

Appendix A

Petitions and Outcomes 2022

Petition tracker No.	Subject of petition	Date received	Format	No. of Signatures	Summary of Medway Council's response	Outcome of review (if requested)
1	Speed Calming on Edwin Road	9 February 2022	E-petition	66	<p>The approach is to tackle those locations with the poorest safety records first. During the most recent three years of available Police records, there has been one collision reported involving road user injury throughout Edwin Road. This will mean there are other locations that are suffering poorer ongoing road safety problems and unfortunately, we are therefore unable to propose road alterations in this area at this time. The safety record of this location will continue to be monitored. We do work to promote and enhance road safety wherever possible, and we have previously introduced vehicle activated signing, along with road markings aimed at raising road safety awareness at Edwin Road.</p>	<p>At the meeting of the Regeneration, Culture and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 9 June 2022 the Committee agreed to:</p> <p>note the petition referral request set out in paragraph 4 of the report and the Director of Place and Deputy Chief Executive's response and</p> <p>request that the data from the Kent Police Speed Watch pilot be sent to Members and that existing data held by the Council be re-visited as part of revising the road safety action plan.</p>
2	Road Safety Measures on Chalk Pit Hill	2 March 2022	Paper	32	<p>The approach is to tackle those locations with the poorest safety records first. During the most recent five years of available Police records,</p>	No review requested

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					there have been no collisions reported involving road user injury. This will mean there are other locations within Medway that are suffering poorer ongoing road safety problems and unfortunately, we are therefore unable to propose road alterations in this area at this time. The safety record of this location will continue to be monitored.	
3	Access road to rear of Granville Road; Potholes	21 April 2022	Paper	28	<p>The access track at the rear of the even numbered properties is Council-owned. The area to the south is not but is public highway and a footpath. The track is not public highway and unfortunately there is no budget to regularly maintain it. However, from time to time, maintenance (mainly filling in potholes) and clearance has been carried out.</p> <p>There is no budget for resurfacing the track and improving drainage to the footpath.</p>	At the meeting of the Regeneration, Culture and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 11 August 2022 the Committee noted the petition referral requests in paragraph 5 and the Director of Place and Deputy Chief Executive's responses and requested a briefing note on the criteria for remedial works on unadopted highway.
4	Register Sunlight Centre as an Asset of Community Value	21 April 2022	Paper	33	In order for the Sunlight Centre to be considered for listing as an Asset of Community Value an application needs to be submitted to the Council which sets out how it meets the criteria. Unfortunately, we are unable	No review requested

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					to consider whether or not it is appropriate to list the centre as an asset of community value without the correct process being followed.	
5	Trees on Gillingham Green blocking light	21 April 2022	Paper	15	<p>The trees at the rear of the properties are tall lime trees and reduction work would not be beneficial to the long-term health of the trees, nor would it create a significant amount of additional light within the rear gardens.</p> <p>There is an alley at the rear and there is no significant overhang. However, Medway Norse will apply for lifting the lower branches and clearing the regrowth at the base, which may help alleviate the problems and allow more light in the gardens. This will be subject to planning approval.</p>	At the meeting of the Regeneration, Culture and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 11 August 2022 the Committee noted the petition referral requests in paragraph 5 and the Director of Place and Deputy Chief Executive's responses and requested a briefing note on the criteria for tree maintenance.
6	Zebra Crossing on Pottery Road, Hoo St Werburgh Primary School	1 June 2022	E-petition and Paper	30 85	We hope to have a new School Crossing Patrol at Pottery Road later this year. We will also assess road user activity at the school and will examine the crash history on Pottery Road. We continue to offer all schools road safety education, and yellow line parking restrictions at this location are enforced by our Parking Team.	No review requested.

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7	Zebra Crossing on Deanwood Drive	1 June 2022	E-petition	2	Road safety engineers and officers will undertake observations during school drop-off and collection periods in September/October 2022.	No review requested.
8	Planning Application MC/22/1109 Land on Lennox Wood	21 June 2022	Paper	126	This petition relates to a planning application and is being dealt with under planning legislation	
9	Entrance and Exit from the Car Park at the bungalows onto Grange Road, Gillingham	21 July 2022	Paper	20	The majority of the parking area and access to the bungalows is private. If a request is received, the Parking Design Team could be requested to investigate placing double yellow lines on the section of the entrance junction owned by the Council. Also, the double yellow lines could be further extended with the landowner's permission, but this could not be enforced.	No review requested
10	Medway Council to improve residents' environment and safety both road and environmental noise, noxious	21 July 2022	Paper	16	A technical assessment will be carried out this financial year on creating of a 'Low Traffic Neighbourhood'. Lambourn Way and Knole Road have been assessed as Priority 3 sites for resurfacing. Currently, only Priority 1 sites are considered. There is no legal limit to the amount of road noise for	Review requested pending the outcome of the technical assessment.

