

Petitions and Outcomes 2025-26

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21	We the undersigned petition the Council to take urgent action regarding the deteriorating condition of Albemarle Road, Chatham	18 March 2026	<p>We fully recognise the concerns raised about the previous condition of the road surface, including potholes, patch repairs and associated safety and accessibility issues. Ensuring our highway network is safe and serviceable for all road users remains a key priority.</p> <p>We are pleased to confirm that Albemarle Road, Chatham was resurfaced in full between 10–14 March 2026 as part of the Council's planned highway maintenance programme. These works addressed the whole length of the road and have resolved the deterioration highlighted in the petition. The road has now been restored to a good standard, improving safety for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians, as well as accessibility for residents, service vehicles and emergency services. Albemarle Road will continue to be monitored through our routine inspection regime to ensure it remains in good condition.</p>	No review requested
20	We the undersigned petition the council to use the £15.4 million DfT funding to create busways, dedicated school buses and free travel under 18s and over 60s.	6 March 2026	<p>The petition highlights three main proposals: the creation of new busways, the introduction of dedicated school-only bus services, and free bus travel for all under-18s and all residents over 60.</p> <p>Much of the work to improve local bus services sits within Medway's published Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP), which we are delivering in partnership with local operators. This</p>	No review requested

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			<p>includes measures to increase frequencies on key corridors, improve punctuality, enhance passenger information and accessibility and tackle the impact of congestion on reliability. We have also introduced limited affordability initiatives, such as free travel for accompanied children during school holidays, as part of our broader effort to make bus travel more attractive.</p> <p>Free off-peak travel for older and disabled residents is provided nationally through the English National Concessionary Travel Scheme, which the Council is required to administer. Providing free travel for all under-18s or extending free travel for older residents beyond the statutory scheme would require the Council to identify significant, recurring local funding and DfT funding agreements for BSIP and the Local Bus Grant do not permit their use for concessionary fares.</p> <p>The development of segregated busways and a dedicated fleet of school-only buses. While our BSIP does include plans to improve bus priority on key routes, the creation of full busways would entail substantial capital costs and land requirements. These are not funded within our current programmes.</p> <p>Similarly, establishing a publicly funded school-only bus network would require significant ongoing operational funding.</p>	

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			<p>We are focused on improving the performance and accessibility of the existing network, this includes upgrades to bus stops and shelters, expansion of real-time information, junction and corridor improvements to support bus priority, targeted support for existing services, and investment in passenger safety, information and data systems. Taken together, these improvements represent a substantial investment in the performance and stability of the bus network. A further programme of works is planned for 2027/28 onwards. As we continue to update and refine our improvement plans, we will take the suggestions set out in the petition into account and explore what may be achievable within the funding and powers available to us.</p>	
19	<p>Objection to Planning Application MC/26/0095 Shottenden Road, Gillingham</p>	<p>11 February 2026</p>	<p>This petition relates to a planning application and is being dealt with under planning legislation.</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>
18	<p>Objection to the installation of a radio communication mast on land to the rear of Fowey Close and Severn Road, Chatham MC/25/2514</p>	<p>22 January 2026</p>	<p>This petition relates to a planning application and is being dealt with under planning legislation.</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>
17	<p>Objection to Planning Application MC/25/1453 Kingswood Road, Gillingham</p>	<p>3 December 2025</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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16	Medway Council to take action to address the Speeding Traffic on Lonsdale Drive, Rainham, Kent.	13 November 2025	<p>Medway Council takes road safety very seriously and we investigate any instances where concerns regarding road safety are brought to our attention. We regularly review personal injury collision data provided by Kent Police to help us identify and target locations where people are being harmed whilst travelling on Medway's roads. To make the best use of the limited funding available safety alterations, we must however prioritise those locations with poorer safety records first. Failure to do so would sadly mean that people would continue to be harmed on our roads.</p> <p>Following an initial review of the collision history, I can report that there have been 6 collisions resulting slight injury having occurred over its c.1.5km length during the latest three-year period for which records are currently available (up to the end of June 2025).</p> <p>There are currently many other locations suffering poorer safety records. Regrettably, this means that Lonsdale Drive is unlikely to receive a high priority for road safety alterations, such as traffic calming measures, at this time. There are also very strict rules on the use of safety (speed) cameras, and in consideration of this safety record, it would be difficult to justify siting one at this location</p> <p>However, we acknowledge that collision data alone does not always reflect the full picture of community concern, and that the presence of vulnerable road users is an important consideration, and to this end,</p>	No review requested

