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5 May 2021	Objection to the proposal of LidI at the Former Quality Hotel Site, 126 Penn Road Petition opposed the demolition of existing buildings and the erection of a Class E limited assortment discount food store with associated car parking access, landscaping and engineering works at the former Quality Hotel Site, 126 Penn Road.	44	Andrew Johnson, Planning Officer	Status – ClosedSummary:The Lead Petitioner was advised that the petition was part of an objection to a planning application and therefore not a valid petition. Subsequently, the Lead Officer advised that he would include the petition in the planning file to ensure it was recorded.Full Response:n/a (Handled by Planning)
7 May 2021	Issues with parking, vehicle safety and Road Safety on Leicester Street, Wolverhampton Requested the Council to: 1. Remove the double yellow lines on Leicester Street. This will increase the parking available to residents. 2. Provide residents of Leicester Street with a maximum of 2 resident parking permits per household. These permits are not just for match days, but for all	44	Nick Broomhall, Service Lead – Traffic and Road Safety	Status – Closed Summary: The Lead Petitioner was advised that the yellow lines/ double yellow lines in place served to reduce the congestion of the street situated outside a school and increase visibility at the junction. Parking permits do not guarantee parking for all residents and the new cul- de-sac sections were left to off-set any loss of parking on Leicester Street. A one- way system could potentially lead to increases in traffic/ speeding on other local roads. The Lead Petitioner was advised that the Council would request Civil Enforcement Officers to visit Leicester Street to take enforcement action if vehicles are parking in contravention of the double

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	year round. Anyone not displaying a permit should be fined. 3. Provide Visitor "scratch cards" which residents must purchase			yellow lines and will continue to review Leicester Street to consider whether any interventions are required in the future.
	which residents must purchase from the council. The resident provides the scratch card to the visitor and the visitor must scratch the Month and Date on			Full Response: <i>I write in response to the petition concerning the above which you presented to the Council, and which was formally received on 7 May 2021.</i>
	the card. The Visitor should then display this card in their vehicle. One card must be used for each day the vehicle is parked in the controlled area. Any vehicle not displaying a visitor permit shall be given a penalty. 4. Make the east side of Leicester			The yellow lines on Leicester Street, to which you refer were implemented for a number of reasons. One was that, as you may recall, there is an existing road narrowing which was situated in front of the school. They served to restrict people from parking on or near the narrowing to prevent congestion. They also served to provide a 'passing place' where oncoming vehicles can give way so that the traffic flow is maintained.
	Street one-way. New signage should be erected to reflect the new one-way system and the new parking restrictions in the area.			There are also some double yellow lines on the junction formed by the access to the recently constructed residential development on the former school site. These are there to prevent drivers from parking close to the junction and obscuring visibility, so that vehicles can access the new road safely.
				I will put in a request to our Parking Services section for their Civil Enforcement Officers to visit Leicester

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				Street and take enforcement action if vehicles are parking in contravention of the Double Yellow Lines.
				I realise that the construction of the new access, together with the associated yellow lines may have resulted in the loss of some parking spaces on Leicester Street. However, sections of the new cul-de- sac have been left unrestricted to off-set any loss of parking on Leicester Street. The new properties fronting Leicester Street also have an off-road parking area to the rear designed to reduce on-street parking demands of the new properties.
				cards for residents of Leicester Street. This is something that the City of Wolverhampton Council has considered carefully and consulted on previously. However, we have taken the decision not to introduce any further schemes, other than the existing Molineux Match Day scheme and the scheme around New Cross Hospital. The main reason for this is that, during previous consultations the number of residents in favour of such schemes fell well short of what would be required to make a scheme viable. This forced a decision not to implement further permit parking schemes.

