and Culture Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on 21 August 2014 was subsequently withdrawn following successful work to resolve the flooding at Star Hill at its junction with Rochester High Street.

			drain, but have not yet offered a specific date for a meeting In the meantime the Council is looking for another way to repair the drain without the need for UKPN to remove their plant.	
09	Request for extra paths through verges between Boughton Close and Charing Road. There are older residents and wheelchair users who find it difficult to access their cars.	24 April 2014	The request for two extra paths through the grass verges at Boughton Close and Charing Road so that wheelchair users and the elderly may access their vehicles more easily has been noted. This type of scheme would be subject to Local Transport Plan funding. Highways officers have been requested to look at the location shown on the petitioner's plan to see if installation of the paths is possible. If so, detailed plans and estimates will be drawn up for consideration.	No review requested.
08	Planning application MC/14/0564 - objection to the approval of reserved matters such as access,	22 April 2014	This petition relates to a planning application and is dealt with under planning legislation.	Not applicable

	appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to the conditions of the outline application for the construction of 4 x 2 bedroom dwellings.			
07	Concern re building work being carried out at Rainham Station and the adverse effect on residents' privacy, the increase in noise pollution and the decrease in property value as a result of the works.	27 March 2014	<p>All building work carried out by Network Rail is exempt from the planning system as is most work undertaken on railway land. Therefore there was no planning application that could be advertised or be the subject of public consultation. Network Rail is therefore responsible for engaging with residents at pre-commencement stage. The Council would not be involved. However, the Council has been working with Network Rail to ensure that residents are kept informed and a public meeting was held on 29.03.14. It is intended that further meetings</p>	No review requested.

			will take place.	
06	Planning application MC/14/0270 - Objection to the plan to build two houses on land at the rear of 116 Maidstone Road, Chatham	18 March 2014	This petition relates to a planning application and is dealt with under planning legislation.	Not applicable
05	Planning application MC/14/0407 - Objection to the proposed building of 3 new houses to the rear of 2-10 Beechings Way, 224-234 Featherby Road and 1-13 Teynham Green, Gillingham	18 March 2014	This petition relates to a planning application and is dealt with under planning legislation.	Not applicable
04	Planning application MC/14/0014 - Objection to the request to build 3 apartments above 3 shops at 371/375 Maidstone Road	11 February 2014	This petition relates to a planning application and is dealt with under planning legislation.	Not applicable
03	Action by the Council to stop reckless driving in Yarrow Road, Walderslade	23 January 2014 (Council)	The response contained the basis upon which the Council introduces road safety improvements and explained that locations with an ongoing poor road casualty history are given priority. Having investigated the	No review requested.

			<p>collision history for Yarrow Road, during the last 3 years no personal injury collisions have been recorded. At the current time, there are other locations within Medway with poorer safety records which are therefore a higher priority for safety engineering intervention. Therefore it is unfortunately not possible for physical speed restriction measures to be introduced at this time in Yarrow Road. The collision record will continue to be monitored and, in order to highlight speeds at this location and remind users of the legal speed limit, this location will be added to a programme of attendance by Medway Council's Speed Indicating Device.</p>	
02	<p>Planning application MC/13/1671 - Supporting the continued operation of Deangate MX</p>	<p>14 January 2014</p>	<p>This petition relates to a planning application and is dealt with under planning legislation.</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>

01	Keep Costa Coffee off of Rochester High Street	3 January 2014	This petition relates to a planning application and is dealt with under planning legislation.	Not applicable
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Petition tracker number	Subject of petition	Date received	Medway Council's response	Outcome of review (if requested)
51	Request that Strood's popular library and Strood Community Project should remain on its present large Bryant Road site	12 December 2013	<p>The Council has a longstanding aspiration to establish Community Hubs in Medway town centres. The proposed Strood Community Project is part of this strategic approach to providing a gateway to other services in our libraries and using flexible space to enable other public service agencies to operate under the same roof. Review by Regeneration, Community and Culture Overview and Scrutiny Committee requested by petitioners.</p>	The Regeneration, Community and Culture Overview and Scrutiny Committee reviewed the request and agreed no further action should be taken
50	Request that Strood's popular library and Strood Community Project should remain on its present large Bryant Road site	12 December 2013	<p>The Council has a longstanding aspiration to establish Community Hubs in Medway town centres. The proposed Strood Community Project is part of this strategic approach to providing a gateway to other services in our libraries and using flexible space to enable other public</p>	The Regeneration, Community and Culture Overview and Scrutiny Committee reviewed the request and agreed no further action should be taken

