

Croydon Council

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REPORT TO:	COUNCIL 2 DECEMBER 2013
AGENDA ITEM NO:	9
SUBJECT:	RESPONSES TO PETITIONS PRESENTED TO COUNCIL ON 14 OCTOBER 2013
LEAD OFFICER:	Julie Belvir, Director of Democratic and Legal Services
WARDS:	ALL
CORPORATE PRIORITY/POLICY CONTEXT: This report is prepared in keeping with paragraph 3.22 of the Council Procedure Rules at Part 4A of the Constitution.	

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 The Council is asked to note the response to the petition presented by Councillors at its last ordinary meeting as detailed in paragraph 4 of the report.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 This report details Cabinet Member response to the petition presented to Council on 14 October 2013. All Members have the opportunity to ask questions on the responses to any of the petitions.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Part 4A of the Constitution allows Councillors to present petitions to meetings of the Full Council.
- 3.2 The Constitution requires a response to that petition to be presented at this meeting.
- 3.3 A period of up to ten minutes is permitted for questions on the response to the petition.

4. RESPONSES TO PETITIONS

- 4.1 Petitions presented to the Council meeting on 14th October 2013, and the relevant Cabinet Member response, as follows:

- 4.2 A petition presented by **Councillor Avril Slipper** on behalf of residents:
“We, the undersigned, being residents of Glade Gardens, Shirley, CR0 7UA, request that the Council installs wooden posts at four to five feet intervals around the kerbside perimeters of the grass verges on both sides of Glade Gardens.

The verges in this small cul-de-sac are in danger of being destroyed as the result of being used constantly as convenient parking places by tradesmen, parents dropping and collecting children from nearby schools and other visitors to the area.”

4.3 **Response from Councillor Phil Thomas, Cabinet Member for Highways and Environmental Services**

- 4.4 The approach taken by the Council if vehicles are parking on the grassed area is one of enforcement and we would encourage members of the public to contact the Council's Parking Enforcement Section on 020 8760 1966 (7am to 7pm) and 020 8686 7372 and other times.

Physical measures such as posts are not normally introduced as although they could provide some deterrence they also require maintenance and hinder grass cutting.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS: Petition presented by Cllr Slipper.