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				You should also bear in mind that, whilst potentially limiting the number of vehicles parking on Leicester Street, a parking permit scheme would not guarantee that every vehicle with a permit would find space on Leicester Street. It is possible that parking would still be over-subscribed, and it may be very frustrating for some drivers who will have paid for a permit, but still cannot park on the road of their choice. Alternatively, we would have to limit the number of permits per household, which again is highly likely to be unpopular. Your petition also asks for the length of Leicester Street, between Gloucester Street and Staveley Road to be made 'one way' to traffic. Our experience in traffic management suggests that making a road one way will inevitably increase traffic speeds. This results from drivers knowing that there will not be any opposing vehicles to be present. This could be exceptionally dangerous on a road such as Leicester Street, where cars are parked on the road, potentially hiding pedestrians – particularly small children – from drivers who may not be able to stop if someone stepped out into the carriageway. I have examined the collision record for the area and there have been no personal injury accident collisions on Leicester Street in the last five years. This, as you will appreciate, is an excellent record and certainly not one that we would want to risk changing.

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				Another issue to making Leicester Street one way to traffic would be to substantially increase the amount of traffic on other local roads, particularly Gloucester Street. It may also lead to a corresponding increase in traffic speed on those roads as drivers try to make up time that they have lost in their diversion. Given the details I have outlined above, and whilst I am aware that this will be disappointing for you, I cannot uphold your requests made within the petition at this time. We will, however, keep the situation on Leicester Street and the surrounding streets under review and consider whether any interventions are required in the future.
22 June 2021	Save Stockwell House Grade Two Listed Building Located in a Conservation Area Requested the Council to take appropriate action to ensure the owner completed all outstanding maintenance. This should be actioned and all work completed prior to any Planning Permission Application be considered for the	234	Ian Holliday, Section Leader (Planning)	Status – Closed Summary: The Lead Petitioner was advised that the Council had served a notice under section 215 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 on 6 July. This required the property owner to carry out essential work to Stockwell House and the associated cottage by 10 November. The list of essential repairs and maintenance were outlined in the lead officer's response.

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	future development of the grounds of the listed property for housing.			Full Response: I am writing to you in response to your petition, which was formally received on 22 June 2021. The petition, which gained 234 valid signatures, was as follows: "We the undersigned now demand that the Council take all appropriate action to ensure the owner completes all outstanding maintenance. This should be actioned and all work completed to any prior Planning Permission Application be considered for the future development of the grounds of the listed property for housing.
				The last occupant of Stockwell House died some years ago in a property understood to be owned by his daughter since the 1980's. For some years now, the property and adjoining cottage have remained empty and subject to vandalism and burglaries as they fall into deterioration. As a Grade Two listed property, it is the responsibility of Wolverhampton City Council's Conservation Department to ensure the property is maintained to a high standard to meet all requirements and this has not been actioned to date. Several local residents have contacted the Council over the years about this property but no action appears to have been taken thus far."

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				As the Section Lead for Planning, I hold responsibility for investigating the issues you have raised and responding to your petition. My response is set out below:
				On 6th July a notice was served on the property owner, under section 215 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, requiring the following work to be done to Stockwell House and the associated cottage, by 10th November.
				 Stockwell House 1. Remove all damaged rendering to the external elevations and replace all missing/removed rendering with render which matches the existing in texture, materials and repaint with exterior paint system, in accordance with manufacturer's instructions. 2. Repair all damaged window frames and surrounds and replace any broken windowpanes, using materials that match the existing in size, form and texture. 3. Remove all flaking paint from brickwork repair and replace missing and damaged bricks, using materials that match the existing in size, form and texture. Repaint the brickwork with exterior paint system, in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.

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				 Cut back all vegetation from the building's fabric and treat the root system with herbicide. Allow to die back before removal. Repair and repaint the double gates and gateposts fronting onto Danescourt Road with exterior paint system, in accordance with manufacturer's instructions. Clear all vegetation and debris from all gutters. Overhaul all existing gutters and downpipes. Replace all defective and missing components in materials to match existing. Reinstall all rainwater goods to appropriate falls. Replace and fix, as necessary, to ensure complete discharge of rainwater from the building without leaks. Repair front boundary wall using materials that match the existing size, form and texture and repaint with exterior paint system, in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.
				 Detached cottage fronting onto Danescourt Road 1. Remove all boards that have been placed on the building's frontage including those covering the windows, door and gate. 2. Repair all damaged window frames and surrounds and replace any broken windowpanes. Repair any damage to the front door and side gate. Use materials that match the existing in size, form and

