Item 5

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
38/09 (Minute 307/09)	Another advertisement has appeared on the A1245 on land adjacent to the Fairglen interchange (Issue raised by a resident during the Community Forum item)	The Council is preparing a legal argument that the primary use of the vehicle is to display an advertisement, in order to provide a possible opportunity for prosecution.	S Scrutton Rochford District Council 01702 318137
39/09 (Minute 307/09)	Parking of HGVs in Disraeli Road, Rayleigh (Issue raised by a resident during the Community Forum item)	The appeal against the Council's Enforcement Notice was dismissed on 29 October 2010. The owner is now required to cease using the land for the parking and storage of heavy goods vehicles and other vehicles, including motor cars, other than the parking of a motorised horse box (authorised under a Lawful Development Certificate dated 2 July 2003 ref. 03/00131/LDC) and a vehicle required directly in connection with the maintenance of the land, e.g., a tractor.	S Scrutton Rochford District Council 01702 318137
01/10 (Minute 55/10 and 183/10)	Rawreth Parish Council concern that the area in and around Sweyne Park car park continued to suffer from flooding. (Issue raised by a resident during the Community Forum item)	Work commenced on 15 November on a scheme to extend the land drains in this area and improve the drainage on the access to the car park. This may incidentally improve the general drainage of this naturally boggy and low laying area.	A Bugeja Rochford District Council 01702 318130

Ref No.	Issue	Progress	Officer details
07/10 (Minute 228/10)	Can the site of the junction of Downhall Road and Hambro Hill, Rayleigh be included in the programme of Police speed check operations? (Issue raised by a resident in the Spotlight Police item)	This issue has been referred to the Casualty Reduction department at Police HQ who consider all such requests. An outcome is awaited.	G Westley Essex Police 0300 333 4444
08/10 (Minute 228/10)	Can the Police patrol the area in the vicinity of the allotments in Kenilworth Gardens, Rayleigh following disturbance caused by groups of motorcycle riders? (Issue raised by a resident in the Spotlight Police item)	An update will provided at the next meeting.	G Westley Essex Police 0300 333 4444
09/10 (Minute 228/10)	Can a Police presence be provided in the vicinity of the former off- licence in London Road, Rayleigh to try to address the issue of youths potentially taking drugs there? (Issue raised by a District Councillor during the Police Spotlight item)	An update will be provided at the next meeting.	G Westley Essex Police 0300 333 4444

Ref No.	Issue	Progress	Officer details
16/10 (Minute 229/10)	There were weeds and litter at the turning head of Swallow Close, Rayleigh (Issue raised by a resident during the Community Forum item)	Our contractor was requested to clear this area. This work has now been completed.	R Evans Rochford District Council 01702 318044
15/10 (Minute 229/10)	The emergency services bollards at the turning head of Swallow Close, Rayleigh were broken. (Issue raised by a resident during the Community Forum item)	It has been established the emergency access bollards were installed by the developer of the estate; these are on private land and remain the responsibility of the landowner. Further investigations are being carried out to see if the name of the landowner can be established.	S Scrutton Rochford District Council 01702 318137
17/10 (Minute 229/10)	Is there the possibility of any funding for a kicking wall at the King Fisher playing fields, Rayleigh? (Issue raised by a resident during the Community Forum item)	There is currently no funding available for this.	J Bourne Rochford District Council 01702 318110
18/10 (Minute 229/10)	Can the sign at the end of Little Wheatley Chase on the London Road, Rayleigh indicating the location of Rayleigh Grange Community Centre please be replaced? (Issue raised by a resident during the Community Forum item)	The sign has now been replaced.	Albert Bugeja Rochford District Council 01702 318130

Ref No.	Issue	Progress	Officer details
19/10 (Minute 229/10)	Are the damaged street signs in Love Lane, Hilary Crescent and Victoria Road, Rayleigh to be replaced? (Issue raised by a resident during the Community Forum item)	Replacement of the Hilary Crescent and Victoria Road street name plates is being organised. It is noted that the legs of the Love Lane name plate are a bit bent; this does not warrant replacement at the moment, but the condition will be monitored. The Council does not as a rule locate name plates on the footway, but will do so if it is established the name plate is located on private land.	S Scrutton Rochford District Council 01702 318137
20/10 (Minute 229/10)	Why is the park between Nursery Close and Daws Heath Road not kept in a good clean state like most of the other parks? The children's play items are covered in pigeon droppings, empty beer cans, broken glass, condoms and general litter. (Issue raised by a resident during the Community Forum item)	Refurbishment works commenced at the play space on 15 November 2010; the play space will be closed for two weeks	R Evans Rochford District Council 01702 318044

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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)	Objections were heard at the Magistrates Court in the week commencing 25 October. Matters have now been resolved and the scheme extents will be as originally planned. Surfacing of Rayleigh Avenue and Sandhill Road West is programmed for 17 and 18 November 2010.	A Hilsdon Essex County Council 01268 297561
H12/10 (Minute 228/10)	Proposed waiting restrictions in Danbury Road/Langdon Road, Rayleigh. (Issue raised by a District Councillor during the County Highways Spotlight item)	Notices have been posted on site. County Highways are waiting for further comments before implementation. Subject to resolution of any objections, works are to be programmed after Langdon Road footway works.	A Hilsdon Essex County Council 01268 297561

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H13/10 (Minute 228/10)	Report of potholes in Brixham Close and Teignmouth Drive, Rayleigh made under the 'Fix My Street' facility had not resulted in action to repair the holes. (Issue raised by a District Councillor during the County Highways Spotlight item)	A site visit to be undertaken by 21 November.	A Hilsdon Essex County Council 01268 297561
H14/10 (Minute 229/10)	Problem of front garden hedges overgrowing the footpath in The Chase, Rayleigh (Issue raised by a resident during the County Highways Spotlight item)	Notice will be served on those residents in The Chase, Rayleigh whose front garden hedges had overgrown the footpath.	A Hilsdon Essex County Council 01268 297561