

Petitions and Outcomes 2024-25

| Petition tracker No. | Subject of petition | Date received | Summary of Medway Council's response | Outcome of review (if requested) |
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| 15 | The Council to take immediate action to address the traffic problems on Gerrard Avenue, Rochester caused by congestion on Pattens Lane, by introducing traffic calming measures or limiting access to Gerrard Avenue to residents only to discourage through traffic. | 31 January 2025 | <p>The Council takes all road safety matters seriously and works to promote safe road use and address safety concerns wherever possible. As you may be aware, there have been several periods of roadworks on the local main road network near Gerrard Avenue in recent months, including on Walderslade Road, City Way, and Maidstone Road. It is likely that delays from these may have been a factor in contributing to increases in traffic using alternative routes, such as Gerrard Avenue.</p> <p>The Council is committed to targeting and reducing people being harmed whilst travelling on our roads. As part of this the Council continually monitors the reported personal injury collision records, we receive from the Police. This helps us to prioritise the resources available to ensure that we tackle those locations suffering ongoing poor road safety records as soon as possible. The records show that Gerrard Avenue has a very good safety record when compared to other locations within Medway, with no reported collisions having occurred there in the latest available 5-year period. Regrettably, this will mean that it is unlikely to receive a high priority for</p> | No review requested |

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| | | | <p>safety alterations at the current time.</p> <p>It is noted that traffic using Gerrard Avenue is currently subject to a 30mph speed restriction. If you feel that speeding is an ongoing issue, you may wish to consider engaging with the Police, who are responsible for the enforcement of this restriction.</p> | |
| 14 | <p>Remove the bus/taxi/cycle restriction on Strood Riverside (Northern end of Canal Road) to allow all traffic through in both directions.</p> | <p>22 January 2025</p> | <p>One of the ambitions of the Council Bus Service Improvement Plan is to have a modern, sustainable, reliable and accessible public transport network. Part of this work involves enabling buses to move freely and efficiently throughout Medway and supported by bus priority measures.</p> <p>In line with the Council's aim to improve public transport in Medway, there are nine bus priority lanes in operation across Medway, including Canal Road in Strood. Bus lanes such as this help provide reliable alternative travel options.</p> <p>As well as serving as a bus priority lane, Canal Road forms part of the National Cycle network. Maintaining these functions are important and in line with our ambitions to promote and prioritise active modes of travel, including public transport.</p> <p>In practical terms, the current nature of the road allows for a non-motorised user-</p> | <p>No review requested</p> |

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| | | | <p>friendly environment adjacent to the riverside to be developed. The requested change in use to allow vehicles to use the road as a through route between the A2 and Medway City Estate would have a significant impact upon the function of the road, in addition to adverse noise and air quality impacts. There would also be question over available capacity, given that the width of the bus priority section only operates as a single lane, including the operation of the junction, without undue hindrance to the A2 mainline flow so the Council is unable to support your request on this occasion.</p> <p>Your concerns around delays on the available routes serving Medway City Estate during peak travel periods are of course acknowledged. As you may be aware, the Council has previously secured investment to improve journey times at Medway City Estate and delivered capacity improvements at the junction with the A289. The Council will continue to address such capacity challenges.</p> | |
| 13 | <p>Objection to planning application MC/24/2536 Care Home 42 Malvern Road, Gillingham</p> | <p>13 January 2025</p> | <p>This petition relates to a planning application and is being dealt with under planning legislation.</p> | <p>Not applicable</p> |
| 12 | <p>Planning Application MC/24/2047 prohibit the use</p> | <p>19 November 2024</p> | <p>This petition relates to a planning application and is being dealt with under planning legislation.</p> | <p>Not applicable</p> |

