

Central Area Committee Update

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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 third reading in the House of Commons was on 27 October 2009. Issues on the Bill were resolved on 11 November and it is now waiting for a date for Royal Assent.	Christine Allman Essex County Council 01245 437132
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)	There has been a further review of this scheme and a new solution found which will reduce the cost considerably. This new scheme has been submitted to Hawkwell Parish Council as a consultation and is currently out to tender with a response due back on 20 November. It is anticipated that the work will be put into hand with the contractor soon after this date.	Albert Bugeja Rochford District Council 01702 318130

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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)	There will be an update on this item at the meeting.	Glen Westley Essex Police 01268 775533
11/09 (Minute 251/09)	Why Rochford District Council has agreed to change the flight path over Rochford to appease the people of Eastwood and Leigh without asking the people of Rochford how they feel. (Issue raised by a resident during community Forum item)	<p>Proposals for the introduction of a new set of controls over the operation of the airport are related to negotiations between the airport operator, Southend Borough Council and ourselves based on what could already take place under the current leasing arrangements between Southend and the airport operators and taking into account the public feedback to the Joint Area Action Plan between the two Councils. It represents the basis of a way forward and seeks to balance residents concerns against the aims and aspirations of the airport and the employment potential it offers. It should be remembered that, at its currently relatively low level of activity, the airport generates some 42,000 aircraft movements, and there are no controls over the total number of daytime flights and only minimal controls over night flights.</p> <p>The negotiations between the two councils and the airport represent a potential way forward</p>	Shaun Scrutton Rochford District Council 01702 318100

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		<p>and the agreement is likely to form the basis of a series of new controls that may be attached to the lease the airport has with the Borough Council.</p> <p>Southend Borough Council has recently received a planning application to extend the runway, and Rochford District Council will be consulted for its views on the planning application and will be able to make comments on the principle of the proposal and the suggested control measures. It is expected that any proposed controls emanating from the planning application and revised lease agreement will be considered by the Joint Area Action Plan Committee for inclusion in the London Southend Airport and Environs Joint Area Action Plan in due course.</p> <p>It should be noted that further controls may be negotiated as a standard part of the town and country planning process for the determination of the planning application for the runway extension, including operating hours, passenger, flight, noise and other limits and other operational controls. The precise mechanisms for monitoring and enforcement of issues such as noise and air quality will be specified as part of any relevant planning permission.</p>	

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Ref No	Issue	Progress	Officer Details
H9/09 (Minute 250/09)	Position with regard to a financial contribution from Hockley Parish Council for a vehicle activated speed warning sign.	The sign will be in place before the end of this financial year and form part of a package of vehicle activated warning signs throughout the District.	Andy Hilsdon Essex County Council 01268 297540
H10/09 (Minute 250/09)	Position with regard to investigations into possibility of continuing the cycleway from Cherry Orchard into Hawkwell (Issue raised by a resident during the Highways Localism item)	This is very much a long term consideration and would need to form part of other development as not currently Highway land.	Andy Hilsdon Essex County Council 01268 297540