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				 texture. Repaint with exterior paint system, in accordance with manufacturer's instructions. 3. Cut back all vegetation from the building's fabric and treat the root system with herbicide. Allow to die back before removal. 4. Clear all vegetation and debris from all gutters. Overhaul all existing gutters and downpipes. Replace all defective and missing components in materials to match existing. Reinstall all rainwater goods to appropriate falls. Replace and fix, as necessary, to ensure complete discharge of rainwater from the building without leaks.
5 November 2021	Grapes Pool; "Moseley Road Open Green Space". Requested the Council to retain the green space described as Moseley Road Open Green Space, also known locally as "Grapes Pool Fields", at the junction of Moseley Road and Prouds lane in the ward of Bilston North.	3	Luke Dove, Strategic Assets Manager	Status – Closed Summary: The Lead Petitioner was advised that the site had been initially included within the Draft Black Country Plan which was currently subject to public consultation. The Lead Petitioner was advised that a petition would only be needed if the site was included in the final draft, which was currently unknown. Full Response: Thank you for your petition in relation to the retention of Moseley Road Open Space, also known as Grapes Pool Field, as a green space.

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				The site has been initially included within the Draft Black Country Plan which is currently subject to public consultation. Until such a time that the outcome of this consultation is known, I am unable to advise if the site as detailed will be approved in principle for future development and will form part of the final plan to be adopted. Once the outcome is known and dependent on whether the above named site is included in the final version, it would be at this point a petition of the nature as submitted on this occasion could be actioned effectively. If it is not included for future development on the final version then there would be no requirement for the same.
9 November 2021	Petition for the installation of a gate between the West end of Penn Fields Parish graveyard and Bradmore Recreation ground Requested the Council to install a proper gate and opening between St Philip's (Penn Fields) graveyard and the Bradmore Rec.	81	Luke Dove, Strategic Assets Manager	Status – Closed Summary: The Lead Petitioner was advised that following a site visit, the Council agreed to the gate being installed, subject to certain criteria being met. Full Response: <i>I am writing to you in response to your petition, which</i> was formally received on 9 November 2021. The petition, which gained 81 valid signatures, was as follows:

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				<i>"We the undersigned would like Wolverhampton City council to install a proper gate and opening between St Philip's (Penn Fields) graveyard and the Bradmore Rec."</i>
				As the Strategic Asset Manager, I hold responsibility for investigating the issues you have raised and responding to your petition. My response is set out below:
				Further to our recent site meeting, I would like to confirm the following actions in relation to the proposed gate and path adjoining Bradmore Recreation Ground and St Phillips Churchyard. In principle the Council agrees to the gate being installed subject to the following being undertaken:
				 New path in churchyard to be constructed to required specification as supplied by Dave Millington – Green Spaces and Bereavement Manager – and to adjoin to existing. This is to be undertaken and funded by the Church. Cost for gate to be added to existing palisade fence as well as signage, lock and new path in park costs to be obtained by Dave Millington and forwarded to exist the participation of the participation of the participation.
				to Councillor Sweetman for consideration for ward funds.

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26 November 2021	Save East Park Requested the Council to improve various facilities within East Park.	52	City Assets, Health & Wellbeing, City Environment & Housing Officers	 Councillor Sweetman to advise if works can be funded and if approved, notify Dave Millington so that these can be instructed. Luke Dove to arrange and pay for cut back/lift of overhanging tree once the above is approved. Formal agreement to be put in place detailing gate locking/unlocking times and that this will be the responsibility of the Church to undertake daily. This will be drafted by Luke Dove once funds have been confirmed for gate/path works. I hope this summarises the position as discussed and confirms the previous gate to the rear of the tennis courts is to remain closed indefinitely. Status – Closed Summary: The Lead Petitioner was advised that the Council would review the facilities in East Park following a public consultation next year. Full Response:

