

## WEST AREA COMMITTEE UPDATE

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Ref No.	Issue	Progress	Officer details
28/08 (Minute 334/08)	Has any further consideration been given by the Council regarding bridle way access to the west of the proposed country park where it joins the New England Woods? (Issue raised by a resident during the Community Forum item)	The Council's Executive has requested a further report from the Cherry Orchard Member Advisory Group in respect of future works at Cherry Orchard. The recommendations from the Advisory Group will have financial implications that will need to be considered as part of the budget process in February. This includes proposals for a permissive route for horses and pedestrians through New England Wood to Flemings Farm. This proposal is also dependent upon funding from the County Council and support from the horse riding fraternity.	R Evans Rochford District Council 01702 318044
07/09 (Minute 28/09)	The possibility of an extension to Rawreth car park as an alternative to replacing District boundary signs. (Issue raised by a Parish Council representative during the Items to be Referred to the Executive item)	The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Rawreth Parish Council have visited the site and inspected plans of the proposed scheme. Final details have now been agreed, subject to some supplementary comments from the Parish Council.  The scheme proposed provides parking for ten vehicles. It is anticipated that works will be completed early in the New Year.	R Evans Rochford District Council 01702 318044 H Meggison Rochford District Council 01702 318057

Ref No.	Issue	Progress	Officer details
21/09 (Minute 156/09)	Impact of the installation of rabbit and deer fences to protect new areas of tree planting on the public footpath. (Issue raised by a resident during the Community Forum item)	Rabbit and deer fences are required in order to secure the grant funding from the Forestry Authority. These works were agreed following a meeting with the County Council's definitive map manager and have now been completed. The route of the fence line has been amended to allow for the public footpath to be relocated on the ditch edge. A gap has been left in the fence to allow access to Edwards Hall Park.	R Evans Rochford District Council 01702 318044
29/09 (Minute 264/09)	Possibility of planting in area where fence used to be in Swallow Close, Rayleigh to help conceal the car park from residences. (Issue raised by a resident during the Community Forum item)	An analysis of the area where the fence was located indicates the exposed soil provides poor potential for tree growth. The soil was spiked along the length of the boundary and it was only possible to reach a depth of 10cm before hitting hard ground. It therefore seems likely that the soil has been placed over the tarmac of the car park or road. This would mean it would be difficult to plant shrubs or trees. Furthermore, there is limited space for trees given the narrowness of the car park at this point.	S Scrutton Rochford District Council 01702 318100

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32/09 (Minute 265/09)	Joint Forum comprising representatives from Chelmsford Borough Council and Rochford District Council to look at issues relating to Battlesbridge. (Issue raised by a Parish Councillor during the Spotlight item on highways localism)	A verbal update will be provided at this meeting.	S Scrutton Rochford District Council 01702 318
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Ref No.	Issue	Progress	Officer details
H37/07 (Minute 340/07)	The possibility of introducing a 20mph speed limit in Glasseys Lane and other roads nearby leading onto Eastwood Road, Rayleigh. (Issue raised by a District Councillor during the Highways Matters Spotlight item)	Glasseys Lane will be reviewed when the County Highways revised speed strategy is published, which is expected in the new calendar year.	A Hilsdon Essex County Council 01268 297561
H16/08 (Minute 131/08, 269/08 and 265/09)	Feasibility study for a pedestrian crossing at the top of Downhall Park Way, near Rawreth Lane (Issue raised by a District Councillor during the Highways Matters Spotlight item)	The design of the Pegasus crossing element of the scheme requires Department of Transport approval before progressing further due to a departure from the appropriate standards. The County Council is, in the meantime, progressing with a full design of the Puffin element as a separate option.	A Hilsdon Essex County Council 01268 297561

Ref No.	Issue	Progress	Officer details
H08/09 (Minute 66/09)	The condition of Little Wheatley Chase roadway and footpaths – repairs to patch up the worst of the damage. (Issue raised by a resident during the Community Forum item)	County Highways is waiting for details and prices for specialist repairs.	A Hilsdon Essex County Council 01268 297561
H09/09 (Minute 66/09)	Problems with rubbish being deposited in and around an unused turning bay at the end of London Road, Rawreth – can the turning bay be removed? (Issue raised by residents during the Community Forum item)	A site meeting has taken place with Cllr Oatham. Options need to be discussed before possibly including in the Localism programme for decision making.	A Hilsdon Essex County Council 01268 297561
H15/09 (Minute 67/09)	The possibility of introducing a speed indicator sign in Down Hall Road, Rayleigh (Issue raised by a District Councillor during the crime and disorder Spotlight item)	Details are with the supplier for implementation this financial year. Funding is through the Community Initiative Fund.	A Hilsdon Essex County Council 01268 297561

