

Petitions and Outcomes 2021

Petition tracker No.	Subject of petition	Date received	Medway Council's response	Outcome of review (if requested)
31	Speed Humps for Constitution Road	29 December 2021	Medway's approach is to tackle those locations with the poorest safety records first. During the most recent three years of available Police records, there have been no collisions involving road user injury throughout Constitution Road. There are many other locations within Medway that are currently suffering poorer ongoing road safety problems. This does not mean we wait for collisions before action is taken. Rather, we target those locations that are already suffering safety problems as a priority. The safety record of this location will continue to be monitored and future safety improvements are never ruled out.	No review requested
30	Objection to Premises Licence Taste of Europe Supermarket	6 December 2021	Not applicable	
29	Objection to Premises Licence Gabriela's Café Bar Restaurant	6 December 2021	This petition relates to a Licence application and is being dealt with under Licensing legislation	Not applicable
28	Objection to Planning Application 21-2861: Save Southern Belle	16 November 2021	This petition relates to a planning application and is being dealt with under planning legislation	Not applicable

27	<p>As grassroots sports are expanding and more teams are registering, with little places to play and train, we would like the council to build new pitches and install lights within the area, to be able to suit the needs of all clubs.</p>	14 October 2021	<p>Medway has a number of grass football pitches and is committed to improving these facilities although purchasing new land comes at a premium and is not easily available.</p> <p>Flood lighting is not possible at every site due to the impact on nearby residents and requires planning permission.</p> <p>Sports clubs are consulted on the Playing Pitch Strategy every four years and the Council has recently produced the Local Football Facilities Plan with the Kent FA which prioritises improvements to grass pitches, 3G and changing rooms. We are continuing to push for community use agreements with new schools so that the school sports facilities can be accessed by local clubs in the evenings and at weekends for training and matches.</p> <p>The Sports Development team delivers successful outreach projects to encourage young people to participate in sport.</p>	No review requested.
26	<p>Medway Council to take action in implementing effective traffic calming measures along the entirety of Marlborough Road where they are not already in existence</p>	14 September 2021	<p>In the interests of reducing casualties, the Council's priorities for safety improvements must be focused on those locations with the poorest road safety records first. A further assessment of road user speeds, along with the updated history of crashes on Marlborough Road will be undertaken and any suitable options to</p>	<p>At the meeting of the Regeneration, Culture and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 2 December 2021, the Committee requested that it be informed</p>

			<p>reduce the problem will be examined.</p> <p>The Council are not able to control or influence the management of the Hospital nor dictate where and how it should access its premises. These issues should be directed to the Hospital and the South East Coast Ambulance Service.</p>	<p>of the outcome of the investigation work into the request for traffic calming measures in Marlborough Road, Gillingham.</p>
25	<p>Objection to Planning Petition MC21/2771: 209-217 Rochester High St</p>	31 August	<p>This petition relates to a planning application and is being dealt with under planning legislation</p>	Not applicable
24	No Mow May	6 September 2021	<p>A Climate Change Action Plan with the aim of reducing CO2 and increasing biodiversity has been adopted. The No Mow May promotion was run primarily for residents to encourage leaving grass to grow in gardens, and also across the wider grounds maintenance estate. This year the national scheme was followed but for 2022 communications and publication of any initiatives will be widened and promoted on the Council's social media platforms.</p> <p>An ecological approach is adopted as part of the Climate Change Strategy, combined with ensuring road safety on all highway grass areas. An increase in meadow areas in parks is expected in the coming years.</p>	No review requested
23	<p>Objection to Licensing Application Gabrielas Café 48-</p>	6 September 2021	<p>This petition relates to a licensing application and is being dealt with under licensing legislation</p>	Not applicable