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				 "We the undersigned would like to see better facilities for the East Park in particular but not limited to: 1. The paddling pool regenerated and brought back into service as soon as possible either in the same design or as a splash pad. 2. We would like also to see further investment in East Park for young people & adults following a consultation. 3. We would like to see the public toilets open for longer hours as well as an improved pavilion building with a proper café and facilities, as well as more and varied public city events." Firstly, I'd like to start by saying that East Park is a hugely important community amenity which serves local residents, and we are keen to see it thrive for the benefit of local people. City of Wolverhampton Council is committed to investing in facilities and is also keen to ensure that any new facilities are as inclusive as possible and accessible to all throughout the year. If the pandemic has demonstrated one thing, it's that our green and open spaces are essential to the well-being of people in our local communities.
				In order to be able to respond to your points, your petition was sent to colleagues within various services at the Council – namely City Assets, Public Health & Wellbeing and City Housing & Environment – to

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				examine the matters your petition concerns. Their responses are set out below:
				1. With regards to the decommissioned paddling pool and ideas for potential investment for other possible facilities in East Park, Council officers have been working with local Councillors to launch a major consultation and engagement programme to seek local residents' views on improvements to the park. This started on 8 December 2021 and finishes on the 30 January 2022. We will ensure that the responses to your petition are included within that ongoing consultation.
				2. The consultation will use both quantitative and qualitive methods including a household survey, which will be delivered to one-fifth of households in the area. There will also be online and paper surveys, to which anyone can respond.
				Respondents will be asked for feedback on what they would like to see Council funding spent on in East Park, with a number of options including investing in a paddling pool or a splash pad, or other community facilities. The results of this consultation will be available in March 2022.

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				 Events in East Park are being considered as part of a five-year event strategy. However, the mineshafts in the park will always limit the scale of activities that can be hosted there, unless the mineshafts themselves are addressed. However, the Council has recently expanded the number of events in the park for young people as part of its YO! Summer Festival and will continue to do so. The café was previously let to a tenant; however, this agreement finished in 2021. Any prospective organisations can seek to establish an agreement with the Council to operate the café. With regards to the toilets, these will unfortunately only be available during times when there is a Ranger presence on site at the moment. Current resources do not permit seven-day opening but we endeavour to keep them open for as long as we can - resources allowing. We will also look at the feedback from the consultation as this could be something we look to secure future additional funding for.
14 December 2021	Safety of Compton Residents Requested the Council to install security lighting for the safety of local residents who use the	215	Dave Millington, Green Spaces and Bereavement Manager	Status – Closed Summary: The Lead Petitioner was advised that there was no capital funding identified for installing lighting on the

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	pathway joining Martham Drive to the children's playground and the Compton shopping area.			open space but that the petition would be considered further after consultation with stakeholders.
				An on-site visit would also be organised between the Green Spaces and Bereavement Manager and the Lead Petitioner.
				Full Response: n/a (Private Correspondence between Lead Officer and Petitioner)
5 January 2022	Parking on Dixon Street Requested the Council to stop large vans, trucks (15 ton), transit type vans and cars, from parking on the pavement and road outside of 160-168 Dixon Street, Wolverhampton, WV2 2BG.	11	Nick Broomhall, Service Lead – Traffic and Road Safety	Status – ClosedSummary:The Lead Petitioner was advised that the Council was awaiting potential new legislation from the Department for Transport that would provide local authorities with increased civil powers to enforce against footway and verge parking where it is deemed inappropriate. The Lead Petitioner was advised to forward any photographs of the pavement parking so that the Council could assess the extent of the issues raised and keep them on file for when the enhanced civil enforcement powers are introduced.
				Full Response: Your twelve-signature petition regarding the above dated 15th December 2021 has been passed to me as Service Lead Traffic and Road Safety for consideration

