

WEST 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
19/07 (Minute 287/07)	Battlesbridge Conservation Area – Progress on establishing a joint forum for issues relating to the Battlesbridge Conservation Area.	<p>A Joint officer meeting took place on 12 November 2008. Highlights include the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chelmsford Borough Council (CBC) has issued an Article 4(2) direction to control permitted development in the part of the Battlesbridge covered by CBC. Rochford will seek Member approval to do the same (Council - 26 February 2009). • Short/Medium term actions: Due to the minor nature of many of the enhancements (e.g. Old Tide Mill - improve the appearance of advertising), it was concluded that each Council would implement as per agreed management plans. • Long term actions: Riverside access and riverside frontages - A design brief/ concept statement would provide a basis for stimulating change - the key objectives would be enhancement of the area, public riverside access, continued employment use and possibly some form of recreational/retail/food uses associated with the visitor destination function of the area. Stakeholders need to be involved at the next stage, including Parish representatives (Rawreth Parish Council, Hullbridge Parish Council, Rettendon Parish Council); appropriate Rochford and Chelmsford Members; County Highways; County Urban Design; Environment Agency; and landowners. 	S Scrutton Rochford District Council 01702 318100

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft options paper for the riverside frontages to be prepared for discussion at the next meeting (date to be arranged) to which all stakeholders will be invited. 	
25/07 (Minute 340/07)	Improvements to the wet side changing rooms and showers at Clements Hall Leisure Centre.	Work has now been completed in the changing rooms and showers, ahead of the planned schedule. The staff at the centre have received many positive comments from customers since the re-opening.	J Bourne Rochford District Council 01702 318163
37/07 (Minute 340/07)	The possibility of introducing a 20mph speed limit in Glasseys Lane and other roads nearby leading onto Eastwood Road, Rayleigh.	The policy review has been completed. Public consultation is currently taking place.	A Hilsdon Essex County Council 01268 297561
12/08 (Minute 62/08)	Identifying funds for the early purchase and installation of new benches at Sweyne Park	New benches have now been installed in Sweyne Park.	A Bugeja Rochford District Council 01702 318130
14/08 (Minute 131/08)	Time restrictions for car parking in Little Wheatley Chase	Public consultation ended on 19 January 2009. A verbal update will be provided at the meeting.	A Hilsdon Essex County Council 01268 297561

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16/08 (Minute 131/08 and 269/08)	Feasibility study for a pedestrian crossing at the top of Downhall Park Way, near Rawreth Lane	The feasibility study has been completed. A verbal update will be provided at the meeting.	A Hilsdon Essex County Council 01268 297561
21/08 (Minute 268/08)	Lack of 'no through road' signs in Wellington Road, Rayleigh	The sign has now been re-erected.	A Hilsdon Essex County Council 01268 297561
22/08 (Minute 268/08)	Continuing problems with the road surface along Rawreth Lane in the vicinity of Trenders Avenue, Rayleigh	An inspection has been undertaken of Rawreth Lane and no defects have been identified that require immediate attention. If any are identified, they will be repaired promptly. It is clear that residents are concerned about the general condition of the road and Rawreth Lane will be considered alongside other roads in the District for major work next financial year.	A Hilsdon Essex County Council 01268 297561
23/08 (Minute 268/08)	Extension of double yellow lines in Trinity Road, junction with Warwick Road, Rayleigh	There is no surplus funding available for additional work during the current financial year. This scheme will therefore be included on a locally determined programme schedule for consideration in the next financial year.	A Hilsdon Essex County Council 01268 297561
24/08 (Minute 269/08)	Lack of consultation with Rawreth Parish Council on the recent positioning of 2 Victorian street lights on the bridge at Battlesbridge	The work was arranged by Rettendon Parish Council and there is no requirement for Parish Councils to consult adjoining Parish Councils on works within that Parish assuming it does not impinge on the adjoining Parish.	A Hilsdon Essex County Council 01268 297561

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25/08 (Minute 267/08)	Installation of yellow lines to restrict parking at the corner of Trinity Road / Grove Road with Jubilee Road, Rayleigh	There is no surplus funding available for additional work during the current financial year. This scheme will therefore be included on a locally determined programme schedule for consideration in the next financial year.	A Hilsdon Essex County Council 01268 297561
26/08 (Minute 297/08)	Police Community Support Officers and the Issuing of Parking Tickets	Police Community Support Officers do not have powers to issue parking tickets. Details of PCSO powers have been circulated to Members outside the meeting.	A Prophet Essex Police 01702 423533
27/08 (Minute 298/08)	Details of properties visited by Police Community Support Officers in the Grove Wood Area and whether leaflets were distributed	18 anti-social behaviour diaries were delivered to properties backing onto the fields - in Connaught Road, Grove Close, Grove Road and Katherine Close. 14 residents living in the vicinity discussed anti-social behaviour issues relating to the Grove area with Police Community Support Officers.	A Prophet Essex Police 01702 423533
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?	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. Discussions are continuing and will be reported to the Executive for decision.	R Evans Rochford District Council 01702 318044