

## 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
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 visit which will involve the Traffic Management Engineer, Peter Wright, and Cllr J Thomass is being arranged.	Lyn Harvey 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.	Tim Gardiner Essex County Council 01245 437649

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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.	The Engineer has yet to complete the revised design, but will submit it to the Public Rights of Way officer next week for consideration of design and potential funding from Essex County. This has been delayed due to an engineer leaving in June.	Albert Bugeja Rochford District Council 01702 318130
14/07 (Minute 308/07)	Sitting of a community shelter on the Clements Hall Recreation Fields.	Hawkwell Parish Council have chosen their contractor to build the shelter. It is expected that they will commence construction in the next 2 weeks and require 2 to 3 weeks to complete the works and so shelter in use end September/early October.	Jeremy Bourne Rochford District Council 01702 318163
16/07 (Minute 352/07)	The making up of unadopted roads in Hullbridge – consultation with County Cabinet Member for Highways and Transportation.	The process of compiling and prioritising the list of roads for possible adoption is shortly expected to be completed. It will then be submitted to the County Cabinet Member for Highways and Transportation for consideration. The cost of bringing all unadopted roads in the Rochford District up to a maintainable standard would cost in excess of £40 million so it has been necessary to provide a priority list based on various appropriate criteria. At this stage the main priority list contains no roads in Hullbridge. In line with the Localism initiative to be adopted next year,	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540

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		<p>it is likely the priority list will alter since the Parish Councils will also have some involvement in which roads are placed on the list. The legal processes required to carry out this overall initiative are expected to take about six months once the list is finalised, so there will be no extensive movement forward on this issue in the near future.</p>	
<p>07/08 (Minute 27(1)/08)</p>	<p>Traffic issues (particularly involving heavy lorries and use of the lane as a 'rat run') at White Hart Lane.</p>	<p>A detailed study was undertaken by ECC in 2002/03 with a report submitted to the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Recommendation was to 'do nothing and maintain status quo'. Funding will need to be identified for ECC to undertake further work on this item.</p>	<p>Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540</p>

<b>Ref No</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Progress</b>	<b>Officer Details</b>
08/08 (Minute 92/08)	Scheduling of lectures or seminars to tell the public about the woodlands in Hockley.	<p>A series of four tree planting events have been arranged at which woodland officers will be available to answer questions on woodland management and coppicing etc.</p> <p>Dates are currently as follows:- 27, 28 and 30 November &amp; 14 December. Two events are intended for schools and two will be on a Sunday for the general public. Full details will be announced shortly.</p>	Richard Evans Rochford District Council 01702 318044
11/08 (Minute 94/08)	Investigation with regard to two derelict caravans on the Clements Hall recreation fields and demolition of a maintenance shed on the field.	This was passed to the section who deal with abandoned vehicles and despite two separate searches for these caravans they have been unable to locate them. If there is additional information on the location of these caravans then please contact Alan Lovett, the Street Scene Manager, who can arrange for their removal.	Richard Evans Rochford District Council 01702 318044

The following issue was raised at the meeting of the East Area Committee in July and is set out here as it concerns a location in the Central Area:-

Ref No	Issue	Progress	Officer Details
13/08	<p>The green recycling van parking in Boswell Avenue, to condense the contents of the green bin waste resulting in the spillage of liquid on to the road, which stains the road and verges and creates a noxious odour in the vicinity. Despite several residents contacting the recycling team and leaving messages of their concern, the phone calls have not been acknowledged and no action appears to have been taken. Residents are concerned that the problem could be exacerbated when the food waste recycling commences.</p> <p>The standard of street cleansing and litter bin emptying in the area is judged to be well below standard, particularly in view of the pedestrian traffic to and from King Edmund School. It would appear that the contractors are not yet familiar with the location of the waste bins, which often appear to be left overflowing.</p>	<p>The Councils contractor has instructed its staff not to compact the green waste in residential areas.</p> <p>At the time of this enquiry the service collected garden arisings only, this tends to be wetter than the mixed kitchen and garden waste now being collected and the likelihood of liquids seeping from the vehicles is less. Should residents become aware of liquids leaking from refuse vehicles in future they should contact the Council so that the matter can be investigated immediately.</p> <p>The Street Cleansing contractor has been made aware of the issues at this location and ensures that the bins are emptied at least once a day, the surrounding is also litter picked as needed.</p>	<p>Richard Evans Rochford District Council 01702 318044</p>