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| | and access to the private road behind Central Gardens, Chatham to anyone who is not a resident at 39-67 Central Gardens | | | |
| 11 | Reject planning application MC/24/2183 32 Selbourne Road, Gillingham conversion from a family home to a HMO (House of Multiple Occupancy). | 12 November 2024 | This petition relates to a planning application and is being dealt with under planning legislation. | Not applicable |
| 10 | The council to urgently implement traffic calming measures and safe pedestrian crossing facilities to the Walderslade Road/Chestnut Avenue Junction, Chatham ME5. | 6 November 2024 | <p>The Council takes road safety very seriously and investigates any instances where concerns regarding road safety are brought to our attention.</p> <p>In 2018 an uncontrolled crossing point was introduced on Walderslade Road, just north of the junction with Chestnut Avenue. At the same time, the embankment to the south of the junction, which was prone to vegetation overgrowth, was replaced with a low wall/paving, to help improve driver intervisibility at the junction. Since these measures were introduced, the safety of the location has improved significantly. This means that it is unlikely to currently receive a high priority for further road safety measures, when compared to other locations within</p> | No review requested |

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| | | | <p>Medway that are recording poorer road safety records.</p> <p>upon review Your request for further measures to aid crossing movements cannot be taken forward as there are existing site constraints at this location, including, the proximity of the junctions, reduced forward visibility due to the brow of the hill, and road width, that preclude the introduction of a conventional crossing facility.</p> <p>In relation to the inconsiderate parking that can occur adjacent to the Chestnut Avenue junction. The parking enforcement team, will be able to arrange some additional enforcement visits to the location.</p> | |
| 9 | <p>The Council to open Dale Street, Chatham at the end of Hill's Terrace to make Hill's Terrace, a one-way system. In addition to creating extra parking or other options for parents to be able to collect their children safely from Saint Michael's RC Primary School.</p> | 22 October 2024 | <p>The Council continually works to promote safe and sustainable journeys, particularly as part of the journey to school. It is important the Council, as the highway authority, appropriately looks into the feasibility of what is being requested.</p> <p>Changing roads to allow new movements can alter the way the road network is used, this can result in improved operation, but there can also be other impacts, such as increasing the likelihood of conflicts and collisions nearby. It is also important to consider the realistic prospect of being able to secure funding for such changes.</p> | No review requested |

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| | | | <p>The Council will include initial investigations into what the lead petitioner has requested to the Transport and Parking Department's programme for the next financial year.</p> <p>Council officers will contact the lead petitioner during the next financial year to update them in relation to the request.</p> | |
| 8 | <p>The Council to create a pedestrian crossing at Walderslade Road and Magpie Hall Road, Chatham</p> | <p>21 October 2024</p> | <p>The Council takes road safety very seriously and investigates any instances where concerns regarding road safety are brought to our attention and monitor collision records, supplied by Kent Police, in order that we can work to target and reduce people being harmed whilst travelling on Medway's roads. This includes examining pedestrian crossing facilities and pedestrian movements to see where improvements can be made.</p> <p>The Council's Transport & Parking Service have looked into the request in more detail and can confirm that there is already a pedestrian refuge island crossing point located on Walderslade Road, in close proximity to the junction of the Ridgeway and Magpie Hall Road. This crossing point allows for easy access from the south side of Walderslade Road, heading north along Magpie Hall Road towards Victory Academy. This crossing point is also well used and the area around the crossing point has a very good safety record.</p> | <p>No Review requested</p> |

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| | | | <p>In terms of the request for a push button pedestrian crossing or zebra crossing, it would be very difficult to install one at this location given its complexity and the roads which converge at this point. The Council will also need to prioritise its limited budget on making improvements at locations which have an existing record of accidents or incidents. As this location has a good safety record, and the crossing point mentioned is used frequently without incident, the Council would not be about to justify investment here for a new crossing over investment in other areas that have a much greater need for a change to the highway.</p> <p>However, please rest assured that the safety record of this location will continue to be monitored.</p> | |
| 7 | <p>Opposition to School Streets Scheme at Fairview Community Primary School, Wigmore</p> | <p>18 October 2024</p> | <p>A public consultation for the introduction of a further nine School Streets across Medway, including the one on Drewery Drive, has been running since 16 September 2024 concluded on 27 October 2024.</p> <p>This forms part of the Council's commitment to making the streets outside of its schools safer and healthier for children and the wider school community. A School Street is a road outside a school that has temporary vehicle restrictions at drop-off and pick-up times</p> | <p>No review requested</p> |

