

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>Current position of Scheme:</p> <p><u>Enfield Road</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 completed. Traffic signals currently operating on timer and not detectors. Raised carriageway surface to be constructed with lines and traffic signal detectors to follow.</p> <p><u>Durham Road Footways from Enfield to Beaconsfield Road</u> - All kerb lines adjusted for shared footway/vehicle parking. All build-outs removed for bus lane. Footway surfacing complete. Signage for bus lanes complete. Some road markings outstanding. Pedestrian refuge complete.</p> <p><u>Belle Vue Bank Junction</u> - All kerb and drainage works complete. Footway surfacing complete. Traffic signals to be operational (timer not detector) from Monday 11 April. All roads re-opened. Raised carriageway surface constructed,</p>

					<p>road markings and traffic signal detectors still to be installed.</p> <p>As the scheme is almost complete it is proposed that this petition be removed from the schedule.</p>
21.04.16 Submitted to Councillor Hood	6/16	Residents of Kibblesworth	Petition regarding the quality of the broadband service in Kibblesworth	Strategic Director, Corporate Resources	<p>The issue has been raised with BT and they confirmed that their network infrastructure in Kibblesworth is included in the programme to be upgraded so that superfast broadband can be made available there.</p> <p>BT stated that the upgrade to Kibblesworth has been scheduled as early within the programme as is practical, with the work to install the new fibre optic cabling and equipment expected to be completed by March 2018, making speeds of up to 80Mbps available to Kibblesworth's residents and businesses.</p> <p>They did stress, however, that the installation timescale could change if they encounter any unforeseen problems such as blocked or collapsed underground ducts, electrical power difficulties, severe weather events etc. which may cause delays to the final completion date.</p> <p>Virgin Media are continuing to review the position, taking into account the potential for new housing to be built in the area.</p>

					<p>They will provide an update once the outcome of this review is known.</p> <p>The ward councillors have been advised of the current position.</p>
24.05.16 Submitted to the Mayor's Office	7/16	Private Hire Vehicle Drivers and residents of Gateshead	Petition regarding the impact of the bus lane enforcement on private hire drivers.	Strategic Director, Communities and Environment	<p>The petitioners object to the exclusion of private hire vehicles from bus lanes from the time that the Council assumes civil powers to enforce against prohibited vehicles. The lead petitioner has been advised that the representation is premature as no such intent has been determined by the Council. The lead petitioner has been advised that the views of the petitioners will be taken into account at the informal consultation stage of project development.</p> <p>As the petition will be addressed at the initial consultation stage of project development it is proposed that this petition be removed from the schedule.</p>
6.07.16 Submitted to Communities and Environment	8/16	Residents of Greenside	Petition requesting a zebra crossing on Lead Road, Greenside	Strategic Director, Communities and Environment	The petition is being considered by officers.
9.07.16 Submitted to Councillor Caffrey	9/16	Residents of Rowlands Gill	Petition in support of Rowlands Gill Library remaining open.	Strategic Director, Communities and Environment	The petition has been acknowledged and is being considered by officers. A public consultation regarding the review of the library service is running until 8 October. The petition will be fed into this consultation, the findings of which will be

					reported to Cabinet in November 2016.
14.07.16 Submitted at the Council meeting by Councillor Duggan	10/16	Residents of Low Fell	Petition requesting improvements to street cleaning in Low Fell	Strategic Director, Communities and Environment	A full response has been sent to the lead petitioner and local members addressing the requests and concerns raised. The area has been inspected and photographed for litter and few issues were identified. Further inspections will continue. Some requests raised in the petition are currently being met albeit unknowingly to the petitioners. Some requests are not feasible given the current financial climate. This information has been fed back to the lead petitioner along with photographs of the area and a response is awaited on how the petition can be taken forward.
4.08.2016 Submitted via the Council's online petition's site.	11/16	Residents of Gateshead	Petition in support of Whickham Library remaining open and requesting that the current staffing levels continue to be funded.	Strategic Director, Communities and Environment	The petition has been acknowledged and is being considered by officers. A public consultation regarding the review of the library service is running until 08 October. The petition will be fed into this consultation, the findings of which will be reported to Cabinet in November 2016.
25.08.2016 Submitted via the Council's online petition's site.	12/16	Residents of Gateshead	Petition requesting that the Council stops entrusting the running of libraries in Gateshead to volunteers.	Strategic Director, Communities and Environment	The petition has been acknowledged and is being considered by officers. The Council is currently conducting a review of the library service and a public consultation is open until 8 October 2016. The findings of the consultation and petitions will be reported to Cabinet in November 2016.

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<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 measures are to be explored alongside the proposed future capital programme.</p>
<p>24.08.16 Submitted to The Gateshead Housing Company</p>	<p>13/16</p>	<p>Petition from residents of Ventnor Gardens</p>	<p>Petition complaining about the height of trees in neighbouring properties and asking for them to be cut back to a reasonable height.</p>	<p>The Gateshead Housing Company</p>	<p>The petition is being considered by officers.</p>