

East Area Committee Update

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

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H32/08 (Minute 257/(2)/08, 31(2)/09 and 213/09)	Funding for Sutton Ford bridge scheme (Issue raised by a District Councillor under the Highways Matters spotlight item)	Delays to the scheme were as a result of difficulties associated with the purchase of land from more than one landowner. Department for Transport (DfT) comments have been received. Essex County Council (ECC) Legal Team is updating Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) details and will be meeting shortly to discuss Crown Estate land issues prior to publishing the Order. ECC Land Agent has scheduled a visit to the County Highways office within the next week and a verbal update will be provided at the meeting.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
H8/09 (Minute 145/09)	Cagefield Road, Stambridge Request that the verge be hardened to allow car parking (which was not supported by ECC). County Highways agreed to look into the issue in light of the comment that refuse trucks were being prevented from getting past the cars parked on both sides of the road.	County Highways has Capital Maintenance funding this financial year to carry out the works. This will involve hardening an additional width of verge on the approach to the junction with Stambridge Road. ECC is waiting for the specialist contractors' programme for this scheme and other similar schemes in the District. A short section of the verge on the approach	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540

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	(Issue raised by a Parish Councillor under the Highways Localism item)	to the junction with Stambridge Rd has been hardened to allow larger vehicles to overrun the verge without causing damage and the spreading of mud, which was evident last year.	
H21/09 (Minute 247/09)	Footpath scheme at Poynters Lane, Great Wakering from Wakering Road to Cupids Corner. (Issue raised by a District Councillor under the Highways Localism spotlight item)	Great Wakering Parish Council has made an ECC Community Initiative Fund (CIF) bid to secure funding for the scheme. A meeting has been held with the Parish Council and a representative from the Ministry of Defence (MoD) to ascertain the extent of land available for the scheme. Agreement is now required from the ECC Cabinet Member to proceed with the acquisition of land, for which paperwork is being prepared.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
H22/09 (Minute 247/09)	Hole in the middle of the road in Brays Lane, past Hydewood Lane, in the vicinity of the Old Rectory. (Issue raised by a Parish Councillor under the Highways Matters spotlight item)	Funding is now available for haunching, reshaping and surfacing of the carriageway this financial year. A programme of patching has been completed and further work to resurface part of Apton Hall Road is programmed for early October.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
H23/09 (Minute 247/09)	Footway in the vicinity of the Co-op/estate agent/dress shop, Great Wakering.	ECC attended to fill pothole immediately adjacent to the highway but would not be prepared to extend works to within the alley	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540

	(Issue raised by a resident under the Highways Matters spotlight item)	itself, as this is considered a private matter.	
H24/09 (Minute 246/09)	Car parking blocking access for refuse or emergency vehicles in certain areas in Canewdon. (Issue raised by a resident under the Community Forum item)	Canewdon Parish Council has advised Essex County Council that there is an issue of car parking blocking access in Althorne Way, Canewdon. It appears to ECC that the problem only occurs at weekends, possibly as a result of insufficient parking for the playing field. There is no evidence that emergency vehicles have been prevented from gaining access.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
H25/09 (Minute 79/10)	Whether a bus stop can be moved from opposite Pylon Cottages, Canewdon to outside the Village Hall, Canewdon for the benefit of pensioners living in Althorne Way. When will the actual bus stop pole be removed? (Issue raised by residents under the Community Forum item)	Following consultation, residents have stated they wish to see the bus stop moved. The scheme has been added to the programme for completion by end of this financial year. The existing bus stop pole will be removed when the new stop is in place.	Nick Blackall Essex County Council 01245437249
H1/10 (Minute 153/10)	A request was received to investigate instances of vehicles travelling the wrong way up West Street, Rochford, which is a one-way street. The 'No Entry' sign at the bottom of West Street	Following an inspection by County Highways it was noted that one of the signs at the bottom of West Street needs realigning (which will be done) but that both signs are clearly visible. The road markings are worn and need	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540

	<p>was worn out and the signs on the buildings were not plain to see.</p> <p>(Issue raised by a resident under the Community Forum item)</p>	<p>refreshing. If this is not covered under the current Utilities programme of works, a further site visit will take place after completion of utility works to ascertain what needs to be done.</p>	
<p>H2/10 (Minute 153/10)</p>	<p>It was advised that there were issues around enforcement of parking restrictions in Market Square from 7am to 5pm on Tuesdays.</p> <p>It was also requested that signage in respect of these parking restrictions be improved.</p> <p>(Issue raised by a resident under the Community Forum item)</p>	<p>The Council's Transportation Department advises that if the issue is around vehicles parking in the Square before 5pm on a Tuesday as the traders are trying to pack up, enforcement can be arranged at that time. However, for this type of contravention the Civil Enforcement Officers are required to give the motorist 5 minutes' notice before a Penalty Notice can be issued. The traders' best option would be to place bollards across the entrance to the Square until 5pm or until it is cleared.</p> <p>Any improvements to the signage would be an Essex Highways' function. However, if details of the suggested improvements are made available, the request can be forwarded to the appropriate person at ECC.</p>	<p>Joanne Crawford Rochford District Council 01702 318166</p>