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			<p>vehicle (speed) activated signs were installed in Lonsdale Road a number of years ago, to help to influence driver behaviour. Unfortunately, we were recently notified that these signs had malfunctioned, so arrangements were made for them to be repaired as a matter of urgency, and the signs are now working again.</p> <p>We also recognise the importance that effective speed management has in creating a road environment that is fit for purpose and supports all road users traveling safely, particularly within urban areas, and are currently developing a Road Safety Plan which we anticipate will include a longer-term speed management strategy throughout Medway.</p>	
15	Review safety and traffic at the Davis Estate Roundabout, Maidstone Road, Chatham	10 November 2025	<p>Thank you for your recent petition requesting that the Council reviews safety and traffic at the roundabout serving Shirley Avenue and Horsted Retail Park, at Maidstone Road, Chatham.</p> <p>The location has already been brought to the Council's attention. The Council has been monitoring this location, and plans to undertake a review of traffic operation at this location and the potential for infrastructure changes to assist efficient operation.</p> <p>I can also share that the junction's current safety record indicates that it is performing well with very few injury collisions being reported. Enhancement have previously been mad at this location with the aim of limiting vehicle speeds and providing facilities for pedestrians. Hopefully these</p>	No review requested

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			<p>measures are assisting safe operation. Nevertheless, the Council is committed to seeking efficient operation of our highway network and providing safe and user friendly infrastructure for all. As above, we will therefore be undertaking a formal review of traffic operation and congestion at this location with the aim addressing unnecessary delay at the junction.</p> <p>We anticipate that this workstream will get underway within the current financial year We will update you as soon as the review has progressed and any recommendations are available.</p>	
14	<p>Objection to planning application MC/25/1906: House of Multiple Occupancy at 21 Prospect Avenue, Strood</p>	31 October 2025	<p>This petition relates to a planning application and is being dealt with under planning legislation.</p>	Not applicable
13	<p>Provide a direct school bus from Lordswood/ Walderslade to Rainham School for Girls/ The Howard School, Rainham</p>	23 October 2025	<p>We have explored the feasibility of introducing a dedicated school bus service between Lordswood/ Walderslade and Rainham. One local bus operator has expressed interest. However, they have indicated that the service would require a significant minimum income to be commercially viable.</p> <p>Based on current eligibility criteria, the service would rely heavily on fare-paying passengers. A new service would likely require financial support in its early stages to become sustainable. We are mindful of the risk that this could become a long-term funding commitment,</p>	Not applicable

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			<p>similar to other routes introduced due to perceived demand. Given the uncertainty around future funding, particularly the Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) beyond this year, we do not believe it would be appropriate to allocate public funds to support this service at this time.</p> <p>We will continue to explore options, however, in the current climate, this may be challenging.</p>	
12	Make Cozenton Park Skatepark, Rainham, bigger	19 September 2025	<p>The Council appreciates the passion and engagement shown by the community, particularly on behalf of our young residents, in advocating for improved recreational spaces.</p> <p>The skatepark is a well-used and valued facility, and the Council is pleased to see it playing such a positive role in promoting active lifestyles and social interaction.</p> <p>The Council is pleased to be able to inform you that through identified contributions from local developers it will be able to investigate an extension to the current skatepark and will shortly be appointing a skatepark specialist to consult, and design plans.</p> <p>The Council remains committed to supporting youth activities and will continue to explore other opportunities to enhance recreational provision across Medway. The Council encourages users of the skatepark to continue sharing feedback, which helps us shape future plans and ensure</p>	No review requested

