

APPENDIX 2

PETITIONS SUBMITTED TO GATESHEAD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

DATE RECEIVED	REF	FROM	ISSUE	FORWARDED TO	ACTION TO DATE
<p>4.11.2014 Submitted to Strategic Director, Corporate Services and Governance</p>	<p>15/14</p>	<p>Residents of Low Fell</p>	<p>Petition regarding the proposals for changes to Durham Road (Quality Transport Corridor Phase 4)</p>	<p>Strategic Director, Communities and Environment</p>	<p>Final layout of the project (subject to legal consultation) was agreed by Cabinet on 14 July 2015.</p> <p>Legal consultation completed and the project is currently being constructed:-</p> <p><u>Enfield Road estimated completion end of June</u> - Junction improvements almost completed. Works outstanding are bollards to be placed at Lindum Road (to stop vehicles traversing the footway), dropped kerbs and finished surface on the southbound side of Durham Road to be completed. Traffic signals currently operating on timer and not detectors. Raised carriageway surface to be constructed Mid-June with lines and traffic signal detectors to follow.</p> <p><u>Durham Road Footways from Enfield to Beaconsfield Road estimated completion end of April</u> - All kerb lines adjusted for shared footway/vehicle parking. All build-outs removed for bus lane. Finished footway surfaces remain outstanding. Signage for bus lanes not in place. Road markings to be applied. Pedestrian refuge</p>

					<p>at Valley Drive started but not complete.</p> <p><u>Belle Vue Bank Junction estimated completion end of June</u> - All kerb and drainage works have been completed. 90% of footway surfacing is now complete. Traffic signals to be operational (timer not detector) from Monday 11 April. All roads re-opened.</p> <p>Raised carriageway surface to be constructed in mid-June with lines and traffic signal detectors to follow.</p>
20.4.2015 Submitted to Strategic Director, Communities and Environment	09/15	Residents of Whickham	Petition regarding parking issues around Otterburn Gardens, Blake Avenue and Abbots Way, Whickham	Strategic Director, Communities and Environment	<p>The issues raised have been investigated and the conclusions drawn have been discussed with the local ward members and the Portfolio Holder. The lead petitioner has been advised of the Council's position which encompasses an expectation that we will advertise the intent to introduce a discrete area of parking restriction. Further information has now been sent to councillors. There has been some slippage in the programme and it is anticipated that formal consultation will be undertaken in the near future.</p> <p>The scheme has been forwarded for legal consultation, which finishes on 28 April and the local members have been updated.</p>

<p>21.12.2015 Submitted to Councillor Thompson</p>	<p>17/15</p>	<p>Residents of Gateshead</p>	<p>Petition requesting the reinstatement of bus service 98/98A</p>	<p>Strategic Director, Communities and Environment</p>	<p>The petition has been forwarded to Nexus and Go North East for a response. The views of ward councillors have been sought and the lead petitioner has been informed of the actions taken.</p> <p>The additional views from Ward Councillors have been forwarded to Go North East and Nexus. A response to the petition has been received from Nexus and forwarded to the lead petitioner. Go North East have also been reminded of the need for a response.</p> <p>Go North East have acknowledged that a response is required, but are still assessing the situation and potential actions.</p>
<p>1.03.2016 Submitted to Strategic Director, Corporate Services and Governance</p>	<p>05/16</p>	<p>Residents of Kay Cottages Residential Accommodation Scheme</p>	<p>Petition - Removal of subsidies for sheltered scheme officers</p>	<p>Strategic Director, Communities and Environment</p>	<p>The Council has done a great deal of work to mitigate, as far as possible, the impact of the removal of the subsidy. It was originally proposed that the subsidies be reduced and removed over the next 3 years, but in view of the potential impact on residents it was decided to remove the subsidy over 5 years to ease the impact of these charges.</p> <p>There is also provision in the budget to help tenants in cases of particular hardship which is available on application. The sheltered scheme officers and Gateshead Housing</p>

				<p>Company (TGHC) have details of this fund and can talk to any tenants who are experiencing difficulty and may wish to make an application to the hardship fund.</p> <p>The Council is also working hard to further reduce the cost of this service by reviewing the way the service is delivered and consolidating the function within TGHC in an effort to make savings through removal of duplication. The Council is also seeking to review the service and functions provided to make a greater part of it housing benefit eligible, if at all possible.</p> <p>The Council has assured residents that this step was not taken lightly and it is very much aware of the impact on residents in sheltered housing. The Council will continue to work to reduce costs to residents, as far as possible, in the future.</p> <p>The lead Cabinet member has been consulted and the petitioners have been advised accordingly.</p> <p>It is proposed that this petition be removed from the schedule.</p>
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The Gateshead Housing Company Confidential Petitions

<p>15.10.2012 Submitted by Cllr D Davison</p>	<p>42/12</p>	<p>Petition received from residents of Beacon Court, Fell Court and Lough Court</p>	<p>Petition regarding replacement of windows</p>	<p>The Gateshead Housing Company</p>	<p>A package of improvement works to these blocks, including roof renewals and replacement windows has been approved for inclusion within the 2015/16 Capital Programme. The works are to be part funded through the Council's Warm Up North initiative subject to funding arrangements.</p> <p>Contractual issues are currently being finalised ahead of the works starting on site. Planning submission has been submitted. On-site activity will commence with site set by 29 April with delivery of the work commencing in May 2016.</p>
<p>12.11.2012 Submitted by Cllr A Douglas</p>	<p>45/12</p>	<p>Petition received from residents of East Street flats</p>	<p>Petition regarding replacement of windows</p>	<p>The Gateshead Housing Company</p>	<p>The company and council are working with partners to explore all options for work to multi-storey blocks, including insulation and window replacement. The lead petitioner was updated as part of the November 'Multi-storey Service Improvement Group' meeting. An update was provided on the Town Centre heating scheme (CHP), recently approved by cabinet. Details on the CHP will be developed in conjunction with the Council after which further updates will be provided to residents in these blocks. Preparatory work to connect these blocks to the CHP is ongoing. Further funding opportunities to support additional energy</p>

					measures are to be explored alongside the proposed future capital programme.
12.02.2016 Submitted to the Gateshead Housing Company	04/16	Petition received from residents of Church Drive and Sheriff Hall Villas	Petition requesting that a hedge be pruned on the boundary of Church Drive and Sheriff Hall Villas	The Gateshead Housing Company	<p>The lead petitioner has been acknowledged and the ward councillors have been notified.</p> <p>TGHC and Gateshead Council Officers are currently costing works to the leylandi hedges. During the week commencing 11 April 2016 residents will be consulted on the proposed works.</p>