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			to operate under the same roof. Review by Regeneration, Community and Culture Overview and Scrutiny Committee requested by petitioners.	
47	Campaign for a trail/freeride course	4 December 2013	The petitioner has been advised of the mountain bike track at Capstone Country Park and other cycling routes in Medway. The Director has offered to discuss ideas for new facilities with the lead petitioner but advised that this would need to be in the context of the Council's constrained financial position.	No review requested
45	We the undersigned petition the Everest Lane being made safer by either one way with width restrictions or with speed bumps.	13 November 2013	The request has been noted and a speed and volume survey will be carried out to investigate what type of scheme is possible on this road in the Strood North Ward.	
44	St Mary's Medical Centre	11 November 2013	The petition has been sent to the Kent and Medway Area Health Trust to review and respond. The Lead petitioners have been invited to attend the Health and Adult Social	

			Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee being held on 18 December 2013.	
43	We the undersigned petition the Council to ensure the safety of our children when they use the facilities of Goddington Park.	6 November 2013	The Council's Ranger Services visits the park regularly and no safety issues have been highlighted to date requiring extra railing be installed.	
42	Petition on behalf of the residents of Hutsford Close, Parkwood, Rainham with regards to the unacceptable state of the pavements	18 October 2013	The last programmed inspection of Hutsford Close took place on 20 May 2013. Only one area was identified for repair, which was completed on 25 June 2013. A Highway Inspector attended the site following a further enquiry and no safety defects were identified except one small dip in the pavement. The customer declined this to be fixed and requested the whole pavement be resurfaced. This was referred to the maintenance team who inspected the site on 22 October 2013 and found no defects in the road.	No review requested

41	We the undersigned call on Medway Council to carry out a full Community Impact Study before spending £4.4 million on Rochester Airport	17 October 2013	At this stage the Council will not commit to any expenditure on the improvements to the airport's infrastructure until the Masterplan has been adopted by the Council and until the new 25 year lease has been agreed with the airport operator. Improvement works to the airport cannot be carried out until planning consent has been granted and the Civil Aviation Authority's approval has been obtained. Given these processes, it is not considered appropriate to arrange for a Community Impact Study.	No review requested
37	Residents of Cameron Close, Chatham, Kent, wish to have recorded their objections to the proposed "Right to bid" application in respect of the Medway Queen Public House	21 August 2013	This petition has been referred to the Licensing Directorate for response	
36	Request for speed restrictions and traffic calming	14 August 2013	An engineer has reviewed the road traffic crash data for this section of	No review requested

	measures in Gillingham Road, Gillingham		Gillingham Road and there has only been one slight personal injury accident in the last three years. At the current time there are other roads in Medway with a higher priority for action than Gillingham Road, however the Road Safety Team will continue to monitor the situation	
35	Request Medway Council to relocate bus stop outside Woodlands Academy back to its original position	31 July 2013	<p>The Council's Integrated Transport and Road Safety teams investigated the bus stop last year. The stop does not have a poor safety record that would justify the cost of moving the shelter. Since October 2012 there have been no reports of any personal injuries, incidents or accidents to Kent Police. In October 2012 the Council met with the Head teacher at the schools request to ascertain whether the bus stop could be moved if the school could fund the work. Unfortunately, due to the schools funding shortfall this could not</p>	<p>No review requested</p> <p>(Note) Although the lead petitioner has not requested referral to this committee, they are in further correspondence with the Director of Regeneration, Community and Culture and have asked for a site visit.</p>

