

East Area Committee Update

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

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11/07 (Minute no 268)	Establish a completion date for carrying out the work to reinstate the public right of way through the boat yard, Paglesham East End or to put a diversion in place.	This item is under consideration by the County Council.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
32/07 (Minute no 368)	Resurfacing of Brays Lane to the Baltic Wharf.	Temporary repairs to the road at the Wharf had been made and capital funding is now available for a scheme this financial year. Works will be at the Wharf end of the road although the scheme has not been programmed to date. Structural work is likely to support the road at some locations. Options are being considered at present.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
16/08 (Minute no 75)	Public Footpaths 1 and 3, Stambridge – proposed footpath diversions.	<p>The draft order in respect of the diversion of Footpath 3 and part extinguishment of Footpath 1 has been submitted to Essex County Council for approval. Statutory consultation and public notice has now commenced. Three objections have been received, two of which are from neighbours and one from a local resident. With regards to the local resident, Essex County Council has been informed and a response is awaited from them.</p> <p>The formal withdrawal of the objections from the neighbours is still awaited and until this has been</p>	Albert Bugeja Rochford District Council 01702 318130

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		received the order cannot be confirmed.	
17/08 Minute no 73)	Restore timetable frames on the Harrogate Drive (Service 7) bus stops in both Southend and Rayleigh directions.	The replacement of the timetable cases at the Harrogate Drive stops on the Service 7 route in Hockley is expected to be completed by 7 November.	Nick Blackall Essex County Council 01245 437249
21/08 (Minute 134/08)	With regard to the lowering of the kerb on the pathway at the entrance to Norman House, one side has been done but the other side needs to be done.	An order has been placed with the Contractor. However, works have been delayed due to the need for statutory undertakers' information and a start date is programmed for 10 November.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
23/08 (Minute 135/08)	Stalls at Rochford Market Square were encroaching onto the pavement and were too close to the shops.	The Market Administrator advised that regular checks were carried out to ensure that there was a minimum of six feet between the stalls and shop fronts. No recent complaints had been received regarding any non-compliance by market traders' in respect of the 'six-feet rule' between stalls and shop fronts.	Shaun Scrutton Rochford District Council 01702 318100
28/08 (Minute 224/08)	Flooding in specific areas in Great Wakering.	The ECC Drainage Engineer to inspect the following sites in times of heavy rain:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poynters Lane, near Cupid's Corner, Great Wakering where drain holes are more towards the middle of the road and not to the side • Corner of Crouchmans Avenue and High Street (which had flooded right across during the recent 	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540

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		<p>heavy rains).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outside The Mallards and the High Street • Corner of Crouchmans Avenue and High Street • Corner opposite the police station in Rochford. <p>It is recognised that there are drainage issues in Great Wakering and there are a number of reasons why it has been difficult to resolve them. ECC is to investigate the sites listed above during November and provide a ranked programme where remedial measures can be made for funding consideration.</p>	
32/08 (Minute 257/08)	<p>Sutton Road drains/potholes</p> <p>Following reports of continuing flooding the drains would be re-inspected. The two pot holes in the road surface would also be inspected.</p>	<p>Although it had been advised that potholes had been repaired and gullies were clean and free running, it was reported that the gullies were still not running freely and that there were still potholes. County Highways advise that the potholes have now been repaired.</p> <p>There was also flooding of the road from the Anne Boleyn pub to Purdeys Industrial Estate where the road surface was below the level of gullies. Sutton Road is in need of resurfacing and more major works, including drainage works, can be considered then. Scheme delivery to be considered for 2009/10.</p>	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
33/08 (Minute 257/08)	<p>Speed limit in Purdeys Way, Rochford. Details to be provided of a recent speed check undertaken in this area.</p>	<p>There has been no speed check undertaken in Purdeys Way.</p>	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540

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34/08 (Minute 257/08)	Speeding traffic along the Barling Road from Stonebridge to Barling. Request that a repeater sign be erected to remind drivers of the 30mph limit. Issue to be referred to the County Traffic Management Team and a site meeting arranged between Mr D Lawrence (County Highways) and County Cllr R A Pearson.	Meeting to be arranged and results of that meeting to be reported at next East Area Committee meeting when ECC Highways attend.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
35/08 (Minute 257/08)	Footpaths in Little Wakering A visit would be arranged to inspect the area following complaints about the bad state of repair of the footpaths. Cllr B Summerfield (Sutton Parish Council) to provide Highways officers with a copy of the Parish Council survey.	County Highways is awaiting a copy of the Parish survey.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
36/08 (Minute 257/08)	Investigate the possibility of re-siting the bus stop from outside Great Wakering Medical Centre.	Essex County Council is looking at resiting the bus stop a short distance away from the Centre. The stop will be resited away from the zebra crossing but still outside the Medical Centre.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
37/08 (Minute 286/08)	Managing Flood Risk; South Essex Flood Management Plans – re page 11, Policy Option 2.	The Council is concerned with the Rochford District only but would question the number of homes that are referred to as being at risk of flooding.	Richard Prior Rochford District Council 01702 546366