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				and response in accordance with City of Wolverhampton procedures for petitions with fewer than 2,499 signatures.
				Unfortunately, I am unable to locate any previous correspondence to my team from yourself regarding parking issues in front of 160-168 Dixon Street, as set out in your petition.
				Pavement and verge parking is commonplace, not only in Wolverhampton but across the entire country. The simple fact is that there are too many cars and not enough space to park them all within the curtilage of properties. Many motorists believe that they are helping traffic flows by parking partly on the footway, however this is usually at the detriment to pedestrian passage. The width of the carriageway in front of 160- 168 Dixon Street is approximately 10.5 metres which is exceptionally wide for a road of this type. I am therefore puzzled as to why drivers should feel the need to park partly on the footway, as they should be able to park wholly within the carriageway without effecting traffic flows.
				Existing laws on pavement parking are complex and difficult to enforce unless there is a pavement parking order in place. It is illegal to drive along a footway unless accessing a property with an approved access

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				and it is illegal to park on the footway if full obstruction is evident. These offences are enforceable by West Midlands Police only. However, in reality both of these offences are difficult for the Police to enforce against as they need to be on-sight and witness the contravention firsthand.
				We do have a few pavement parking orders on roads in the city; however, the approved criteria for these to be introduced includes the stipulation that all properties must have off street parking available, something that numbers 160-168 Dixon Street are not afforded. Furthermore, we would only consider introducing such a scheme along a significant length of road where pavement and/or verge parking is prevalent. Observations suggest that pavement parking is not commonplace along the residential sections of Dixon Street.
				The only other option available to the local authority at this time would be the introduction of double yellow lines along this section of Dixon Street. This would prevent parking on the entire highway (carriageway, footways and verges) and would mean that residents and visitors to properties would also lose the ability to park their vehicles on-street. This is unlikely to be supported by all residents. Removal of the parking may also result in issues for St Martin's church who are

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				likely to utilise on-street parking in Dixon Street for weddings and funerals.
				On a more positive note, we are awaiting potential new legislation from the Department for Transport that would provide local authorities with increased civil powers to enforce against footway and verge parking where it is deemed inappropriate. This is similar to those powers already in place across London. Unfortunately, due to the Covid 19 pandemic, this legislation has been delayed in coming forward and we currently do not have a date for when it will be introduced.
				In the meantime, I would be grateful if you could forward any photographs you have of the pavement parking so that my team can assess the extent of the issues you raise and keep on file for when the enhanced civil enforcement powers are afforded to us.
14 March 2022	Halal Store Requested the Council to change the usage for 334 Glentworth Gardens WV6 0SN, to be a halal shop to meet the needs of the Muslim community.	150	Harpreet Kaur, Estates Officer	Status – Closed Summary: The Lead Petitioner was advised that the change of usage had been denied, citing the potential of repeat goods being sold, and that it violated clause 14.4 of the lease.

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				Full Response: I am writing to you in response to your petition, which was formally received by Democratic Services on 15 March 2022. The petition, which contained 150 valid signatures and 19 supporting letters, was as follows: "We, the undersigned, want Wolverhampton City Council to change the usage for 334 Glentworth Gardens WV6 0SN to be a Halal shop to meet the needs of the Muslim community."
				As the Estates Officer, I hold responsibility for investigating the issues you have raised and responding to your petition. My response is set out below:
				Background The Council granted a lease of the premises, dated 9 May 2016, to Mr Shah. The Lease contained a clause at 14.4, explicitly stating that the lease was granted solely on the basis that the shop only sold electrical items.
				On 25 November 2021, the lease was assigned to Ms Bibi on the basis that the shop would continue to only sell electrical items. Prior to the assignment of the lease being approved, Ms Bibi informed the Council

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				that she wanted to change the use of the premises to allow groceries and Halal foods to be sold at the shop.
				334 Glentworth Gardens forms part of a parade of three shops, with the other two being a takeaway and a grocery/newsagent/off-licence shop respectively.
				Aware that this change of use would more than likely repeat goods sold by the Council's existing tenant, the Council therefore consulted with Mr Bhatia, the owner of the other shop, who raised concerns regarding the proposed change of use of 334 Glentworth Gardens.
				Mr Bhatia felt that, if granted, the change of use would duplicate products that he already sold and would therefore be detrimental to his business. Other residents also raised concerns over the proposed change of use. Given the objections and conflict of use, the Council refused a change of use for 334 Glentworth Gardens.
				Ms Bibi then informed the Council that she wished to take on the lease of 334 Glentworth Gardens with no change of use to clause 14.4, as the store would only sell electrical products and DVD's. Prior to the completion of the assignment of the lease, Ms Bibi called the Council stating that she was thinking of changing the premises into a car showroom and may