			<p>proceed. It would cost in the region of £5,000 to move the bus stop.</p> <p>There are currently other bus stops in Medway that have a higher priority.</p>	
34	<p>Protest at the proposed alteration to the 156 bus service and reconsider the retention of the Tuesday service to Strood</p>	30 July 2013	<p>The decision to change the 156 bus service was taken in order to improve the majority of the service by providing a regular Monday to Saturday service, instead of the daily variations which do little to encourage the use of the service. All services provided by the council have to be scrutinised to ensure that they are delivering value for money.</p>	No review requested
31/32/33	<p>Planning application MC/13/1549 – Objections to the development of an Asbestos Disposal Site at North Dane Way</p>	25 July – 08 August 2013	<p>These petitions have been referred to the Planning directorate for response</p>	
29	<p>Request Medway Council to completely resurface Coniston Close, Gillingham, because the</p>	25 July 2013	<p>The Highway Engineer has determined the overall condition of the road. It was noted that there was a number of isolated areas</p>	No review requested

	road surface has now deteriorated beyond repair		where the road surface had stripped off. The site obtained a high priority rating and will be a contender for resurfacing works in 2013/14. The Highways Inspection Team has now carried out a repair outside 50 Coniston Close.	
26	The proposed cancellation of 197 bus route from Lower Stoke	04 July 2013	The decision was taken in order to improve the majority of the service by increasing the number of journeys to and from Upnor. For individuals who do not have access to the service they would be able to use the Medway Mobility Service, which is a weekly bus service for the elderly and those with disabilities. The service will take those registered to a number of locations in Medway.	No review requested
25	Request for Residents Permit Parking to be established in front of our houses or in the cul-du-sac section of	04 July 2013	The request has been noted and will be added to the Ward file to be included in the parking review of Rainham North Ward, when funds become available.	No review requested

	Suffolk Avenue going south from the junction with Brown Street			
24	Put in either a pelican or pedestrian crossing on Princes Avenue near Downland Walk	24 June 2013	The Council is currently investigating Princes Avenue as part of its casualty reduction programme. It is too early at this stage to report what action may be taken in the future to address any patterns or common collision factors that may be identified during our investigations	No review requested
22	Stop the current proposals to cut the Sure Start Nursery and Pre-School facilities at Magpie Hall Road and Luton High Street as these are much loved and valued by the local community	14 June 2013	The Council is committed to ensuring the expansion of early education for two year olds. There is significant new additional investment, which will provide additional places for two year olds. The Council estimate that 80% of the local population will be eligible to take up the offer of free early education. The proposed changes will increase the number of children during pre-school and nursery provision at Magpie Hall Road	The Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee reviewed the request and agreed no further action should be taken

			and Luton High Street.	
21	Request Medway Council that the double yellow lines on the corner of Mierscourt Road and Cherry Tree Road be extended to within one metre of the first garage in Cherry Tree Road together with extra markings in the vicinity	23 May 2013	The request has been noted and will be added to the list of safety schemes to be included in the schemes to be submitted for approval	No review requested
19	To enforce fines for dog owners who let their dogs foul the pavements in Grain Village	25 April 2013	Whilst the Council is keen to prosecute offenders gathering necessary evidence to support a prosecution is difficult. The government guidelines prohibit use of covert surveillance for such offences. The Community Team Leader will be discussing with the petitioners the scope to start a programme of engagement and education with dog walkers in this area	No review requested
18	Request a review of Tesco Express and	25 April 2013	The Environmental Protection officer has visited the	No review requested

	parking issues, Darnley Road, Strood		store and spoken to the manager about the concerns raised. There are no parking restrictions in place so it is not possible to prevent loading which is an essential part of Tesco's business with some associated noise. However there are conditions stating that deliveries must be between 7am to 8pm Monday to Friday and 8am to 8pm on weekends and Bank Holidays. Residents should report to the Environment Protection Team if they suffer noise nuisance from deliveries outside of the prescribed hours for deliveries.	
17	Request Medway Council for the supply of traffic calming for Elaine Avenue and Elaine Court, Strood	25 April 2013	The number of road traffic accidents on this road has been examined and there have been two road traffic accidents on this road in the three-year period up to December 2012, which involved slight personal injury. Unfortunately there are other locations within	No review requested

