

Petitions and Outcomes 2018

Petition tracker No.	Subject of petition	Date received	Medway Council's response	Outcome of review (if requested)
37	Medway Council to install a Closed Circuit Television Camera at the Brake Avenue King George Road junction to work in conjunction with the no left and no right turn traffic signs sited in King George Road at the approach to Brake Avenue.	27 December 2018	The Council does not install CCTV cameras for monitoring 'moving traffic' offences, as they are enforced by the Police. However, the Council has taken steps to encourage drivers to adhere to the 'No Entry' signs at Brake Avenue by enhancing road markings and signs near the junction and planting soft landscaping to reduce forward visibility from King George Road. The Council has also made the Police aware of residents' concerns, and will continue to monitor the safety of the junction.	No review requested
36	Medway Council to refuse any and all applications for development in and around Capstone Valley (including, but not limited to, the Gibraltar Farm revised plans and the plans for East Hill, North Dane Way).	27 December 2018	On 7 August 2018 the Cabinet confirmed that it will continue to use its best endeavours to protect the Capstone Valley from any form of development and will not facilitate or sell any land in the Capstone Valley or at the head of Capstone Valley south of Hempstead for development.  The Council is currently preparing a Local Plan which will provide direction on the future growth of the area, providing land for homes, jobs, infrastructure and services whilst protecting and enhancing the qualities of Medway's environment and heritage. The Council is producing a draft Local Plan for consideration later in 2019.	No review requested

			In relation to planning applications that may come forward in advance of the Local Plan production, legislation requires that they be determined on their own merits following consultation. The Council cannot consider objections in advance of any application.	
35	Petition the Council to install a suitable crossing by the new entrance at Bligh School in Strood so that children can safely cross the road.	14 November 2018	<p>The Road Safety Team have observed that vehicles travel within the 30mph speed limit at this location and that there is some parking on both sides of the road. Most pedestrians do not need to cross the road to access the school and those that do were able to do so with relative ease after a short wait. On a few occasions, drivers were prepared to stop to allow accompanied children to cross.</p> <p>There was not therefore considered to be justification for the introduction of a School Crossing Patrol or controlled crossing facility at this location.</p>	No review requested
34	Repair the CCTV in Gillingham High Street.	11 October 2018	As a priority, the council is reviewing CCTV in Medway to decide if cameras remain necessary and proportionate in line with the Surveillance Camera Code of Practice. The first phase will identify the key locations where cameras are not working and will seek to move working cameras to those areas from areas where they are no longer required. The second phase will be a long term programme of removing cameras no longer required, and identifying any new requirements.	No review requested

33	Review the chicane layout for Lower Rainham Road.	11 October 2018	<p>Over time users of this road have expressed concern about disruption to the free flow of traffic that the priority working arrangement causes and also about vehicles speeding through it. Consultation on a proposal to remove the build-outs, widen the carriageway to allow two-way traffic, keep the 20mph speed limit and install two new speed cushions resulted in concern that this would generate additional traffic and increased speed. Also, removing the pinch point would cause problems for residents leaving their driveways.</p> <p>Following a discussion with the Ward Members, the proposal was not implemented but the council is monitoring the situation and reviewing the existing speed limits.</p>	No review requested
32	Stop the Corporation Street Hotel and protect the view of the Cathedral and the Castle, Rochester's two finest heritage assets.	1 October 2018	This petition relates to a planning application and is being dealt with under planning legislation.	Not applicable.
30 & 31	Medway Council to investigate the need for additional GP Services in the Peninsula. Is the Council complying with its Public Health duties and Medway Council to require appropriate reference to be made on all new planning applications to ensure that GP Services are available and sufficient for new residents.	17 September 2018	The Director of Public Health provides advice to the CCG, which commissions primary care services, on population growth and associated health and care needs. The CCG is aware of challenges faced by residents living on the Hoo Peninsula and regularly liaises with Medway's planning team on proposals to develop primary care facilities. Supported by the council, it was recently awarded circa £14.5m to deliver infrastructure projects.	On 17 January 2019 the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee noted the referral request and the Director's comments within the report

			The public health department works closely with planning officers to help shape policy and embed protective health measures throughout the new Local Plan. Public health are consulted on pre-application meetings with developers to enable any specific health impacts to be identified and guidance provided before any development work begins.	
29	Petition to extend parking restrictions in Walderslade Village from 1 hour to 2 hours.	17 September 2018	It will not be possible to extend the waiting restrictions as requested. A review has concluded that there would no benefit to shoppers who are unlikely to need more than an hour for each visit. There may be an adverse consequence of the parking bays being used by non-shoppers.	At the meeting of the Regeneration Culture and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 6 December 2018, it was reported that a meeting between the petition organiser, the Assistant Director Front Line Services and Ward Councillors was being arranged. Following this meeting, a compromise was agreed whereby the free parking would be extended from 60 to 90 minutes. The petition organiser subsequently withdrew her request that the matter be reviewed by the Committee.
28	Stop the change of the former Co-op shop in	7 August 2018	This petition relates to a planning application and is	Not applicable.