	52Napier Road Gillingham,			
22	Speed Cameras on Four Elms Hill	6 August 2021	<p>The Council takes all concerns for road safety matters seriously and promotes road safety wherever possible. This location was sadly the scene of a tragic loss of life in the recent past. The Council has recently introduced mobile speed camera operation at the top of Four Elms Hill. This is in addition to any police led speed enforcement activity.</p> <p>Hopefully regular speed enforcement via cameras, will be a positive safety enhancement for all road users. Further future alterations in the interest of safety are not ruled out.</p>	No review requested
21	Objection to planning application MC- 21-1455 Chestnut Avenue, Chatham	23 June 2021	This petition relates to a planning application and is being dealt with under planning legislation	Not applicable
20	Provide a Road Crossing Patrol Officer for Chattenden Primary School	30 June 2021	<p>The Road Safety Team is currently reviewing a pedestrian/vehicle count on Kitchener Road. Pending the necessary permissions, a Traffic Order can be agreed to enforce restrictions.</p> <p>The Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) for the Chattenden area will attend Kitchener Road during school peak times, to show a presence and help deter poor driver behaviour. A series of minor works improvements have taken place, including traffic calming and signage.</p>	No review requested

			Also, the Sustainable Transport Team will encourage the school to develop their School Travel Plan.	
19	Objection to planning application MC21-1564 residential children's home	28 June 2021	This petition relates to a planning application and is being dealt with under planning legislation	Not applicable
18	Petition in support of the planning application MC-21-1502: Fish and Chips takeaway	15 June 2021	This petition relates to a planning application and is being dealt with under planning legislation	Not applicable
17	To resurface the back driveway to the rear access at High St, Halling	2 June 2021	Although under no obligation to maintain the driveway, the Council has on several occasions repaired the potholes with compacted road stone. To have it resurfaced with appropriate drainage would cost a significant sum that, unfortunately, there is no budget for.	No review requested
16	Planning Application MC/20/2601: Support Hedgehog Nursery bid to open in Rainham	11 May 2021	This petition relates to a planning application and is being dealt with under planning legislation	Not applicable
15	Say no to Garage on Napier Road	30 April 2021	This petition relates to a planning application and is being dealt with under planning legislation	Not applicable
14	Plant more trees to reduce Medway's Carbon Footprint - Stop Killing Our Planet	26 April 2021	In January 2021, we adopted the Kent and Medway Energy Low Emissions Strategy which sets an agreed Kent and Medway target of net zero carbon emissions by 2050. We were successfully awarded funding from the	No review requested

			<p>Urban Tree Challenge Fund in 2020 which enabled over 10, 500 trees to be planted across ten sites. We will continue to respond to future funding opportunities to extend the tree canopy coverage and are developing a Tree Strategy to set clear targets and actions.</p> <p>While we recognise the clear benefits of increased tree canopy, such as improved biodiversity and physical and mental health, trees are just one of the natural solutions to climate change and resilience.</p> <p>Our Climate Change Action Plan includes actions to protect other green infrastructure assets, such as grassland and saltmarshes and supports a range of approaches to achieving net zero carbon through reducing energy usage and eliminating carbon through the introduction of renewable sources. As Medway Council accounts for just 1.4% of Medway's carbon footprint, we have included actions in the plan to support others in reducing and eliminating their carbon emissions. The Climate Change Action Plan is due to be presented to Cabinet in June.</p>	
13	Reinstate CCTV in Rainham Recreation Ground	26 April 2021	Medway's CCTV cameras are monitored 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and are focused on maintaining the safety of our town centres, transport hubs and areas of high night-time economy. This	No review requested

			<p>maximises the time each camera is actively watched by the operative and therefore the chance they can intervene in cases of serious crime or risk to the safety of residents.</p> <p>The Community Safety Team is in constant consultation with Police colleagues over the types of anti-social behaviour in different areas, and the best way to combat them. It has been agreed that CCTV would offer little real value to addressing the needs of the area, and that a more effective use of resource is a physical presence. Since the end of February, Kent Police has granted 5 Anti-Social Behaviour dispersal authorities in the area of Rainham Recreation Ground, resulting in numerous people being required to leave the area. This has been supplemented by an enhanced patrol regime of the local PCSO team, as well as on several occasions the redeployment to the area of the Community Policing Team and the Town Centre Team. Unfortunately, the deployment of CCTV to the park could be considered an unacceptable diversion of resources from our town centres and therefore we would not be advocating this at the present time.</p>	
12	To reject plans to build a relief road on Deangate Ridge Golf and Sports Complex.	22 April 2021	The emerging Medway Local Plan is required to plan positively for the high levels of housing need set	At the meeting of the Regeneration, Culture and Environment