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			facilities remain safe, inclusive, and enjoyable.	
11	Objection to Planning application MC/26/1557, Paget St, Gillingham	17 September 2025	This petition relates to a planning application and is being dealt with under planning legislation.	Not applicable
10	Introduce a 20mph zone in Mill Road, Strood	15 September 2025	<p>Medway Council is committed to improving safety across our road network and welcomes feedback from residents. The Council has reviewed the personal injury collision data for Mill Road. Over the past three years, one personal injury collision has been recorded on Mill Road. While any incident is regrettable, this record does not currently place Mill Road among the higher priority locations for safety intervention.</p> <p>We acknowledge, however, that collision data alone does not always reflect the full picture of community concern. The presence of vulnerable road users, such as schoolchildren and other vulnerable users, is an important consideration. Following review, we propose erecting suitable warning signing and SLOW road markings in suitable positions to highlight the presence of the school and its pupils within Mill Road. We would seek to go ahead erect signing and place road markings in due course.</p> <p>Furthermore, we are currently developing a Road Safety Plan which we anticipate will include a longer-term speed management strategy throughout Medway. The Council is currently investigating a request for reduced speed restrictions over a larger neighbouring area</p>	No review requested

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			<p>within Strood. Whilst it is too early to comment on any potential outcomes, such investigations will help inform the outlook for any speed management measures within the local area.</p>	
9	Installation of Speed Bumps on Goddington Road, Strood	2 September 2025	<p>Medway Council takes road safety very seriously and we investigate any instances where concerns regarding road safety are brought to our attention. We regularly review personal injury collision data provided by Kent Police. To make the best use of the limited funding available, we must, however, prioritise those locations with poorer safety records first.</p> <p>Following an initial review of the collision history at Goddington Road, we note that this location has not recorded any personal injury collisions over the past three years. this means that it is unlikely to receive a high priority for road safety alterations, such as traffic calming measures at this time.</p> <p>The Council recognises the important role that effective speed management has in creating a road environment that is fit for purpose and supports all road users traveling safely, particularly within urban areas. The Council are currently developing a Road Safety Plan which we anticipate will include a longer-term speed management strategy throughout Medway.</p> <p>The Council is currently investigating a request for reduced speed restrictions over a larger neighbouring area within Strood. Whilst it is too early to comment on any</p>	No review requested.

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			potential outcomes, such investigations will help inform the outlook for any speed management measures within the local area.	
8	Lower Stoke Car Park, Lower Stoke	17 July 2025	<p>Medway Council is in an extremely difficult financial position and has undertaken a property review to identify surplus non-operational property assets, which can be disposed of to reduce debt, and contribute to Medway's longer-term financial sustainability.</p> <p>the Council's Cabinet on 11 March 2025 agreed that the Lower Stoke car park was declared surplus and delegated authority to the Director of Place, in consultation with the Corporate Landlord Board (CLB), to dispose of the property, to obtain the best consideration reasonably obtainable thereby complying with its obligations under s123 of the Local Government Act 1972.</p> <p>Medway Council has made it clear that it needs to sell the property for its market value, but that the Parish Council will be given the first opportunity to acquire the property before Medway Council even considers any wider marketing of the property. It was also agreed that if the Parish Council were to acquire the property, that the payments could be phased over a reasonable period, so that the Parish Council could raise the required funding.</p> <p>The Council intends to have the property valued by the Council's agent and valuer, before they open negotiations with the Parish Council.</p>	No review requested

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			<p>In the meantime, as the current lease of the car park expires in September, the Council has written to the parish council to set out the terms on which it is prepared to offer a new lease. The Council is awaiting a response, so a new lease can be in place September so the car park can continue to be used.</p> <p>It is hoped that a price and payment plan which is acceptable to both parties can be agreed, which will then allow the Parish Council to acquire the property, thus enabling the Parish Council to safeguard the car park in perpetuity, whilst generating a capital receipt for Medway Council, which will help to make the Council more financially sustainable.</p>	
7	Road Safety Stoke Road, the Ratcliffe Highway, and Avery Way, Allhallows	17 July 2025	<p>The Council receives a significant number of requests for changes to the highway. The Transport Engineering Manager will; consider the request and this may include investigations into the area in question, an examination of accident data, site visits, amongst other things. An investigation process can take some time.</p> <p>The Transport and Parking Team will look into this in more detail and will contact the lead petitioner in due course.</p>	No review requested
6	Road safety - Signage, Wayfield Road, Chatham	17 July 2025	<p>The Council works to promote and improve road safety wherever possible, and is committed to reducing and preventing casualties on our roads where it can.</p> <p>The Council has considered the request for an additional</p>	A review was requested by the lead petitioner, at the Regeneration, Culture and Community Overview and Scrutiny on 9 October 2025 the

