

**APPENDIX 2**

**PETITIONS SUBMITTED TO GATESHEAD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

<b>DATE RECEIVED</b>	<b>REF</b>	<b>FROM</b>	<b>ISSUE</b>	<b>FORWARDED TO</b>	<b>ACTION TO DATE</b>
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 content of the petition is currently being considered by officers.  The lead petitioner, ward members and the Cabinet member for Environment and Transport received an update in January 2017.
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 Cabinet on 21 February approved the implementation of the library service review which will result in a statutory network of eight Council operated libraries. It also supported the development of volunteer managed libraries at Felling, Rowlands Gill and Whickham libraries and agreed to receive a further report on this matter if the transfer to volunteer operation was not viable.
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.		
25.08.2016 Submitted via the Council's online petition's site.	12/16	Residents of Gateshead	Petition stating 'no to volunteer libraries' and requesting that the Council stops entrusting the running of libraries in Gateshead to volunteers.		
04.10.16 Submitted to Communities and Environment	15/16	Petitions from Residents of Felling and local schoolchildren	Petition to Save Felling Library		The lead petitioners have been advised accordingly and it is proposed that the petitions be removed from the schedule.

07.10.16 Submitted to Councillor Wheeler	16/16	Petition from residents of Pelaw	Petition objecting to the possible closure of Pelaw Library and the option to remove staff and insert volunteers.		
10.10.16 Submitted by Councillor McCartney	17/16	Petition from residents of Crawcrook and surrounding communities	Petition requesting that Crawcrook Library remains open.		
20.02.17	03/17	Petition from residents of Whickham and surrounding area.	Petition requesting that Whickham library is saved.		
24.08.16 Submitted to The Gateshead Housing Company	13/16	Petition from residents of Ventnor Gardens	Petition complaining about the height of trees in neighbouring properties and asking for them to be cut back to a reasonable height.	Strategic Director, Communities and Environment/ The Gateshead Housing Company	The petition raised concerns about the large trees which belong to a private property.  The land owner has requested a list of approved contractors in order to obtain estimates to carry out the works. The Council's Arboricultural Officer has provided a list of approved contractors and has requested a rough timetable for the works to be completed. The Cabinet member, ward councillors and the lead petitioner will be kept advised when a timetable is received.
15.12.17 Submitted to Councillor J Graham	19/16	Petition from residents of Greenside and surrounding area.	Petition against the closure of Greenside Doctors Surgery	Director of Public Health	The petition was submitted to NHS England, NHS Newcastle Gateshead CCG and Crawcrook Medical Centre for consideration. Both the petition and issues raised by the Council's Care,

				<p>Health &amp; Wellbeing OSC were referred to within the report considered by the Primary Care Joint Committee on the future of the branch surgery. In reaching its decision, the Committee also considered the business case submitted by the practice, details of engagement undertaken on the proposals and issues raised during the engagement period.</p> <p>In light of the above, the Primary Care Joint Committee has agreed to the branch closure and the relocation of services to the main practice site. NHS England will be writing to the practice and will request that patients are notified accordingly. NHS England has also noted the request of OSC that steps are taken to ease the transition for patients affected by the closure of the branch surgery.</p> <p>In relation to the specific points raised within the petition, the following response has been provided:</p> <p><b>Concern for Greenside elderly and infirm patients</b></p> <p>Following a year's review of attendance at Greenside between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016, it was identified that there were only 8 patients over the age of 60 who used the branch surgery without having attended Crawcrook surgery and we will look at ways to mitigate the consequences for these patients.</p>
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16.02.17 Submitted by Councillor Duggan	01/17	Petition from residents of Gateshead	Petition calling on the Council to scrap plans to reduce winter gritting of roads	Strategic Director, Communities and Environment	<p>The Council on 23 February considered its budget for 2017/18 and agreed that with regard to winter maintenance the saving of £52,000 would be achieved but from increased income and not a reduction in the winter maintenance service.</p> <p>The petitioner organiser has been advised accordingly and it is proposed that this petition be removed from the schedule.</p>

### The Gateshead Housing Company

20.02.17	02/07	Petition from residents of Springwell Close and South Lea	Petition asking for the broken ground at the end of Springwell Close and South Lea to be repaired.	The Gateshead Housing Company	The content of the petition is currently being considered by officers.
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