			Medway recording poorer safety records, and therefore is not possible for traffic calming measures to be introduced at this time. The collision record will continue to be monitored.	
16	Request Medway Council to completely resurface Maple Avenue, Gillingham, as it has deteriorated beyond repair	25 April 2013	A highway engineer has carried out a site visit. It was noted that the road had some signs of wear and tear but overall it was structurally sound. It is unlikely that any resurfacing works will take place at this time. However it is proposed that this site be added to the list of roads being considered for resurfacing in 2014/15.	No review requested
15	Request to introduce an emergency Business Rate relief for small and independent traders in Chatham Town Centre AND Request to work with traders of Chatham Town Centre to increase the level of footfall	25 April 2013	This issue has been discussed by the Business Support Overview and Scrutiny Committee, which confirmed the original decision of the Cabinet not to introduce any discretionary local business rate relief scheme at this time. The council is committed to working to improve the attractiveness of Chatham, which	No review requested

			<p>has been a long held aspiration. The first instalment of the £3million to enable works to improve the waterfront has now been received. The Chief Finance Officer and Director of Regeneration, Community and Culture would value the input of local traders to further develop proposals to progress the council's ambitions for Chatham.</p>	
14	Request to reverse recent unacceptable changes to welfare	25 April 2013	<p>The specific changes to welfare benefits the council is currently responsible for administering are the under-occupancy reductions in Housing Benefit and the implementation of the council's scheme to replace the former Council Tax Benefit scheme. Changes to welfare benefits are the consequence of government policy although the council has some discretion over the construction of the Council Tax Reduction Scheme. In light of</p>	No review requested

			the new funding regime the Cabinet was obliged to recommend the council to apply a 25% reduction in eligibility. Anything less would have involved further reductions in other services provided by the council. Petitioners have been advised to make further representations directly to DWP and DCLG.	
13	Council response to Ofsted inspection of Child Protection	25 April 2013	A three-month update on actions since the Ofsted report was presented to the Cabinet on 23 May 2013.	No review requested
07	Request to make Jackson's Field safer for its users and to install lighting to deter attacks	6 February 2013	A ward councillor has been reviewing safety in the area with police and UCA staff and agreed that the next step was to meet the lead petitioner and student representatives to discuss the issues raised. Once this meeting has taken place, officers will clarify any actions that need to be taken.	Meeting rescheduled for 20 June 2013 at 2pm at Rochester Campus site
04	Concern at mess created by dustcarts and large vans in the corners of Dorset	4 February 2013	The council is aware of these problems and also with vehicles parking on the grass verges but	No review requested

	Square, Rainham		no changes can be made to the layout of the square itself due to the location of trees and the cost implications. Unfortunately, large vehicles sometimes cut across the corners of the grassed area due to cars parked near the corners and the Traffic Management team will shortly be consulting with the ward Members and local residents on a proposal to install double yellow lines and inviting residents' comments.	
03	Incorrect allocation of parking permits for New Road, Chatham	4 February 2013	Following consultation and implementation of permit zone c, all property numbers in New Road were placed on the list of eligible permits for resident or visitor permits. Planning Dept. confirmed that there were no restrictions applied on Carton House and therefore it is eligible for this zone and residents can park in any residential bay in this zone. Permits legitimately issued can't be withdrawn from use.	The Regeneration, Community and Culture Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed to recommend that an informal Members Working Group (to include ward members from Chatham Central and River Ward) to give detailed consideration to parking permit zones and report back to this Committee

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Petition tracker number	Subject of petition	Date received	Medway Council's response	Outcome of review (if requested)
43	Request for a road extension to Lamberhurst Green	22 November 2012	A site visit was made in December with the lead petitioner to consider the petition proposals. Before this, enquiries were being made into the ownership of the land proposed for the road extension.	No review requested
40	Request Medway Council to re-negotiate with Arriva Bus Company the bus service from Darland Estate to and from the Hempstead Valley and to reinstate a Saturday service	18 October 2012	<p>Unfortunately this service was not well used and received financial support from the council to maintain it. The criteria for providing socially necessary services are to give access to education, employment, shopping and healthcare facilities. The changes that have been made and the alternative</p> <p>services to Darland Estate still meet these criteria and, for the first time, the estate is now linked to Medway Maritime Hospital.</p>	No review requested
39	Request for extra facilities for Hamilton Road Park	18 October 2012	Replacement and upgrading of equipment is currently taking place but the site is thought more suitable as a play area for young children from local houses, rather than a large busy area with a skate park, which might cause problems for local residents	No review requested

