

**ACTION TAKEN ON PETITIONS**

Council Members are asked to note the action taken in relation to the under mentioned petitions which were presented to Council.

**(i) Petition from the residents of Corporation Road objecting to the installation of a waste site. Presented by Councillor Michael Mordey on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2011**

The Deputy Chief Executive has advised the Lead Petitioner and Councillor Mordey that, as the petition related to an active planning application by SITA UK Ltd for a Waste Transfer Station at Jack Crawford House, the application (11/02320/FUL) would be determined by the Development Control (South Sunderland) Sub-Committee on Tuesday 1st November. The petition would be treated as an objection and would be taken account of in the material brought to the attention of the Sub-Committee to aid it in its consideration of the application.

**(ii) Petition from residents of Vicarsholme Close requesting the closure of a footpath between numbers 6 and 7 Vicarsholme Close, Doxford Park. The lead petitioner alleged that the footpath gave rise to crime and anti-social behaviour. Presented to Council by Councillor Errington on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2011**

The petitioners request that the footpath, between numbers 6 and 7 Vicarsholme Close be closed could not be promoted due to the expressed level of objection to closure/gating of the footpath and Government Legislation not being met; therefore, the footpath will remain open and available for public use. However, it is proposed the lead petitioners' concerns are addressed by way of mitigation measures. The lighting levels in the area have been investigated by the Council's PFI street lighting and highway signs contractor and Aurora have installed an additional lighting column next to no. 6 Vicarsholme Close to further improve lighting levels around the footpath. In addition, pruning works are now complete, to enhance lighting levels from the existing columns.

Councillor Errington and the lead petitioner have been notified of the decision.