

Central Area Committee Update

At the last meeting of this Committee, a number of issues were raised that required further investigation:-

Ref No	Issue	Progress	Officer Details
11/07 (Minute 263(3)/07)	Replacement of the length of footpaths 8 and 9 adjacent to Brandy Hole on the River Crouch, which has suffered coastal erosion. Horse riding interests to be included in considerations. (Issue raised by Hockley Parish Council representative during the 'Consultation on Tourism' spotlight item)	A formal request has been submitted to the County Council for this to be given high priority status within the County's Rights of Way Improvement Plan. Essex County Council is currently prioritising the list of creations (through a point scoring system) and this scheme will be included in the process. The County Council is currently considering its stance on the draft Marine and Coastal Access Bill and this issue may be one that is resolved through the creation of a 'coastal corridor' that rolls back with erosion if the provisions in the Bill become law. The Marine Bill has now had its final reading in the House of Lords and passed to the House of Commons. It is not expected to receive Royal Assent until after the summer recess in Autumn 2009. A newsletter can be viewed at: http://www.defra.gov.uk/marine/pdf/legislation/marine-news10.pdf .	Christine Allman Essex County Council 01245 437132

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12/07 (Minute 307/07, 354/07 and 93/08)	The possibility of opening a route for horses on the western side of Clements Hall to come out at Hawkwell Park Drive and join the bridleway to Park Gardens. (Issue raised by Ashingdon Parish Council representative during the Community Forum item)	Following discussions with Ashingdon Parish Council, when the scheme details were finalised, the work is currently out with contractors to obtain a best value quotation. It is anticipated that the work will be put into hand by the end of October and should then be completed by mid November 2009.	Albert Bugeja Rochford District Council 01702 318130
8/09 (Minute 202(1)/09)	Site visit with Members of the Hawkwell North Ward and worried residents in relation to concern at the dangers of speeding lorries along White Hart Lane. (Issue raised by District Councillor during Police spotlight item)	Consultation underway with Cllr Mrs L M Cox with regard to setting a time/date when there can be a meeting at the location with a laser speed device.	Andy Prophet Essex Police 01268 775533