36	Request for a skate park in Wainscott	21 August 2012	Support, in principle, is given to this proposal but further work is needed to determine the feasibility on a practical level and a budget secured for delivery of the project	No review requested
33	Request the installation of speed bumps in Hartington Street, Chatham	26 July 2012	The incident history has been investigated with no injury collisions in the last three years. Other locations in Medway record poorer safety records and are a higher priority.	No review requested
32	Request the installation of a surveillance camera in the alleyway leading to the park on Hartington Street, Chatham	26 July 2012	At the current time there are no rapid deployment CCTV units available to cover this area and no facility or budget to install a permanent camera. The police have been asked to step up their patrols in this area and reports of anti-social behaviour should be reported through the national 101 police number which may lead to the introduction of a dispersal order.	Outcome of review:
29	Preston Skreens	17 July 2012	Options are being prepared for formal consultation when there will be a full opportunity for everyone to have their say. The petition will be taken into account at that stage.	No review requested
28	Charge for annual	21 May	Whilst the request	No review

	parking permits for staff at St Andrew's School	2012	was given full consideration, as St Andrew's is a private school, the staff are not entitled to the discounted rate that has previously been received.	requested
26	Request the council to make representation to the Primary Care Trust to retain Marlowe Park surgery in the community	26 April 2012	Very serious concern has been expressed to NHS Kent & Medway about the failure to formally notify the council of future plans for GP services in Strood involving the potential closure of Marlowe Park surgery. There will be an update report to Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 22 May 2012 which you are welcome to attend to hear the debate.	No review requested
25	Request the council to scrap the parking meter located in the car park for Luton library	26 April 2012	The land is leased by the council from MHS Homes in order to ensure it remains a parking facility for local traders and customers. Like the majority of councils, there is a charge but the council strives to keep down the costs of parking and annual permits for the local traders.	No review requested
24	Request for alleygates to the rear of 1 – 71 Blenheim Avenue, Chatham	26 April 2012	Application forms to process this were sent to the lead petitioner. Once completed forms received, the legal department will take	No review requested

			an application to Court to change status of alleyway from private to public and, once granted, an order will be placed to install gates.	
23	Prevent the closure of the Green Street Adult Education Pre School in Gillingham	1 May 2012	The council is working constructively with the pre-school, through the local ward councillor, to help find alternative accommodation.	No review requested
22 and 27	Medway Council to join the Kent Freedom Pass Scheme	5 May 2012	The anticipated cost of a full Freedom Pass scheme (giving free travel) was reported to Cabinet on 4 October 2011. With current financial constraints, the additional cost for a full scheme similar to KCC went beyond the council's budget allocation, hence the lower cost of a half fare scheme, called the Medway Youth Pass, was agreed.	No review requested
21	Closure threat - Marlowe Park Medical Centre	13 March 2012	As above	No review requested
17	Closure threat - Marlowe Park Medical Centre	10 March 2012	As a consequence of a temporary agreement with NHS Kent Medway to continue the provision of services at Marlowe Park Medical Centre, the lead petitioner has asked for his request for a review by an overview and scrutiny committee to be placed on hold.	No review requested

			However, on 27 March 2012 the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be updated on this issue under a Member's item report.	
20	Opposition to the closure of the Balfour Centre	8 March 2012	This petition was received following a Cabinet meeting on 14 February 2012 and the outcome of the discussion, which considered the future of adult social care provision in Medway, was relayed to the lead petitioner	No review requested
13	Dickens statue	21 February 2012	Request the council to commission a statue of Charles Dickens to be placed in the gardens of Eastgate House	No review requested
11	Defend day care Defend care homes No privatisation	1 February 2012	The lead petitioner agreed for the petition to be reported directly to the Cabinet on 14 February 2012, so it is taken into account at the time decisions are taken on adult social care provision. He also agreed to waive the usual petitions procedure.	No review requested
10	Keep the Balfour Centre in Rochester open	1 February 2012	This petition was reported directly to the Cabinet on 14 February 2012, so it was taken into account at the time the decision was made on adult social care provision	No review requested
09	We the undersigned,	24	With the agreement of	No review