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			<p>crossing from a road safety perspective, but given its good pedestrian safety record, it would be difficult to give Wayfield Road, near Snodhurst House, a high priority for a new pedestrian crossing. The location itself also poses some problems. The double bend near Snodhurst House, and the on-street parking here, would make the safe siting of a crossing facility very difficult.</p> <p>The presence of two disabled parking bays and a bus stop clearway in this location presents significant constraints that would prohibit the installation of an uncontrolled crossing facility on Wayfield Road near the Cherbourg Crescent bus stop</p> <p>The Council has reviewed the signage in Wayfield Road, and there are existing signs warning of elderly pedestrians, together with worded 'SLOW' road markings, on each approach to Snodhurst House. However, these signs are markings are badly faded, so arrangements will be made for these to be replaced at the earliest opportunity.</p>	<p>Committee noted the response to the petition.</p> <p>The Committee agreed to add Wayfield Road to the highways work programme for 2026/27 and supported options for improving road safety.</p>
5	<p>Objection to Planning Application MC/25/1112 Hawbeck Road, Rainham</p>	<p>26 June 2025</p>	<p>This petition relates to a planning application and is being dealt with under planning legislation</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>
4	<p>Objection to Planning Application MC/24/2495 Go Outdoors</p>	<p>15 May 2025</p>	<p>This petition relates to a planning application and is being dealt with under planning legislation</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>
3	<p>Objection to the removal of the protective wall</p>	<p>24 April 2025</p>	<p>The properties situated behind the wall are uniquely positioned; separated from the adjacent</p>	<p>A review was requested by the lead petitioner, at</p>

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	<p>separating the green in front of Lordswood and Slade Close, Chatham, from the busy main road.</p>		<p>highway and benefitting from an enclosed open space which has been utilised by the properties surrounding it. The Council acknowledges that children and residents have enjoyed using the open greenspace area as a safety barrier and acknowledge concerns about toys such as footballs rolling onto the road; a challenge faced by many parents living adjacent to roads who have children outside their properties.</p> <p>The Council has listened to those concerns and to mitigate this, will explore installing a mesh at the base of the proposed replacement system to prevent items from entering the road.</p> <p>The Council has carried out a full safety assessment along with a Local Roads Risk assessment. The safety assessment of the wall has deemed it beyond economic repair and the Local Roads Risk Assessment classifies the area as a low priority; in accordance with the Design & Maintenance for Local Authority Roads – Provision of Road Restraint Systems on Local Authority Roads. The wall does not meet the specification to be classed as a Vehicle Restraint System (VRS), which means it is incapable of preventing a vehicle passing through it in the event of an incident. This is evidenced by the 2 rebuilt sections where cars have crashed through the wall. With VRS, any vehicle that would strike it will not be able to pass through or send any debris into passing pedestrians or anyone using the</p>	<p>the Regeneration, Culture and Community Overview and Scrutiny on 9 October 2025 the Committee noted the response to the petition.</p> <p>The Committee also requested officers to investigate the viability of further options including fencing and planting and to work in conjunction with MHS and wider partners.</p>

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			<p>greenspace area fronting the properties behind the wall.</p> <p>The Council priority is to ensure the safety of the community. Removing the wall and installing a VRS system will provide better protection for everyone, and the Council remains committed to maintaining community safety and ensuring that the greenspace remains a safe and enjoyable area for all residents.</p>	
2	The Council to introduce a 20mph zone in the area of Central Strood	24 April 2025	<p>Medway Council works to promote and improve road safety wherever possible, and we are committed to reducing and preventing casualties on our roads. It is of course recognised that speed limits form an important part of the highway and how it is used. It is also important that speed limits should be evidence led and take into account the relevant local factors.</p> <p>In order to appropriately consider the request, the Council's Transport Service will undertake a review of the speed limit throughout the area requested. This will take into account a number of factors, including, the existing traffic flows, speeds, local safety record, and current speed limit policy.</p> <p>This piece of work will be added to the relevant Transport project programme for 2025/26.</p>	No request for review received.
1	Objection to planning application MC/25/0753 demolition works at the former St John Fisher School Site,	22 April 2025	This petition relates to a planning application and is being dealt with under planning legislation	Not applicable

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