	<p>We further call on Medway Council to retain Deangate Ridge Golf and Sports Complex as an asset that would further the social wellbeing and social interests of the local community such as a Country Park.</p>		<p>out in government policy. We are considering growth on the Hoo Peninsula as part of our proposed strategy for delivering sustainable growth across Medway. Sustainable development seeks positive outcomes for the environment, communities and the economy. The HIF programme provides for some of the investments for transport upgrades. The wider work on our new Local Plan will further consider how to deliver sustainable development on the Hoo Peninsula, providing land for homes, jobs, services, shops, community facilities, parks and open spaces. Decisions on future use of land will form part of the new Local Plan that will be submitted to Government for independent examination. We continue to consider and explore the long-term future of the former Deangate Golf Course and the adjacent athletics track.</p> <p>The HIF-related relief road has been consulted on through the HIF consultation that ran between January and April this year. We will be analysing the consultation responses and will then be in a position to review the highway design proposals and respond accordingly.</p> <p>Until as a minimum, the Hoo Development Framework is complete and published as part of the Local Plan processes, we will not be finalising future land uses across</p>	<p>Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 12 August 2021, the Committee thanked the lead petitioner for attending the meeting and addressing the Committee on his petition and noted the various contributions put forward.</p>
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11	We the undersigned petition the council to Stop the junction and flyover at Higham Road and Islingham Farm Road HIF Phase 1 and 2	12 April 2021	<p>Our HIF proposals comprise road, rail and environmental infrastructure investments which will enable us to meet our legal requirements to provide for housing, linked to the Government's challenging housing targets for Medway.</p> <p>The road proposals are being designed to take account of traffic benefits, environmental interests, safety, cost and deliverability, and the relationship with housing proposals being brought forward on the Peninsula. They will be subject to a full Environmental Impact Assessment which will form a key component of the final HIF road planning application and will set out the likely environmental impacts of the scheme and, importantly, the measures that will be taken to avoid, prevent or reduce any significant adverse effects. Surveys on noise, visual impact, lighting and air quality will be undertaken in 2021.</p> <p>The current road proposals do support a change in traffic speed along Islingham Farm Road from 20 to 30 mph, but this would be on a road with lanes in each direction, rather than the current single lane with passing places. There will be a new walkway and cycleway between the road and the residential properties along</p>	No review requested

			<p>Islingham Farm Road continuing along Woodfield Way towards Chattenden.</p> <p>There will be further opportunities for public and stakeholder participation. During the January to April 2021 HIF consultation, local residents have sent us a number of alternative proposals for phases 1 and 2. We are currently reviewing each of these proposals and will be reporting back later in this year once the review is complete.</p>	
10	Install suicide barriers on the M2 motorway footpath	29 March 2021	<p>All motorways within England are the responsibility of Highways England, which is a Government company that operates, maintains and improves England's motorways. They are contactable on 0300 123 5000 or via their website at www.highwaysengland.co.uk.</p> <p>As a local authority, we have no remit for motorways.</p>	No review requested.
9	End herbicide use in our parks and greenspaces	11 March 2021	<p>The quantity of chemical applied in greenspaces was not significant to make key changes to the biodiversity. The Council will review each year and support other actions on climate change:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Reduce grass cutting on some roads to increase new biodiverse areas. b. Increase mini meadows in parks. c. Plant additional 1million bulbs in parks and verges 	No review requested.