	benefit from the amenities available at Platters Farm Lodge and oppose the proposal to privatise Platters Farm Lodge and other centres. The proposals outlined, open to question, have merely caused alarm and consternation Platters Farm Lodge at one time had a shop, a bar and the opportunity to purchase items of clothing and other articles. All have been withdrawn. A private provider will be in the business to make a profit not indulge in philanthropy. It would appear that we are to be the victims of others mismanagement.	January 2012	the lead petitioner, this petition is being referred directly for discussion at the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 26 January 2012	requested
08	Call upon council and Police to make tackling nuisance motorbikes and the associated anti-social behaviour a top local priority	12 January 2012	There have been previous Section 59 notices issued and some individuals have been disqualified from driving. Currently, some councillors will visit the area to identify the most vulnerable areas and discuss the best way to resolve the issues. The police also have this as their number one priority in this Neighbourhood Police Unit.	No review requested
07	Request council to retain Robert Bean Lodge Linked Service Centre under council management and do	12 January 2012	With the agreement of the lead petitioner, this petition is being referred directly for discussion at the	No review requested

	not outsource this provision		Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 26 January 2012	
06	Objecting to the proposed closure of the Balfour Day Centre as removal of these facilities represents Medway Council's failure to recognise the need of Disabled Adult Service users and their carers	12 January 2012	With the agreement of the lead petitioner, this petition is being referred directly for discussion at the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 26 January 2012	No review requested
05	Requesting council to safeguard care and services for elderly and disabled people by: retaining Robert Bean Lodge, Platters Farm and Nelson Court in public ownership, staffed by council workers and keeping the Balfour Centre open	12 January 2012	With the agreement of the lead petitioner, this petition is being referred directly for discussion at the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 26 January 2012	No review requested
04	Petition council to safeguard care and services for elderly and disabled people by: retaining Robert Bean Lodge, Platters Farm and Nelson Court in public ownership, staffed by council workers and keeping the Balfour Centre open	12 January 2012	With the agreement of the lead petitioner, this petition is being referred directly for discussion at the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 26 January 2012	No review requested
03	Objection to proposed closure of Balfour Day Centre	12 January 2012	With the agreement of the lead petitioner, this petition is being referred directly for discussion at the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 26	No review requested

			January 2012	
02	Opposing proposed closure of Balfour Day Centre	12 January 2012	With the agreement of the lead petitioner, this petition is being referred directly for discussion at the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 26 January 2012	No review requested
01	Requesting retention of Nelson Court Linked Service Centre under council management and not outsource this care provision	12 January 2012	With the agreement of the lead petitioner, this petition is being referred directly for discussion at the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 26 January 2012	No review requested

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Subject of petition	Date received	Medway Council's response	Outcome of review (if requested)
Request for speed restrictions and traffic calming measures in Palmerston Road, Chatham	18 January 2011	It is not possible at this time due to other locations with a higher priority.	No review requested
Request to supply a grit box at The Mailyns, Rainham	31 January 2011	The Winter Service Policy does not include the provision of salt bins for footpaths (apart from a few exceptions around shopping parades). They are only for use for highway purposes.	No review requested
Request to keep two cleaners at Brennan House as there has been a vast improvement in cleanliness	18 February 2011	Currently, Housing Services are managing the absence of the permanent cleaner for your scheme and until this has been resolved the council is unable to confirm what the future arrangements will be.	No review requested
Request to extend the restricted parking of 8am-10am Monday to Friday from Station Road into the western end of Tilbury Road, Rainham	24 February 2011 (Council)	The request is noted and has been added to the list of safety schemes (yellow lines) and included in the next published traffic order for safety schemes.	No review requested
Request to keep the Family Services open at White Road Community Centre. There are a wide range of services within this centre to benefit a lot of families in the community	3 March 2011 (Council)	The council has committed to the funding of Sure Start services within the budget for 2011/12. The continued provision of services for local families with young children at the centre are a very important part of the Sure Start	No review requested