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	gas pollution from non-residential vehicles and nuisance parking on Lambourn Way and Knole Road				<p>existing roads although noise levels might be looked at when new roads or houses and offices near roads are planned.</p> <p>The crash history does not indicate the presence of a road safety issue and therefore additional parking restrictions would not be considered. The Parking Enforcement Team can enforce parking across dropped kerbs if reported directly by residents. The issue of a School Crossing Patrol on Lambourn Way will be raised with the Sustainable Transport Team.</p>	
11	Reinstate School Holiday Free School Meal Vouchers for Medway Families	4 July 2022	Paper	232	<p>The full response can be found here:</p> <p><u>CYPO&S petitions report</u></p> <p>It concludes:</p> <p>In summary it is my opinion that MedwayGo covers all aspects in the prior list of best practice. It provides access to all those children in Medway eligible for FSM. The approach in Medway and innovative use of the Household Support Grant, is more generous, offers best value and maximises the use of limited resources for those families in</p>	At the meeting of the Children and Young Adults Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 29 September 2022 the Committee noted the referral request in paragraph 3 of the report, and the Director of Public Health's response, including the acknowledgement from officers that lessons had been learned.

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					<p>hardship. Using this grant to purchase supermarket vouchers solely for families in receipt of free school meals, would be regressive. It would not consider the needs or impact on families who may be in extreme hardship, but not be eligible for free school meals. The approach in Medway has been adopted and endorsed by most local authorities in the England, including Birmingham City Council.</p>	
12	Reinstate an evening and Sunday bus service for Borstal	13 September 2022	E-petition	28	<p>Kent County Council withdrew funding for the evening and Sunday services in May 2022. Since that time, Arriva has operated an hourly daytime service between Borstal and Chatham (Monday to Saturday).</p> <p>When the Arriva Sunday service to Borstal operated it carried, on average, only two passengers per journey over the section of the route within Medway. The Council's budget for subsidising local bus services is fully allocated and diverting resources away from other supported services would not be justifiable given the low number of passengers involved.</p> <p>The Council does provide a subsidy for the evening 145 service and it</p>	No review requested

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					would be possible to extend the journey currently departing Chatham at 20.15 (Mondays to Saturdays) to serve Borstal.	
13	Medway Council to reinstate the CCTV within Rainham Recreation Ground	20 September 2022	E-petition	18	Subject to a satisfactory feasibility survey, two rapid deployment cameras will be installed inside Rainham Recreation Ground for a period of twelve weeks. A decision can then be made about the permanent installation of CCTV.	No review requested
14	Medway Council to install a deterrent or physical obstruction, to stop cars from mounting the pavement on St Margret's Street, Rochester, specifically between Watts Avenue and Gun Tower Mews	21 October 2022	E-petition	146	Unfortunately, there is not sufficient width of pavement to install bollards and still maintain the required space for all users, specifically wheelchair and pushchair users. The incident record for this area does not show a history of accidents and focus is on areas that have an existing record of accidents which need urgent intervention.	No review requested

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15	Parking Zone Around St John Fisher School	10 November 2022	Paper	57	<p>Parking provision within the new school site will comprise 69 parking bays for staff, 40 parking bays for drop-off/pick up, 8 parking bays for visitors, 6 disabled parking bays and 4 parking bays for minibuses. A further 40 spaces can be made available for drop off and collection, if required. The Planning Committee secured on-site parking provision by planning condition and was satisfied that the parking impact on surrounding streets would be low.</p> <p>The Council will carefully monitor the impact of the school once it opens and will continue to liaise with residents, and Ward Councillors, over this issue.</p>	At the meeting of the Regeneration, Culture and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 17 January 2023, the Committee considered the petition referral request and the Director of Place and Deputy Chief Executive's responses.
16	Prevent Speeding on A2 Watling Street	10 November 2022	Paper	109	The Council does not have enforcement powers against speeding vehicles, and concerns about driving offences should be reported to the Police. The Council will review the crash history of the area, carry out observations and a speed survey if necessary. In the meantime, a 'Speed Indicator Device' will be deployed.	At the meeting of the Regeneration, Culture and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 17 January 2023, the Committee considered the petition referral request and the Director of Place and Deputy Chief Executive's responses.

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17	Planning Application MC201632 MC211863 MC222834 Petition to prevent the construction of Walderslade Village Apartments	10 November 2022	Paper	55	This petition relates to a planning application and is being dealt with under planning legislation.	
18	Road Safety on Gillingham Road	10 November 2022	Paper	96	The Council will review the crash history of the area, carry out observations and a speed survey if necessary. Concerns about driving offences should be reported to the Police, as these offences can only be enforced by them. A 'Speed Indicator Device' will be used at this location for a period of time to remind drivers to check their speed.	No review requested.
19	Petition MC222451 No to 5G phone mast - Larkfield Ave and Barnsole Road	15 November 2022	Paper	234	This petition relates to a planning application and is being dealt with under planning legislation.	