

East Area Committee Update

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

Ref No	Issue	Progress	Officer details
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. ECC Legal Team is updating Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) details. ECC Legal Services are meeting shortly to discuss Crown Estate land issues prior to publishing the Order. Capital funding is available for the works this financial year, with a provisional start date of January 2011.	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. (Issue raised by a Parish Councillor under the Highways Localism item)	A site visit has been carried out to discuss options to improve the condition 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, prepatching of the carriageway followed by an overlay later in the year.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540

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H16/09 (Minute 247/09)	Footpaths in Canewdon (Issue raised by a Parish Councillor under the Highways Localism spotlight item)	Footways are inspected on a regular basis by the County Highways Inspector. County Highways officers will respond to any specific request made by the Parish Council in respect of footpaths. No major works are planned this financial year.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
H17/09 (Minute 247/09)	Stambridge Road/Stewards Elm Farm Lane, Stambridge junction protection/waiting restrictions (Issue raised by a District Councillor under the Highways Matters spotlight item)	The work has been completed.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
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. The CIF Panel met on 26 May to decide which schemes were to be allocated funding. The applicant would be notified of the Panel's decision.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540

H22/09 (Minute 247/09)	<p>Hole in the middle of the road in Brays Lane, past Hydewood Lane, in the vicinity of the Old Rectory.</p> <p>(Issue raised by a Parish Councillor under the Highways Matters spotlight item)</p>	Funding is now available for haunching, reshaping and surfacing of the carriageway this financial year.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
H23/09 (Minute 247/09)	<p>Footway in the vicinity of the Co-op/estate agent/dress shop, Great Wakering.</p> <p>(Issue raised by a resident under the Highways Matters spotlight item)</p>	Possibilities of using existing legislation that requires landowners to intervene in the interests of health and safety would be explored by County Highways in order to address the poor condition of the footway in the vicinity of the Co-Op/estate agent/dress shop in Great Wakering. The pothole has been filled; ownership of land has still to be determined.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
H24/09 (Minute 246/09)	<p>Car parking blocking access for refuse or emergency vehicles in certain areas in Canewdon.</p> <p>(Issue raised by a resident under the Community Forum item)</p>	Joint action between Essex County Council, Rochford District Council and local Police may be required to resolve the increasing problem of car parking blocking access for refuse or emergency vehicles. Essex County Council has not received specific sites from the Parish Council, which it needs in order to progress the matter.	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	County Highways is awaiting a response from Canewdon Parish Council in respect of a consultation on this matter.	Nick Blackall Essex County Council 01245437249

	<p>the benefit of pensioners living in Althorne Way.</p> <p>Are we getting a replacement bus shelter to replace the one removed?</p> <p>When will the actual bus stop pole be removed?</p> <p>(Issue raised by residents under the Community Forum item)</p>	<p>A replacement shelter has been installed in Anchor Road, Canewdon.</p> <p>Contractors have been instructed to remove the bus stop pole.</p>	
H26/09 (Minute 79/10)	<p>Please explain clearly the reasons why the lights along Hall Road are to be turned off and what safety precautions and risks that have been considered. Are there serious repairs required or is it just two lamps out?</p> <p>(Issue raised by a resident under the Community Forum item)</p>	<p>Responsibility for the street lights along Hall Road is divided between Essex County Council Highways and Rochford Parish Council. Rochford Parish Council looks after the streetlights from the Cherry Orchard roundabout to Nursery Corner (Hall Road/Rectory Road roundabout). It has been indicated that the Parish Council has taken a decision to switch off these lights from a date in April. The Parish Council has been asked to respond to the resident direct. The lights in the section from the railway bridge to the Cherry Orchard roundabout are with County Highways. The County Council has made no decisions as yet about expanding a trial it is undertaking in other parts of Essex to turn off streetlights after midnight to all streetlights in Essex.</p>	<p>Shaun Scrutton Rochford District Council 01702 318137</p>