		programme, and there is no plan to stop such services.	
We would like to see current parking restrictions between 8am and 6pm of a Saturday on the left side of Cecil Road lifted.	3 March 2011 (Council)	Should the restrictions be lifted then it is envisaged that the vehicles will park on the footpaths to try and maintain a useable width of carriageway, which itself may provide mobility and safety issues. Consequently, the council considers that the current restrictions should remain in force.	Outcome of review: The Regeneration, Community and Culture Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed not to request any further action at its meeting on 16 June 2011.
We would like to see traffic calming measures introduced in Rochester Avenue similar to those introduced in King Street.	3 March 2011 (Council)	The basis upon which traffic calming measures are applied is casualty reduction, where locations with poor safety records are tackled first. In the past three years there have been no injury collisions recorded at this location, with many other locations with a poorer safety record and therefore a higher priority.	No review requested
The residents of Granville Road, Cavendish Avenue, Portland Road, Maple Avenue, Oak Avenue and Elm Road call upon Medway Council to take the necessary steps to introduce a local residents' parking scheme in our area.	3 March 2011 (Council)	The request is noted and added to the Gillingham North ward file and included in the next ward parking review. However, parking reviews can go ahead only if external funding can be identified, usually from nearby developments.	No review requested

The residents of Camden, Leslie, Shottenden, St Andrews, Baden and Milner Roads call upon Medway Council to take the necessary steps to introduce a local residents' parking scheme in the area.	3 March 2011 (Council)	The council is currently working on a preliminary design of a controlled parking zone for this area which should go out to public consultation in May/June 2011 at which stage residents' comments on the draft proposals will be welcomed.	No review requested
We are opposed to any plans by Medway Council to introduce a Residents Controlled Parking Zone along Knight Avenue, Gillingham.	23 March 2011	The petition has been added to the file for Gillingham North ward and will be taken into account when consultation is carried out on a parking scheme for this area later this spring.	No review requested
Request to prevent drivers turning right into Orchard Street, Rainham from the A2	29 March 2011	Engineers have checked the signage and found it correct and visible. As the issue is one of enforcement, the matter has been referred to Kent Police.	No review requested
Request that Binnacle Road ME1 2XP be made into a one-way road	14 April 2011 (Council)	One way systems are reserved for essential sites where there is persistent congestion to traffic flows and there is no data to support your request.	No review requested
Request the council to provide a public bus service to run along Childscroft Road, Berengrave Lane and Chalky Bank Road, Rainham	14 April 2011 (Council)	Officers have discussed this request with Arriva who will investigate the impact on the existing service. Officers will write again with the outcome.	No review requested
Request for double yellow lines in Wainscott Walk	14 April 2011 (Council)		

both sides from Wainscott Road to outside 1 and 22			
Request the council to re-develop the disused play area on Otway Street into a communal garden that could be divided up into allotments	14 April 2011 (Council)	The council's Greenspace Development Team will undertake a consultation with all properties in the catchment area to generate a consensus opinion and this will start in June 2011.	No review requested
Request for a bus shelter at the bus stop (outbound from Strood) at the junction of Fulmar Road/Darnley Road	14 April 2011 (Council)	Due to budgetary pressures the council does not have funds for a new bus shelter. A company that provides free shelters funded by advertising revenue was approached but they did not consider this location to be commercially viable.	Outcome of review: The Regeneration, Community and Culture Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered this on 16 June 2011 and supported an offer by the Ward Member to apply for funding from the Members' Priority Fund.
Request for the 20pence charge in the Pentagon toilets, scrapped, at least until the new free toilets are opened in the new bus station. Also, that the toilets that are in the bus station upstairs, re-opened	14 April 2011 (Council)	The charging is outside the scope of the council's lease. It is not expected that the 20pence charge will cover the costs for operating the toilets but is seen as a contribution for upkeep and maintenance to deter anti-social behaviour, vandalism and theft.	No review requested
Request for the council to reduce the height of the humps in The Ridgeway	14 April 2011 (Council)	Recorded injury/accident data shows no personal injury accidents and the council's limited funds will be aimed where the need is greatest, so these humps will not be altered.	No review requested