			<p>d. Not use chemicals in play areas.</p> <p>The view of Government and HSE remains that the use of glyphosate is safe. Medway has a duty to prevent spread of certain harmful weeds and to stop invasive non-native plants spreading. Medway Norse stopped using any glyphosate products in play areas in spring 2020. Fence line spraying was replaced by manual strimming or leaving grass longer where suitable. Medway Norse will continue to research and test new products for effectiveness on weed growth. In 2020 Medway Norse used 60% less glyphosate-based products than in 2019, with a 100% reduction in play areas.</p>	
8	Say no to Garage on Napier Road	9 March 2021	Please see 15 above in relation to a planning application.	
7	Please don't demolish Rainham Library	19 February 2021	<p>Following concerns raised by the two local Councillors for Rainham North, Councillors Carr and Potter, a Cabinet report seeking to carry out further feasibility about creating a new Community Hub in Rainham, was withdrawn at the 12 January 2021 meeting.</p> <p>There are no current plans for that project to proceed at the present time or to demolish Rainham Library.</p>	No review requested
6	Towards a Plastic Free Medway	21 January 2021	Unfortunately, there is no legislation enabling the Council to enforce a local	No review requested

			<p>ban on the sale of plastic bags. The existing controls on the sale of single use carrier bags have recently been amended and the minimum charge for single use plastic bags will double from April 2021 and will apply to all retailers. Enforcement of this requirement is in the remit of our Trading Standards team.</p> <p>We are supportive of Towards Plastic Free Medway's (TPFM) initiative for Medway to achieve single use plastic-free community status and we have recently written to all schools in Medway, asking them to consider the steps they can take to reduce single use plastic within their schools and communities.</p>	
5	Oppose GP Practices Moving out of the Rainham Healthy Living Centre	21 January 2021	<p>The aspiration that all residents should be able to access appropriate health and care services that meet their needs is set out in the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Medway (JHWBS). Kent and Medway CCG are also committed to tackling health inequalities and delivering on the aspirations of the JHWBS.</p> <p>NHS policy requires appropriate engagement be undertaken for any proposed changes to local service provision. The Medway Health and Adult Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HASC) would be consulted should there be any significant changes to current provision.</p>	<p>At the meeting of the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 11 March 2021, the Committee agreed to:</p> <p>a) note the response provided to the petition and the reasons for referring the response to the Committee. b) welcome the assurance given by the CCG that local people will be consulted and engaged on any</p>

			<p>Dr Shah (Blue Suite at Rainham) has approached the CCG about consolidating on one site and the CCG would require further information on engagement and consultation with registered patients and a detailed plan.</p> <p>The Council through HASC scrutiny, will be in a position to review any proposals related to changes to the current primary care provision at the Rainham Healthy Living Centre and will be able to negotiate with the CCG to secure the best outcomes for the residents of Rainham. Should this not be possible, as a last resort HASC ultimately are able to formally refer the local NHS's reconfiguration proposals to the Secretary of State for Health.</p>	<p>proposals relating to the Rainham Health Living Centre.</p> <p>c) welcome the commitment given by the CCG that this Committee will be consulted on any proposals to change the current primary care provision at the Rainham Healthy Living Centre.</p> <p>d) request a briefing paper from the CCG on GP numbers across Medway, including the numbers of other primary care practitioners.</p>
4	The council to install speed humps in Laburnum and Merrals Wood roads.	20 January 2021	<p>The Council takes all concerns for road safety seriously and works to promote and improve road safety wherever possible. Those locations with the poorest safety records are tackled first. During the most recent five years of available Police records, one crash was recorded in this area. There are many other locations within Medway that are currently suffering poorer ongoing road safety problems and the Council targets those locations. Therefore, it is unable to propose wider scale alterations in this area at this time.</p>	No review requested.

3	The Council to provide a rubbish bin top of Morrisons green bridge in Walderslade.	11 January 2021	A litter bin will be installed on the green footbridge along Princes Park, adjacent to Morrisons within 10 working days.	No review requested
2	Planning Application MC/20/2783 22 and 24 St Mary's Road	6 January 2021	This petition relates to a planning application and is being dealt with under planning legislation.	Not applicable
1	Extend free school meals for Medway's children	3 January 2021	The Department for Education's Holiday Activities and Food Programme states that the Holiday Activities and Food programme will expand in 2021 so that children on free school meals will be offered free healthy meals and enriching activities over school holidays. Up to £220 million will be delivered through grants to all local authorities. Approximately 6,000 children in Medway currently access free meals during the school term. The Council has been working with schools to help ensure support continues throughout the school holidays.	No review requested