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				pursue this idea after completion of the assignment had occurred. After completion she informed the Council that she intended to pursue this idea and applied for planning permission for a car showroom, which was refused.
				Ms Bibi then returned to her original idea of using the premises as a grocery/Halal food shop. She asked for the Council to review its decision. This was done and the Council's position remains unchanged.
				Current Position Ms Bibi has now submitted a petition containing 376 signatures and 19 letters of support for 334 Glentworth Gardens to be allowed to operate as a Halal Shop. The petition states that "a neighbouring shop is objecting to this even though their products are very different."
				Ms Bibi took on the assignment of the lease being fully aware that it was assigned solely for the purpose of selling electrical goods. She now wants to sell Halal foods and argues that this will meet the needs of both the local community and the wider Wolverhampton area as Wolverhampton does not have many Halal food stores.
				 Ms Bibi states that she would sell: Halal foods fresh and frozen Halal fresh meat and poultry

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				Fresh bread, pastries and naan
				Fresh fruit and vegetables
				Ms Bibi says in her petition that Mr Bhatia's shop is an
				off-licence and only sells:
				Alcohol
				Cigarettes
				Pay Point
				Some Eastern European foods
				She states in her petition that he does not sell any of
				the foods that she would sell, as listed above. Other
				residents have objected to the proposed change of use
				on the grounds that it would cause parking problems.
				Ms Bibi disputes these objections saying in her petition
				that "there is a decent amount of parking available to
				the shops and there would be no parking disruption to
				local residents." She states that she would operate a
				click-and-collect and home delivery service from the
				premises.
				Conclusion
				Prior to the assignment of the lease, Ms Bibi informed
				the Council that she intended to change the use of the
				premises from that of an electrical retailer to selling
				Halal foods and groceries. The Council consulted with
				all concerned and, having listened to objections from

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				Mr Singh at the neighbouring shop and to the concerns of local residents, refused the change of use.
				Ms Bibi accepted the assignment of the lease on the basis that she would only sell electrical goods and acknowledged at the time that she could not trade as a grocery/Halal food store from the premises. All the Council's Commercial Leases contain a user clause (at 14.4 in this lease) outlining what the premises can sell or trade as. The purpose of this is to ensure fairness and variety along the parade of shops.
				The proposed variation would create a duplication of the existing shop trading on the parade and the user clause within the lease was specifically included to prevent this. Objections to the proposed change of use were received and it was refused. Allowing the assignment and variation of the lease to go ahead after receiving objections could cause potential hardship to the existing grocery shop and result in the owner seeking redress from both Wolverhampton Homes and from the City of Wolverhampton Council.
				Recommendation It is clear that Ms Bibi is bound by the terms of the lease that she agreed to and signed, and which restricts her to only selling electrical goods at the premises. Ms Bibi is clear that she cannot undertake a

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				successful business at the premises selling electrical goods. A way forward is for the Council to grant a variation of the lease to allow Ms Bibi to sell halal meats and halal bakery items and to refuse sale of general grocery, halal foods fresh and frozen, fresh fruit and vegetables.
31 March 2022	Dog Café Requested the Council to support the setup of a Dog Café to protect dog owners.	0	Isobel Woods, Head of Enterprise	Status – Closed Summary: The Lead Petitioner was privately contacted by officers in the Enterprise team and offered business support and advice. Information on start-up loans was also sent. Full Response: n/a (Private Correspondence between Lead Officers and Petitioner)
27 April 2022	Objection to the Proposed Mast on Codsall Road Requested the Council to oppose the proposed mast on Codsall Road due to it being an eyesore.	0	N/A	Status – Rejected Summary: The Lead Petitioner was advised that the petition could not be accepted as it did not contain any valid signatories. The Lead Petitioner was advised that signatories would need to also provide a postcode for their signature to be valid and counted.

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				Full Response: n/a (Petition was rejected)