

## 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
07/07 (Minute 239/07)	The Bridge on the Old Chelmsford Road – update on the progress of the feasibility study as to whether it might be possible to install traffic lights on the bridge.	Feasibility study now complete and it will be possible to install signals at this location subject to consultation and funding availability. The scheme will have to be considered for future years programming.	L Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
19/07 (Minute 287/07)	Battlesbridge Conservation Area – Progress on establishing a joint forum for issues relating to the Battlesbridge Conservation Area.	Arrangements for a forum have not yet been finalised. Work is ongoing.	S Scrutton Rochford District Council 01702 318100
25/07 (Minute 340/07)	Improvements to the wet side changing rooms and showers at Clements Hall Leisure Centre.	Works completed at Clements Hall wetside as per meetings with officers; further monitoring visits have highlighted further works to be carried out as per normal repairs and maintenance.	J Bourne Rochford District Council 01702 318163

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29/07 (Minute 340/07)	The status of Priory Chase and whether or not this has been adopted. The lights on the turning circle are still not switched on.	Priory Road is anticipated to be adopted this financial year.	L Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
32/07 (Minute 340/07)	Continued speeding and parking problems in Little Wheatley Chase. Speed limit signs are not illuminated.	Will be put forward for possible inclusion in next year's Locally Determined Programme. Mobile speed enforcement has been carried out when resources permit by the police.	L Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
37/07 (Minute 340/07)	The possibility of introducing a 20mph speed limit in Glasseys Lane and other roads in that vicinity leading onto Eastwood Road, Rayleigh.	The policy review is not yet complete although it is unlikely to be implemented since it will have to be largely self enforcing as Essex Police are not likely to prosecute vehicles exceeding 20mph.	L Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
38/07 (Minute 340/07)	Extension to double yellow lines in Picton Gardens/Picton Close, Rayleigh.	Implementation delayed as a result of Transco work being carried out in the vicinity. Anticipated to be completed by the end of June.	L Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540

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45/07 (Minute 339/07)	Speeding and traffic-related problems in Rawreth Lane – there have been recent incidents involving children being knocked over in Rawreth Lane.	Statutory Consultation taking place for 21 days with a view to implementing a revision to the speed limit, 40mph western end and 50mph in the centre. Order has been placed. Awaiting site works to be carried out. Anticipated to be completed by August.	L Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
08/08 (Minute 02/08)	Graffiti and damage in play areas in Hartford Close, Rayleigh	The signs in the play area are being dealt with by Rochford Housing Association who are responsible for this play space. The graffiti on the play equipment has been painted over.	R Evans Rochford District Council 01702 318044
05/08 (Minute 02/08)	Trees have been broken and there's an increase in rubbish at Rayleigh Leisure Centre.	Seven trees have been vandalised at this location. These trees have now been replaced. The litter deposited on the grass and amenity areas has been removed. The rubbish at this site is collected 4 times per week and this service is ongoing.	R Evans Rochford District Council 01702 318044
12/08 (Minute 62/08)	Possibility of installing new benches in Sweyne Park?	This issue will be addressed as part of the maintenance review for open spaces to be reported to the Executive in September and will be funded by the new budget allocation agreed for this year.	R Evans Rochford District Council 01702 318044

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14/08 (Minute 131/08)	Time restrictions for car parking in Little Wheatley Chase	There is a proposal to provide parking restrictions in Little Wheatley Chase outside Nos. 1 to 23. This proposal is to be put to Members shortly.	L Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
15/08 (Minute 131/08)	Detailed programme of gas mains replacement work in Rayleigh	Transco are required to provide the Highway Authority with a three month opening notice indicating which roads they intend to carry work out within that period. Providing this is done Transco have fulfilled their legal obligation to the Highway Authority. Although the County Highways team liaises with Transco with regard to work taking place at any one time, Essex County Council is not involved with detailed programming. At this stage Transco have three gangs working on the east side of Rayleigh, the main one on Eastwood Road. Work is planned for Rayleigh High Street commencing on 24 <sup>th</sup> July and concluding on 1 <sup>st</sup> September. Work in Eastwood Road will be complete by the time work commences in Rayleigh High Street and no other work will be in progress at this time. As indicated by Transco representatives at a previous Committee meeting, work be taking place for the whole of the calendar year. It would appear that the programme of works is, to an extent, 'fluid' in order to achieve the maximum efficiency with regard to progress whilst dealing with demands on a road-by-road basis.	L Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
16/08 (Minute 131/08)	Provision of a pedestrian crossing at the top of Downhall Park Way, near Rawreth Lane	A verbal update will be provided at the Committee meeting.	L Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540

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17/08 (Minute 130/08)	<p>Where, when and with whom was informal consultation with residents undertaken with respect to locating dog bins at Pearsons Farm estate.</p> <p>One dog bin at the junction of Cheapside West and Victoria Avenue does not resolve the problem for the Maine Crescent, Hartford Close, Salem Walk area. We need dog bins, litter bins, regular litter clearance and general tidy up of undergrowth, hedges, etc.</p> <p>Is there still a caretaker living on Pearsons Farm Estate? If not, how is maintenance, etc, monitored and how often?</p>	<p>Informal consultation took place with residents at the junction with Cheapside West and Victoria Avenue on 30 January 2008 and again on 29 May 2008.</p> <p>Residents did not want a dog bin placed at the junction with Maine Crescent and Victoria Avenue. There are already dog bins in the vicinity of the green at Hartford Close and off Boston Avenue and Salem Walk. An alternative location is being discussed with Rochford Housing Association.</p> <p>There is no longer a caretaker living on site. However, the Rochford Housing Association maintenance team regularly monitors the area and any problems should be reported directly to them on 01702 533464.</p>	R Evans Rochford District Council 01702 318044

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18/08 (Minute 130/08)	Why has barbed wire been put up at the football field on the Old London Road?	It has been established that the field is privately owned.	A Bugeja Rochford District Council 01702 318130
19/08 (Minute 130/08)	When will repairs be made to a broken drain cover on the grass area between No. 4 Hartford Close and No. 9 Maine Crescent.	An order has been raised for replacing the broken drainage cover; work should be completed by 9 June 2008.	R Evans Rochford District Council 01702 318044