

Central Area Committee Update

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

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| 08/07 (Minute 263(2)/07 and 353(1)/07) | The possibility of extending the white lines (or introducing studs, beyond the white lines already introduced near Bullwood Hall to Fountain Lane). | A site meeting was held with Cllr M Maddocks on Wednesday, 17 September. County Highways are giving this consideration in light of further clarification of the scheme. | Andy Hilsdon Essex County Council 01268 297540 |
| 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. | 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 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 was published on 3 April 2008, a parliamentary select committee reported its findings on 25 September 2008 recommending stronger measures to deliver the network of marine conservation zones, Defra is currently considering the report with a view to | Tim Gardiner Essex County Council 01245 437649 |

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| | | submitting a revised draft for a first reading subject to parliamentary time during the current session 2008/09. | |
| 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. | Revised design prepared for County approval; project included in draft works programme for 2009/10, subject to a decision on funding. | Albert Bugeja Rochford District Council 01702 318130 |
| 14/07 (Minute 308/07) | Siting of a community shelter on the Clements Hall Recreation Fields. | Hawkwell Parish Council has chosen its contractor to build the shelter. Construction work has commenced. | Jeremy Bourne Rochford District Council 01702 318163 |
| 13/08 (Minute 264(2)/08) | Changes to the phasing of the traffic to light facility at the junction of Greensward Lane with Plumberow Avenue. | A meeting was held with consultants on 13 October to discuss options – it is hoped that minor alterations can be achieved to improve flows. | Andy Hilsdon Essex County Council 01268 297540 |
| 14/08 (Minute 264(2)/08) | Hawkwell Parish Council petition on the installation of a crossing between Poplar Avenue and Mount Bovers Lane. | School to be contacted to discuss its Travel Plan. Will be included as one of the possible projects for the Locally Determined programme. | Andy Hilsdon Essex County Council 01268 297540 |
| 15/08 (Minute 264(2)/08) | Whether three broken bollards on the Betts Farm Estate, Hockley, are to be repaired. | The matter is being pursued with the original estate developer, Wimpey Ltd, who has retained ownership of this area and the responsibility for the bollards. | Albert Bugeja Rochford District Council 01702 318130 |

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| 16/08 (Minute 264(2)/08) | The condition of the footways on the Betts Farm Estate, Hockley. | A site meeting will be arranged. | Andy Hilsdon Essex County Council 01268 297540 |
| 17/08 (Minute 264(2)/08) | Review of traffic flow statistics for the B1013 Main Road which, despite perception, are indicating a 5% reduction in traffic movement per annum. | The County Council is collating available information that may be provided to interested parties. A site meeting has also been held with Councillor John Mason to discuss the issues on site. | Andy Hilsdon Essex County Council 01268 297540 |
| 19/08 (Minute 292/08) | The introduction of double yellow lines at the 'T' junction of Boswell Avenue and Spencer Gardens, Rochford (to prevent people parking on the 'T' and causing the buses carrying pupils to school to mount the corners, where children are walking, as well as damaging the kerbside. | To be considered as part of the locally determined programme for 2009/10. | Andy Hilsdon Essex County Council 01268 297540 |
| 20/08 (Minute 292/08) | Approach to Arriva on the problems that will be experienced, particularly by elderly residents, in the change of the No. 7 bus between Southend and Rayleigh through Hockley to an hourly service. In addition, the suggestion that the residents of Greensward Lane were not consulted on this | Arriva have previously indicated that the scheme involving the No. 7 service would be deferred until 8 February 2009. Comments from Arriva as follows: The current pattern of 6 buses per hour between Southend and Golden Cross and 2 buses per hour between Hockley and Rayleigh will remain; the reduction in service is between Golden Cross and Hockley on route 8 (2 buses per hour | Shaun Scrutton Rochford District Council 01702 318100 |

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| | change. | <p>reduced to 1) and between Ashingdon Schools and Hockley on service 7 (4 buses per hour reduced to 1). However, we intend to match the current important peak journeys as far as possible.</p> <p>We don't generally consult with local residents directly, preferring instead to consult with them via the local authority as we did with both Rochford District and Essex County Council earlier this year. Neither Rochford DC nor Essex CC lodged objections to the reduction in buses along Greensward Lane at that time.</p> <p>Our position remains that the current level of service through Hawkwell on service 8 and between Ashingdon Schools and Hockley on route 7 is not sustainable and that the revisions which we have proposed will better match supply and demand.</p> | |
| 21/08 (Minute 292/08) | Whether the District Council is involved in the Essex County Council Tree Pledge to plant 250,000 trees across the county, the trees supplied by Essex County Council. If so, how many trees would Rochford District Council plant and where? | The Council is shortly to receive grants from Essex County Council and the Forestry Commission for tree planting and related works. This will enable 36,000 trees to be planted in Cherry Orchard Jubilee County Park creating seven new woodlands, the biggest single planting project of its type in Essex this winter. | Richard Evans Rochford District Council 01702 318044 |

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| | | <p>The Council is also working in partnership with the County on an urban tree planting scheme over the next five years. It is estimated that this will result in the planting of a further 700 roadside trees across the district.</p> | |
| <p>22/08 (Minute 293(1)/08)</p> | <p>Problems involving young people at Plumberow Mount.</p> | <p>There have been regular patrols in the Plumberow Mount area since the last Area Committee meeting and there have been no reports of children or youths congregating in the location. There have been no other reports/complaints from residents around this issue. All officers in the district are aware whenever possible to drive to the area and pay it some attention.</p> | <p>Richard Baxter Essex Police 01702 423533</p> |