

Petitions and Outcomes 2020

Petition tracker No.	Subject of petition	Date received	Medway Council's response	Outcome of review (if requested)
19	Planning Petition to Application MC20/2280 71 St Margaret's Road, Rochester	22 October	This petition relates to a planning application and is being dealt with under planning legislation.	Not applicable
18	Installation of a warden operated gating system at the access into Cozenton Park from Cranford Close	21 October	<p>The gate was built in line with the development plans for the estate and since 2018 there have been 6 reported incidences of nuisance/ASB.</p> <p>Fences are inspected annually, and the current fence has no significant signs of defects and is in good order. Therefore, there does not appear to be sufficient grounds to support a gated entrance. It is proposed that this be monitored for 12 months, and that residents report any anti-social behaviour to the police.</p>	<p>At the meeting of the Regeneration, Culture and Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 14 January 2021, the Committee, taking into account the suggestions by Councillor Potter as to the potential funding of provision of the gate into Cozenton Park at Cranford Close and the possible inclusion of the locking and unlocking of the gate as an addition to Medway Norse's existing schedule, requested that further investigations be undertaken to explore all options</p>

				and associated costs.
17	Objection to planning application MC20/1478 Hogmarsh Valley	13 October	This petition relates to a planning application and is being dealt with under planning legislation.	Not applicable
16	Domino's Pizza Walderslade	8 October	<p>The premises are not licensed for the sale of hot food so should not be trading during the hours 11pm and 5am. The Licensing Team will inform them of the requirements of the Licensing Act and request their advertised opening hours are amended. Evidence would be required to enable planning enforcement measures to be taken.</p> <p>Concerns about the behaviour of delivery drivers should be passed on to Domino's Pizza management and the police should be notified of any illegal road traffic matters.</p> <p>Those locations already</p>	At the meeting of the Regeneration, Culture and Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 14 January 2021, the Committee noted that discussions with the petition organiser were ongoing and the situation would continue to be monitored.

			<p>recording an ongoing poor road casualty history are tackled first in respect of road safety measures. A 20mph scheme was not currently being considered at this location.</p>	
15	<p>Re-open Cuxton Waste and Recycling Centre</p>	<p>8 October</p>	<p>The decision to keep the Cuxton site closed in the early phases of reopening the Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) network was due to the challenges this site presents with queuing traffic and the impact it has on the residents of Cuxton, the A228 and the M2.</p> <p>The Cuxton HWRC reopened by pre-appointment on 8 October 2020 with one-hour appointments slots to ensure the management of traffic flow to the site.</p>	<p>No review requested</p>

14	Introduce traffic calming measure on Matts Hill Road	28 August	In terms of road safety improvements, areas where there is a record of incidents and frequent vehicle use are prioritised. Matts Hill Road has low journey numbers, comparative to other roads in Medway. It is also relatively long in length, narrow, and rural in nature and not a road that would ordinarily be considered for traffic calming. However, Road Safety Officers would examine whether any measures might be appropriate.	No review requested
13	Objection to Planning Application MC20/1632 Flats on Walderslade Road	14 August	This petition relates to a planning application and is being dealt with under planning legislation.	Not applicable
12	Change the name of Sir John Hawkins Car Park	31 July	On 16 July, Full Council convened a cross party working group to conduct a review of memorials, historic markers, and monuments in Medway to	No review requested

			consider what changes, if any, would be appropriate. Its findings are due to be presented to Cabinet to consider practical and financial implications.	
11	Reinstate Vehicle Access Way Sunnymead Avenue, Gillingham	20 July	<p>It is understood that a resident, concerned about anti-social behaviour, wrote to all residents affected and the Council has been working to find a solution. Its contractor was instructed to carry out some remedial works on the gates to help allay these fears, with access being restored in the immediate future. The lock will be refitted, to which all residents affected have a key.</p>	<p>At the meeting of the Regeneration, Culture and Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 15 October, the Committee:</p> <p>a) noted the petition response and appropriate officer action set out in paragraph 3 of the report.</p> <p>b) noted the latest position concerning the gating of the vehicular access between 71 and 73 Sunnymead Avenue and that the Head of Regulatory Services will communicate this to the relevant Ward Councillor.</p>

				<p>c) noted that it was intended that a review be undertaken of all gated alleyways in Medway and that revised governance had been put in place so that, in future, decisions upon gating and changes to gating would involve more than one person.</p>
10	<p>Objection to Planning Application MC20/0385 Garages Adjacent to 3 Valley Road, Gillingham</p>	10 June	<p>This petition relates to a planning application and is being dealt with under planning legislation.</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>
09	<p>Norse and Medway Council - Stop anti-union bullying. Protect your workforce from Covid19.</p>	24 April	<p>Medway's refuse collectors have continued to provide a critically important service to residents in exceptionally challenging times and have risen to the challenge of increased levels of waste collection admirably. Operational responsibility lies with the Norse Group</p>	<p>At the meeting of the Business Support Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 2 July 2020, the Committee noted the petition referral request and the Director's response in paragraph 5 of the report.</p>

			<p>and the Council could not have any part in the operational interpretation of Health and Safety guidance or any other areas of the service delivery. The Council understands that the Norse Group has given clear direction to Medway Norse management to ensure that their key workers remain safe and healthy, and that the Group remains compliant with all statutory legislation and guidance. On the subject of PPE, the Council has been assured that Medway Norse staff have always been in receipt of the correct and relevant levels of PPE and have always had welfare facilities made available to them at all sites and depots. Residents have told the Council on many occasions how appreciative they are to have</p>	
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			their full weekly waste collection service maintained in these unprecedented times. The refuse collectors are a credit to the Council and to the community.	
08	Objection to planning application Unit 16 Rainham Shopping Centre App No MC/20/0176	3 March	This petition relates to a planning application and is being dealt with under planning legislation.	Not applicable
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04	Objection to Planning Application Woodchurch Crescent (Sturry	5 February	This petition relates to a planning application and is being dealt	Not applicable

	Park) App No MC/19/3107		with under planning legislation.	
03	Protect the Vinalls Park and consult with local councillors and residents on the design of those measures	23 January	<p>The Council assesses all sites that may be subject to traveller incursions and has a set budget for any required work. In 2019/20 works included additional barriers and gates in Twydall parks that had experienced significant repeat incursions.</p> <p>Vinalls Park is a high priority and residents and Ward Councillors have been consulted on the type of security planned.</p>	No review requested
02	To improve road safety on the cemetery end of Palmerstone Road and the surrounding areas	23 January	The Council tackles those locations with the poorest safety records first. From the most recent Police records, four slight injury collisions have been reported on Palmerston Road including three around its junction with Letchworth Avenue. There were no recorded injury	No review requested

			<p>collisions at other roads in the area during the period. Further investigation of this junction will be undertaken and the safety record of the area will continue to be monitored.</p>	
01	Keep Uber in Medway	1 January	<p>On 25 April 2019, Full Council asked Officers to seek independent legal opinion on the operation of Uber in Medway; meet with the Medway Licensed Taxi Drivers Association (MLTDA) to discuss these legal opinions; and in the event of broad similarity in legal opinion, to take the appropriate action to cease and desist operations which are not in accordance with legislation.</p> <p>It is understood that the MLTDA intend to take legal action against Uber.</p> <p>On 25 November 2019 Transport for</p>	No review requested

			<p>London decided not to provide Uber a further private hire operator's licence because they concluded Uber was not "fit and proper". Uber is understood to be appealing and can continue to operate while the appeal is outstanding.</p> <p>The Council will monitor the situation.</p>	
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