

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. County Highways will report on current status at the meeting.	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	Tim Gardiner Essex County Council 01245 437649

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		considering the report with a view to 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
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.	Consultants have been asked to make alterations before the end of the financial year.	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 2009/10.	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 has been arranged and a number of sites have been identified for repair. In general the estate is in a fair condition.	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. County Highways will report on the current position at the meeting.	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	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	Shaun Scrutton Rochford District Council 01702 318100

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	<p>were not consulted on this change.</p>	<p>and Hockley on route 8 (2 buses per hour 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>	
<p>23/08 (Minute 323/08)</p>	<p>Castle Point Borough Council is offering a lifeline to local business during the credit crunch. The Council is pledging to pay local companies it does business with in just 20 days from receipt of invoice, instead of the usual 30. Does Rochford</p>	<p>The District Council is committing to paying within 10 days for local suppliers but already pays 99.5% of invoices within the normal 30 days. During November all local suppliers were paid within the Council's normal credit terms of 30 days.</p>	<p>Yvonne Woodward Rochford District Council 01702 318029</p>

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	District Council have any plans to follow suit?		
24/08 (Minute 323/08)	I work in Hockley and have to travel in each day from Southend, along the main road. I have had the experience of being stuck in an extensive queue behind a SITA rubbish collection lorry in Hawkwell. The queue stretched for a long way along the main road and there was very little chance of overtaking safely. Could the collection of rubbish along the main roads take place outside of rush hour?	<p>The Council's waste management contractor SITA has been reminded of its responsibility regarding waste collections during the morning and evening rush hours on main roads in the District.</p> <p>Main Road, Hockley Road, High Road, Spa Road and Greensward Road collections are not permitted before 9.30am and after 3.30pm.</p> <p>SITA has carried out 'Toolbox Talks' with its drivers to ensure that there are no further occurrences of this nuisance.</p>	Richard Evans Rochford District Council 01702 318044
25/08 (Minute 323/08)	<p>(1) When will four missing highway signs be replaced.</p> <p>(2) Has bridleway access related to the Cherry Orchard Jubilee Country Park been included within the Flemings Farm extension?</p>	<p>County Highways are making contact with the questioner to establish the locations of the missing signs. The current status will be reported at the meeting.</p> <p>At the meeting of the Executive on 26 November it was determined to establish a Member advisory group to consider the second phase of the Park's development. Representations have been received both in favour and against further provision for access by horses. This issue will be determined by the Executive in the New Year.</p>	<p>Andy Hilsdon Essex County Council 01268 297540</p> <p>Richard Evans Rochford District Council 01702 318044</p>

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26/08 (Minute 323/08)	Would it be possible for the District Council to plant a “growing” Christmas tree on its land at White Hart Common (i.e. at the top of White Hart Hill) in order to decorate and use in future Christmas celebrations?	The Council’s Parks and Open Spaces Officer is looking into the possibility of providing a suitable tree on the common which can be used in future years for Christmas decorations and celebrations. There are restraints on the size of conifer that can successfully be transplanted, which will mean that it will be several years before the tree is of reasonable size to be successfully used.	Richard Evans Rochford District Council 01702 318044