Petition objecting to the increases to all allotment holders for their plots and also a new charge for the sheds on all plots	20 June 2011	Consultation on increased charges did take place with representatives of the Allotment Federation which included a specific charge for sheds. The council will be responsible for any repairs but plot holders have the option not to use a council provided shed.	No review requested
To install a salt grit bin on The Ridgeway and St Mary's Road in Gillingham, because the road is dangerously steep	21 July 2011 (Council)	The location has been assessed and found not to meet the criteria for the placement of salt bins for highway purposes.	No review requested
To introduce speed calming measures to Hartington St, Chatham	21 July 2011 (Council)	The basis on which traffic calming measures are applied is casualty reduction, where locations with poor safety records are tackled first. Speed was not considered to be a factor. With many other locations with a poorer safety record they are therefore a higher priority.	No review requested
To completely resurface the section of Roseberry Road between Parr Avenue and Medway Road, because the surface has now deteriorated beyond repair.	21 July 2011 (Council)	Following a site visit, a section of road between Medway Road and Lincoln Road was found to have some areas of failure. Arrangements are being made to carry out patching works. A section between Lincoln Road and Parr Avenue is on the current list of resurfacing works, to	No review requested

		coincide with work to be carried out by Southern Water.	
Request for a pedestrian crossing or other traffic calming in Wayfield Road, Chatham	3 August 2011	Following safety investigation, there are other locations recording poorer safety records and are therefore a higher priority for safety engineering improvements.	No review requested
Request for traffic calming in Upper Stoke	12 August 2011	The incident history has been investigated with no injury collisions within the last 5 years. Other locations in Medway record poorer safety records, and are a higher priority.	No review requested
The petitioners strongly oppose the unjustified, above inflation rise in plot rents and the imposition of £15 rent for concrete sheds without proper 12 months notice at Street End Road Allotments	24 August 2011	The increase set for allotments was introduced to bring the level of subsidy in line with that for other recreational facilities and this action was taken under S10 of Allotments Act 1950. There are no statutory provisions requiring 12 months notice of rent increases. A schedule of repairs to sheds will commence within the next month.	No review requested
To allow Shawstead House residents to vote at Shawstead House.	19 September 2011	This request will be submitted to the Informal Working Group on Polling Districts and Polling Places. The final report on the work of their review, which will include this request and a response to it, will be submitted to council on 12 January 2012 for decision.	No review requested

Request for a salt bin to be situated at the top of The Beeches, Walderslade, Chatham	20 October 2011 (Council)	Unfortunately, following assessment of this site, it does not meet the strict criteria for the placement of a salt bin.	No review requested
Request for the adoption of Peal Close, Hoo as a publicly maintainable highway	20 October 2011 (Council)	Ownership of the privately owned road outside numbers 1-30 is unclear, as the developer's solicitor has gone into liquidation, as has the private developer and its successor. A possible way forward, that residents form an association with the owners of 31-73, was suggested and if all residents agreed with the possible way forward then the adoption process could begin.	No review requested
Request for the resurfacing of Woodlands Road/Grange Road because the surface has now deteriorated beyond repair	20 October 2011 (Council)	Following a site visit by the Inspection Engineer, a number of isolated areas were seen where the road surface was cracked and glazed, which means that this junction will be a higher contender for re-surfacing works in 2012/2013.	No review requested
Request to improve road safety on Church Street with the junction of Main Road/Stoke Road	20 October 2011 (Council)	The rationale behind recent road safety improvements were explained, which had also been the subject of several road safety audits.	A referral was requested but the lead petitioner then met with officers and an agreement for other future works was reached.

Protest at the proposed 50% cut to the "Supporting People" budget	9 November 2011	A meeting has been held with the Homes for Independent Living Forum to discuss the impact on this service and as a result the reduction is to be limited to 20%.	No review requested
Appeal against the removal of the pot plants in Temeraire Manor	1 December 2011	The council has reviewed this decision and wishes tenants to continue to enjoy the benefit of flowers and plants on the balcony. Therefore, Housing Services will consider fitting, at no cost to tenants, plant pot holders which will keep the floor space clear and ensure the flowerpots are not a hazard and securely in place at all times.	No review requested
Request that bus number 116 stops at the Dockside Outlet Centre and not the Hotel Ramada	22 December 2011	Arriva, which runs this service, advises that only 11 passengers per day used the Dockside Outlet stop. Since changing, the new route has generated 17% more custom and provides a service for students through the university campus, which fulfils an objective of the council's Local Transport Plan. The council sympathises with the request but hopes it is recognised that not all requests can be met, particularly when the overall benefit outweighs those who have been inconvenienced.	No review requested