
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
02/07 (Minute 238/07)	Rayleigh West Sewage Works – timescale for the implementation of additional/improved signage at Hullbridge, Battlesbridge and Rawreth Lane.	The order for new signs has been raised – erection of signs is imminent. No further advance signing is planned at present.	L Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
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.	Battlesbridge – feasibility study is still being worked on. Due date - March 2008. Ongoing.	L Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
16/07 (Minute 286/07)	Dog bins in Langham Drive – Update on requests for additional dog bins in the alley way behind Langham Drive, Rayleigh.	There are currently three dog waste bins in this locality, one at the entrance to Bardfield Way, one in the alleyway itself and one at the alleyway entrance in Langham Drive. All of these bins are emptied twice a week in the summer and once a week in the winter. This frequency will increase under the new contract in April.	R Evans Rochford District Council 01702 318044

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19/07 (Minute 287/07)	Battlesbridge Conservation Area – Progress on establishing a joint forum for issues relating to the Battlesbridge Conservation Area.	A meeting between the two Councils is planned for January 2008, once Chelmsford has formally adopted the document, to discuss the arrangements for a joint forum and the implementation of the action plan.	S Scrutton Rochford District Council 01702 318100
20/07 (Minute 287/07 and Minute 341/07)	Additional Air Quality Monitoring – Update on air quality monitoring conducted from properties in the vicinity of Rawreth Industrial Estate. Additional air quality monitoring in Rawreth Lane, after the Asda store has opened.	A separate report appears on the agenda.	S Blake Rochford District Council 01702 546366
23/07 (Minute 287/07)	Unauthorised Travellers' Site on A1245.	The Council is now considering the possibility of prosecuting the occupiers of this unauthorised site. However, the arrangements for dealing with unauthorised Gypsy and Travellers sites are complicated by the requirements to comply with the provisions of the Human Rights Act and by a recent change in national planning policy. A review of the East of England Plan is underway to take account of the requirements of national legislation that an assessment be carried out of the need for the provision of	S Scrutton Rochford District Council 01702 318100

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		pitches for Gypsy and Traveller caravans in the East of England districts. An issues and options paper was published by the East of England Regional Assembly in May 2007 and the Council is waiting for the outcome from that consultation to determine the appropriate course of action for dealing with this site.	
24/07 (Minute 239/07)	Cutting of verges on green in Graysons Row.	The Council has twice written to the owners of the land asking if it would be possible for the owners to remove the debris on the green. To date, no response has been received. Once the debris has been removed, the Council will resume grass cutting activities again.	R Evans Rochford District Council 01702 318044
25/07 (Minute 340/07)	Improvements to the wet side changing rooms and showers at Clements Hall Leisure Centre.	Virgin Active have included work in this area as part of their bid for next year's capital expenditure that is currently being considered by their Board for a decision in December. Final decisions on Virgin Active's capital investment is still awaited.	J Bourne Rochford District Council 01702 318163
26/07 (Minute 340/07)	Evening Reception cover at the Mill Arts & Events Centre.	Virgin Active management has decided against evening reception cover, but now have an enquiry book on Reception that people can complete, giving contact	J Bourne Rochford District Council 01702 318163

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		details, so that a member of staff can call them back. A portable phone option was considered but was found to be incompatible with the current phone system.	
27/07 (Minute 340/07)	Victoria Avenue, adjoining London Road, is in need of re-surfacing.	No safety defects were found but ECC will continue to monitor the condition.	L Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
28/07 (Minute 340/07)	Hedgerow removed from Hambro Parade has still not been re-planted.	Order placed with RDC - works imminent.	L Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
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.	The road is unlikely to be adopted until late 2008 at the earliest. Until then, the street lighting remains the responsibility of the developer who has been contacted and asked to remedy the situation.	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.	Consultation complete – results being evaluated.	L Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
33/07 (Minute 340/07)	Poor condition of the footpath in Little Wheatley Chase.	Footpath has been inspected and no safety defects identified – condition will be monitored.	L Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540

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34/07 (Minute 340/07)	Uneven road surface in Rawreth Lane in the vicinity of Trenders Avenue.	Some early evidence of deformed surface. Site to be monitored with other similar locations in Rawreth Lane.	L Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
36/07 (Minute 340/07)	Excessive speeding in Langham Drive/Wheatley Chase/Bardfield Way, Rayleigh and limited parking in these roads.	Speed data has been sent to Essex Police who are now considering appropriate action.	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.	Essex County Council is reviewing policy at present. Draft is expected by March 2008. Ongoing.	L Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
38/07 (Minute 340/07)	Extension to double yellow lines in Picton Gardens/Picton Close, Rayleigh.	This is being progressed at the moment, however there is an objection. If this can be resolved the likely implementation date is March 2008.	L Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
39/07 (Minute 340/07)	Site visit by Ward Members and County Highways officers to the junctions of The Chase and Grove Road with Eastwood Road, Rayleigh.	An officer from the Traffic Management Team has met Cllr A J Humphries – actions to be followed up.	L Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540

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41/07 (Minute 339/07)	Graffiti and Damage to Childrens' Play Areas.	Offensive graffiti is removed as soon as practicable and usually within 48 hours. Non-offensive graffiti on play equipment is removed as resources allow, but only when the complete repainting of the equipment can be justified; this could be a period of up to three years.	R Evans Head of Environmental Services Rochford District Council 01702 318044
44/07 (Minutes 339/07 and 410/07)	Flooding in Rawreth – an assurance to be sought from the Environment Agency that ditches within the District would be maintained to prevent build-up of silt.	A letter has been sent to the Environment Agency and a response is awaited.	S Scrutton Rochford District Council 01702 318100
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.	Action by Local Community Police Officers currently ongoing in Rayleigh and out-lying areas including school sites. Rawreth Lane will be targeted late November or early December. Ongoing.	L Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
46/07 (Minute 339/07)	Possibility of locating a dog bin between Rayleigh Leisure Centre and Sweyne Park.	A bin was installed at this location in November.	R Evans Head of Environmental Services Rochford District Council 01702 318044

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47/07 (Minute 409/07)	Youngsters drinking Asda-branded alcohol outside St Nicholas School Area, Rawreth in a poorly lit area.	The Police are taking steps to address this, with consideration being given to various options, including test purchases and a licensing review.	A Parkman Essex Police 01268 775533
48/07 (Minute 409/07)	The number of stray dogs collected within the Rochford District during 2007.	The Council has impounded 30 stray dogs during the last twelve months.	R Evans Head of Environmental Services Rochford District Council 01702 318044
49/07 (Minute 409/07)	Rubbish not being cleared from bushes adjacent to Swayne Park.	The litter which accumulates in the park between Victoria Avenue and the Leisure Centre is being monitored by our Parks & Open Spaces Officer and our contractor and is being cleaned on a regular basis.	R Evans Head of Environmental Services Rochford District Council 01702 318044