	the Britton Farm Centre being turned into Council offices with parking underneath.		being dealt with under planning legislation.	
27	Petition Medway Council to build the secondary education building for Abbey Court School on the Cliffe Road Strood site.	19 July 2018	A needs analysis of young people with special educational need across Medway will inform provision from September 2020. Lobbying to secure the required funding will continue and the council will work with the Headteacher and governing body of the school in respect of transition arrangements. In addition, a number of projects are being undertaken which will contribute to improving and expanding the inclusive nature of all schools.	At the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 4 October 2018, the Committee recommended the Cabinet to indicate when the SEND review was likely to be completed, for this to be completed as soon as possible and for the review outcomes to be published when completed.
26	Petition for a safe crossing in Eastcourt Lane for children and parents to and from schools.	19 July 2018	A pedestrian/vehicle count on Eastcourt Lane will be carried out in September during school drop-off and collection time. Consideration will then be given to suitable options, based upon the observations of the Road Safety Team and existing collision data. Feedback will be provided in early October.	No review requested.
25	Petition for the CCTV Camera outside the post office/ATM to be repaired and working again - Twydall Shopping Centre.	19 July 2018	The camera is currently recording, but has limited movement and is beyond economical repair. CCTV camera stock is being audited to ensure those cameras that meet the requirements of the Code of Practice are prioritised and to ascertain whether cameras remain necessary and proportionate. Once the audit is complete, a decision will be made on which cameras need to be repaired or replaced.	At the Regeneration Culture and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 16 August, the Committee agreed that a briefing note on the review of fixed CCTV cameras be circulated to all Members of the council.

24	Protest against the removal of secure motorcycle parking from the Commercial Road (Strood) Vehicle park and request the immediate re-establishment of this facility.	19 July 2018	The provision of appropriate and secure parking facilities for non- car road users is key to the successful uptake of alternative, sustainable travel methods and the subsequent reduction in congestion. The council's engineers are currently reviewing secure motorcycle parking provision.	At the Regeneration Culture and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 16 August, the Committee noted that a site visit will be arranged to assess the requirements for secure motorcycle parking provision at Commercial Road Car Park in Strood and that the lead petitioner and Ward Councillors will be invited to attend. It was agreed that a verbal update would be provided at the next meeting.
23	The council to take local residents views into account and not close and sell the Conservancy Board Building.	17 July 2018	On 10 July 2018, the Cabinet received a report on the proposed sale of the building and considered the points raised in the petition. It decided to proceed with the sale of the building in order to secure the long term future of the Corn Exchange and to enhance the Guildhall Museum.	No review requested.
22	The Council to reconsider their decision to remove the £35k grant they have provided to the Royal Voluntary Service for the past few years as the removal will force the closure of this much needed facility.	4 June 2018	A grant of £17,500 to the Royal Volunteer Service, matched by the RVS National Organisation would cover the 12 month period to March 2019. On 10 April 2018, Cabinet agreed that officers work with interested parties and RVS on a sustainable programme for RVS Medway.	No review requested.
21	Petition the Council to install CCTV Cameras in Strood to prevent	29 May 2018	The council is reviewing all fixed CCTV cameras to identify cameras that may no	No review requested.

	and control crime in the area and make our streets safe.		longer be required and any areas that need to be considered for CCTV. Account needs to be taken of the nature of the problem to be addressed; whether a surveillance system would be a justified and an effective solution; whether better solutions exist; what effect its use may have on individuals; and whether its use is a proportionate response to the problem.	
20	The Council to support and implement restricted waiting restrictions in Cherry Tree Road, Rainham.	2 May 2018	This request will be added to the future Traffic Regulation Order schemes list and the site will be visited by an engineer for further investigation.	No review requested.
19	Objection to potential parking restrictions at Commodores Hard adjacent to this causeway.	1 May 2018	There are a high number of vehicles that are parking along the access road rather than using available car parks. The proposal for double yellow lines complements the restrictions in the car park areas of the Strand. A detached trailer can be left on the double yellow lines.	At the Regeneration Culture and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 14 June 2018, the Committee agreed that Officers be requested to investigate the possible introduction of parking permits for river users to enable them to park on Commodore's Hard when launching their boats from the slipway.
18	The Council to overturn the ban on alcoholic drinks being brought into this summer's pop concerts at Rochester Castle Gardens.	1 May 2018	There have been several incidents over recent years which have raised security concerns from stewards and police observers. No such incidents have occurred in the past 25 years at the Prom Concerts. The decision follows industry practice and was on the advice of the	This matter was fully discussed by the Regeneration Culture and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee as a Member's Item on 28 March