Ref No.	Issue	Progress	Officer details
H24/09 (Minute 157/09)	Scheme to bring the unmade roads of Eastwood Rise, Rayleigh Avenue and Sandhill Road, Rayleigh up to adoptable standard. (Issue raised by a District Councillor during the County Highways Localism item)	The Highways Board for Procurement have taken the view that the scheme should be re-tendered. The revised tender prices should be available mid-November and are required before the Resolution can go for signing.  Once accepted and signed, the legal paperwork will be available within eight weeks and as the scheme will already have been through the tender process the contractor will be able to start soon thereafter.  Ideally County Highways should like to have the works completed by 1 April 2010.	A Hilsdon Essex County Council 01268 297561
H25/09 (Minute 157/09)	Need for junction improvements at the entrance to Fairland Close, Rayleigh (Issue raised by a District Councillor during the County Highways Localism item)	Request is for junction protection and this scheme is already on the Localism list for the current financial year.	A Hilsdon Essex County Council 01268 297561
H26/09 Minute 156/09)	Speed notice at the end of Little Wheatley Chase, Rayleigh is not illuminated and the post is unsafe. (Issue raised by a resident during the Community Forum item)	Sign has now been re-set.	A Hilsdon Essex County Council 01268 297561

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H28/09 (Minute 206/09)	Possibility of creating a dedicated slip road at the Fairglen interchange from the southbound A1245 to the eastbound A127 (Issue raised by a resident during the Community Forum item) (Issue raised by a resident during the Community Forum item)	Initial discussions with the contractor, Carillion, who will be carrying out the work on the Basildon Enterprise Corridor have uncovered a potential underspend. There may, accordingly, be some funding left to carry out works at the Fairglen interchange. This will be subject to design and levels of utilities in the area. The earliest timescale would be the end of the programme, ie, towards November/December 2011.	A Hilsdon Essex County Council 01268 297561
H30/09 (Minute 264/09)	Appropriate traffic orders for emergency access to Swallow Close from The Approach, Rayleigh	The 'emergency access keep clear sign' will be replaced by the end of the month.  The owner has in principle agreed to a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO), but this will be required in writing. There is an expectation that the owner will pay, but he has declined to do so. There will be no progress unless the TRO is added to the localism list and is identified as a priority by this Committee for 2010/11.	A Hilsdon Essex County Council 01268 297561
H31/09 (Minute 265/09)	Status of the upgrade to the existing lighting at Downhall Road, Rayleigh (Issue raised by a District Councillor during the Spotlight highways localism item)	Order has been placed with the Contractor. Work should commence shortly.	A Hilsdon Essex County Council 01268 297561

Ref No.	Issue	Progress	Officer details
H33/09 (Minute 265/09)	Possibility of upgrading the lighting at the footpath between Bardfield Way and Langham Drive, Rayleigh (Issue raised by a District Councillor during the Spotlight highways localism item)	Indicative costing for the works is approximately £2,500. This has been added to the localism list for 2010/11.	A Hilsdon Essex County Council 01268 297561
H34/09 (Minute 265/09)	Minor Repairs to the road surface in Church Road, Rayleigh (Issue raised by a District Councillor during the Spotlight highways localism item)	Small repairs will be made in line with County Policy. However, it is recognised that more major works will be required for which there is no funding at present. This will be considered for 2010/11.	A Hilsdon Essex County Council 01268 297561
H35/09 (Minute 266/09)	Minor repairs to holes in the footpath at Hatfield Road, Rayleigh (Issue raised by a District Councillor during the West Area Update item)	There are no defects at present requiring urgent repair.	A Hilsdon Essex County Council 01268 297561

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H36/09 (Minute 266/09)	Phasing of traffic lights in Websters Way, in light of pedestrian safety concerns (Issue raised by a District Councillor during the West Area Update item)	County Highways' consultant has been asked to check the configuration; the findings will be reported back, once received.	A Hilsdon Essex County Council 01268 297561
H37/09 (Minute 266/09)	Phasing of traffic lights at the bottom of Hatfield Road and Victoria Avenue, Rayleigh and of the pedestrian lights further up London Road and Pearson Avenue, Rayleigh (Issue raised by a District Councillor during the West Area Update item)	County Highways' consultant has been asked to check the configuration; the findings will be reported back, once received.	A Hilsdon Essex County Council 01268 297561