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	<p>Area from Shoeburyness to Dengie to South Woodham Ferrers (approx 200,000 homes?)</p> <p>James Duddridge MP now identified to Parliament 24,000 homes at risk of flooding – will the Council notify those at risk of the problem? If not, why not, as the Civil Contingencies Act 2005 must be obeyed?</p>	<p>In 2007 all the 1886 homes in the RDC flood-risk area were contacted and sent leaflets, advice and guidance.</p> <p>The proper agency for the management of flood risk and the flood defences is the Environment Agency (EA), which is also the agency required to provide a flood warning service to those at risk.</p> <p>As a responsible council, Rochford has, with the EA's agreement, taken a more proactive role in liaising with the flood risk properties. There is no legal obligation to advise home owners that their home has a specific risk of flooding or advise the level of flood defence by which they are protected. There is also no legal obligation to include a flood warning/insurance risk in the Council's land charges process.</p> <p>The Council is cognisant of the Pitt Review and, dependant upon the decision of Central Government in late November, is preparing to embrace the recommendations of that Review.</p> <p>Rochford District Council is fully compliant with the Civil Contingencies Act 2005. The requirement to 'warn and inform' has been met by the Council's past and continuing commitment to providing information to the District.</p>	

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38/08 (Minute 286/08)	Would it be possible to close the park at Canewdon at night due to noise nuisance by youths during the night?	Following investigation of this issue it is estimated that expenditure on fencing and gates would be in the order of £15,000 plus the cost of locking and opening, likely to be in excess of £20,000 if carried out throughout the year by our contractor. As an alternative this task could be entrusted to the Parish Council but this would need to be completed at dawn/dusk for all 365 days of the year. There is a concern that the person locking up could encounter difficulties if occupants of the park refuse to leave or that persons were inadvertently locked in.	Richard Evans Rochford District Council 01702 318044
39/08 (Minute 286/08)	Is there a possibility of having some new skateboard ramps in Canewdon Park?	There are currently no plans or available budget to expand the ramp provision in this area, although the condition of these ramps will be monitored in the same way as all other 'play related' equipment in the District and consideration given to replacement as and when appropriate.	Jeremy Bourne Rochford District Council 01702 318163
40/08 (Minute 286/08)	<p>Why is there no handrail by the steps in Willow Walk, Canewdon? As a result, elderly people cannot use the steps and have to go the long way round to the shops. The rail by steps near Woodfords on sea wall is unnecessary.</p> <p>There are unsightly oil patches on the road by the steps in Willow Walk.</p>	<p>Essex County Council Highways Department to check whether this is a Highways matter before considering installing a handrail.</p> <p>An Essex County Council Highways Inspector will visit the site as soon as possible.</p>	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540

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	There is dog excrement consistently on the corner of Rowan Way by High Hedge, which is a hazard at night. Additionally, there is dog excrement in Anchor Lane opposite the allotments.	An Environmental Enforcement Officer had been employed by the Council with powers to investigate and, if necessary, take action against incidents of dog fouling in public places. David Sargant, the Council's Environmental Enforcement Officer, will patrol the area for 4 weeks.	Richard Evans Rochford District Council 01702 318044
	Noise nuisance of dogs in the Cedars, Anchor Lane area howling and barking all hours of the night due being shut in garden and also the dogs being shut in gardens all day barking constantly.	This issue has been raised as a service request for our Environmental Protection Unit.	
	There is litter all along Anchor Lane opposite the allotments.	The Council's contractor, SITA, has been asked to inspect and remedy these issues.	
	The area around the steps in Willow Walk is disgraceful, with litter everywhere and broken bottles often covering the pavement at the base of the steps.	PC Gary Tween, Neighbourhood Specialist Officer, had visited Mrs Batemen to discuss the issues raised. He advised that there was no regular pattern with incidents of broken glass/packageaging from takeaway food being littered around the steps in Willow Walk.	Andy Prophet Essex Police 01702 423533
	There are children (sometimes quite young children) running riot	The incident with children overturning bins appears to have been an isolated incident and had not	

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	in Willow Walk, overturning bins and causing damage generally.	happened since.	
41/08 (Minute 288/08)	Widening of footpath to Stambridge School	Request that a date be provided for the commencement of works to the County Highways scheme to widen the footpath to Stambridge School, for which funding was available. Works are currently underway.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540