			various safety bodies. The Council would be extremely vulnerable if it ignored this advice.	2018. It was noted that the position for the 2018 Castle Concerts remained unchanged and that a copy of the Safety Advisory Group's advice would be provided to all Members of the Committee.
17	The Council to look at introducing residents parking in the Rochester Maidstone Road, Valley View Road and Trevale Road area to prevent anti-social parking	23 April 2018	These requests will be added to the future resident schemes list and the sites will be visited by an engineer for further investigation. Residents parking schemes are mainly considered in locations with major attractors such as railway stations, hospitals, town centres and areas affected by universities.	No review requested.
16	Stop the abolition of yearly visitor parking permits.	19 April 2018	There is no limit to the number of resident permits a household can buy as long as vehicles are registered to the address or are business vehicles regularly taken home. Medway is one of the lowest charging authorities and would still be lower than some after a £2 increase in the cost of daily vouchers. A "Resident Support Permit" is being introduced to assist those who are vulnerable or require regular assistance.	No review requested.
15	Petition opposing the Application for Premises Licence Act 2003 submitted by Medway Quality Store Ltd, Gillingham.	16 April 2018	This petition relates to a Licensing application and is being dealt with under Licensing legislation.	Not applicable.
12	Install a pedestrian crossing system at the Maidstone Road/Pattens Lane/Walderslade Road cross roads in Chatham.	4 April 2018	Following an assessment of the options, the available road safety data indicates that the current design is not fundamentally unsafe for people that use it. On this	At the Regeneration Culture and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 14

			basis, and taking in to consideration the impact on traffic delays and queues, it is not proposed to make any alterations to the junction at the present time.	June 2018, the Committee agreed that no further action be taken at present as there are other road safety schemes in Medway which have been ranked as a higher priority.
11	Objection to planning application 18/0548 - New build No 8 Abbotts Close.	13 March 2018	This petition relates to a planning application and is being dealt with under planning legislation.	Not applicable.
9	Too many houses being built in Medway.	8 March 2018	Medway is currently experiencing significant population growth. Over the next 20 years it is expected to grow from 278,500 to 330,000. There is a need to plan to meet the housing needs of the growing community, and also to provide the necessary services, infrastructure, schools, health centres, and employment. The council is currently preparing its Local Plan, as required by Government, which will help to shape future growth.	No review requested.
8	Speed bumps or traffic control – Carnation Road	1 March 2018	Requests for speed reduction measures are considered on the basis of casualty reduction with locations recording poor road casualty history being tackled first. Three slight injury collisions have been recorded throughout Carnation Road during the last three years and with many other locations recording ongoing poorer road casualty records, the council is unable to propose alterations on casualty reduction grounds. The location will be added to the	No review requested.

			schedule of attendance by the council's Speed Indicating Device.	
7	Save Deangate Ridge Golf Club	9 February 2018	In the face of long-running and increasing annual financial deficits in the running of Deangate Ridge golf course, totalling more than £1.5m in the past seven years , together with a national decrease in golf participation over the past decade, the Cabinet has made an executive decision to no longer use council funding to provide a golf course at Deangate Ridge.	At the Regeneration Culture and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 12 March 2018, the Committee agreed the refer the decision back to Cabinet for further consideration
6	Improve the road safety on Wayfield Road - many local residents are concerned about current levels of safety	25 January 2018	Requests for speed reduction measures are considered on the basis of casualty reduction with locations recording poor road casualty history being tackled first. A number of slight injury collisions have been recorded at this location and it will be subject to safety investigations this year. It will also be added to the schedule of attendance by the council's Speed Indicating Device.	No review requested
5 and 8	Say No to Coach Park on the Esplanade	25 January 2018	The Esplanade Gardens option is no longer being considered. The situation is under review but the intention remains to keep the coach park in Rochester	No review requested
4 and 4A	Anti-Social Parking at the bottom of Ordnance St, Chatham	25 January 2018	Following a site visit, it has been determined that the best way forward would be to install further bollards to stop parking on the pavement. The location will be considered for a scheme in 2018/19	At the Regeneration Culture and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 28 March 2018, the Committee noted the council's intention to place an order for the additional bollards within

				the first two weeks of the new financial year.
3	Objection to planning application 17/3484 - Development of Car Parks and vehicle access to Hempstead Valley	12 January 2018	This petition relates to a planning application and is being dealt with under planning legislation.	Not applicable
2	Objection to Planning application 17/1483 - 158 Canterbury Street, Gillingham	9 January 2018	This petition relates to a planning application and is being dealt with under planning legislation.	No review requested
1	Medway Council's Housing Department to provide additional parking capacity by creating parking bays on the north side of the 'green triangle' on Forge Lane, Gillingham	4 January 2018	There are no plans to provide additional parking bays in this area during 2018/19 but the request will be added a list for future consideration. Rivermead School have been asked to ensure that staff or visitor parking in the immediate area is kept to a minimum.	At the Business Support Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 12 April 2018, the Committee noted the response to the petition and that funding for additional parking bays is not available at present. It also noted that officers would investigate the costs of providing parking restrictions/ bollards on the grassed area for consideration in a future programme of work, and requested that officers arrange a site visit so that potential solutions can be discussed with residents.