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| | | | <p>during the school term. The road becomes a pedestrian and cycle only area during these times, except for those permitted with an exemption, including the households located within the School Street zone. The restrictions are not in place during school holidays or weekends.</p> <p>All feedback gathered during the six-week School Streets consultation, including this petition, will be reviewed in conjunction with the Council's overall assessment, prior to any further decision being made.</p> | |
| 6 | <p>The Council to implement speed bumps and traffic calming measures on Parr Avenue, Knight Avenue and Corporation Road, Gillingham</p> | <p>10 October 2024</p> | <p>The safety history of the roads that you have requested has been investigated. In the last three years of available police records, one injury collision has been recorded throughout the above roads.</p> <p>The Council works to support safe road use and prioritises safety interventions to help reduce and prevent harm on the highway. It is important that this done in an evidence based way, making best use of the resources that are available.</p> <p>There are other locations within Medway that are currently recording poorer ongoing road safety problems. The Council's approach is to tackle those locations with poorest safety records in the first instance, to help prevent further casualties on our roads. The Council is therefore unable to</p> | <p>No review requested</p> |

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| | | | progress the requested alterations at this time. Please rest assured the safety record of this location will continue to be monitored. | |
| 5 | The Council to reduce the speed limit on Sharnal Street, High Halstow, from 40mph to 30mph. | 9 October 2024 | The Council's road safety engineers and officers will undertake a review of the speed limit at this location. This will take into account a number of factors, which will include the existing traffic flows, speeds, and local safety record. The Transport and Parking team will update the lead petitioner on this matter by April of next year. | No review requested |
| 3 | The Council to amend the CPZ for Providence Avenue, Rochester ME1 1NF from "R1 permit holders or 2 hours no return within 1 hour" to "R1 permit holders only at any time". | 30 September 2024 | The Controlled Parking Zone for Rochester Riverside was introduced to ensure that the amenity of residents was not detrimentally affected by non-residents parking on-street for long periods of time to visit central Rochester or commute further afield. At the same time, the strategic vision for Rochester Riverside was to create a place where residents and visitors can enjoy high quality public realm, including the river walk and other open spaces across the development. When designing the parking zone, the Council felt that a blanket restriction across the whole area was not appropriate and worked with the developer to incorporate some flexible parking provision for the benefit of residents and visitors. The Council believes that a permit holder only restriction on every street may sterilise and isolate the area, whereas allowing a relatively short period of free parking at some locations | No review requested |

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| | | | <p>encourages footfall and opens the area up for the enjoyment of everyone.</p> <p>For this reason, the Council does not propose to change the parking controls for Providence Avenue at the present time.</p> | |
| 2 | The Council to provide wheelie bins for recyclable and general waste instead of refuse bags. | 5 August 2024 | <p>Medway Council is commissioning a waste strategy to identify and appraise options for waste collection and disposal in Medway. An important part of the waste strategy review and recommendations will be engaging with Medway residents to understand their priorities. The waste strategy will include a review of waste containers, and this petition will be included in the research.</p> <p>Due to the old Victorian-style terraced houses, hillside and long alleyway collections, there are a significant number of households in Medway that are not suitable for wheeled bins or can only support one wheeled bin. In 2010 the decision was made that the garden and food waste service would be the only wheeled bin collection as this would offer the best containment for the food waste items that attract animal attack.</p> | No Review requested |
| 1 | The Council to install double yellow lines 10ft either side of the entrance to Thorndike House, Chatham to enable vehicles | 20 May 2024 | The location referred to in the petition is on the Transport and Parking Service's 2024-25 Works Programme. Requests for new parking enforcement restrictions are prioritised within a programme of works each year to ensure that our | No Review requested |

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| | to safely exit and to prohibit vehicles parking on the pavement enabling disability scooters to use the path. | | available resource is put to best use on schemes which have the highest need. Whilst the Council is unable to give an exact timescale for when the statutory 21-day consultation on the new parking restrictions will commence, please be assured that the Council will be taking this scheme forward to public consultation as soon as it is able to do so. | |
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