
WEST AREA COMMITTEE UPDATE

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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)	<p>The appeal against the Council's Enforcement Notice was dismissed on 29 October 2010.</p> <p>The requirements of the Notice had to be complied with by 26 November 2010, the main requirement being, "...to cease using the land for the parking and storage of heavy goods vehicles...". Whilst it appears the HGVs are still in the vicinity, there is no evidence they are parking on the site. It is therefore concluded the Enforcement Notice has been complied with.</p> <p>At the appeal inquiry, the possibility of off site parking was mentioned as a possibility, if the appeal was dismissed. It seems this may now be occurring as an alternative to parking on the site. County Highways has been informed of the situation.</p>	S Scrutton Rochford District Council 01702 318137

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01/10 (Minute 55/10 and 183/10)	Rawreth Parish Council concern that the area in and around Swayne Park car park continued to suffer from flooding. (Issue raised by a resident during the Community Forum item)	The drainage works are now complete and appear to have improved the situation, both in the area of the playground and access, as well as more generally. The situation will be monitored to see how effective this work has been over time. The resurfacing of the car park is underway and expected to be completed within the month.	A Bugeja Rochford District Council 01702 318130
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)	It has been considered by the local Neighbourhood Policing Team and this can be done by use of hand held speed devices. It hasn't been done yet due to weather, resourcing issues and on/off road works that continually return to the location. In the first instance some data collection will be obtained. A specific idea on time that the problem is worst would be useful. It is recognised that at the busier 'rush hour' times vehicle congestion is heavier therefore vehicle speed generally slower. Casualty Reduction at HQ utilise a vehicle with cameras inside. It is highly unlikely they will be able to deploy this as there is no lay-by to safely park their vehicle where it will not cause an obstruction.	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)	This has been addressed and carried out periodically by the Rayleigh Neighbourhood Policing Team. No vehicle or offender has yet been identified. It will remain on the team's patrol plan. If residents would like to talk to the team, they can contact PC Wyn Sharp on 0300 333 4444 ext 490126 or rayleighnpt@essex.pnn.police.uk	G Westley Essex Police 0300 333 4444

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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)	<p>This issue has been addressed and patrolled by the Rayleigh Neighbourhood Policing Team. No vehicle or offender has yet been identified. It will remain on the team's patrol plan. If residents would like to talk to the team, they can contact PC Wyn Sharp on 0300 333 4444 ext 490126 or rayleighnpt@essex.pnn.police.uk</p> <p>This location was 'flagged' up previously as the youths were gathering and disturbing residents. PC Sharp has initiated a problem solving enquiry to reduce issues and hopefully identify those responsible.</p>	G Westley Essex Police 0300 333 4444
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)	<p>The estate was constructed by Wimpey Homes, but it has not been possible to engage the company in a dialogue about the replacement/repair of the emergency bollards.</p> <p>The implemented permission was not subject to a legal agreement, but Condition 12 of consent 316 / 98 specifically required measures to prevent vehicles and motor cycles from using "The Approach". Wimpey submitted details for the bollards compliant with the Fire Brigade's recommendations, which were subsequently installed as per the details.</p>	S Scrutton Rochford District Council 01702 318137

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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
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)	A replacement of the Hilary Crescent and Victoria Road street name plates has been installed. 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

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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 have been completed at the play space, which has now been re-opened.	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)	This scheme is progressing but was delayed by the recent adverse weather. Three streets have now been surfaced. Eastwood Rise kerbing is complete and the surfacing is expected to take place on 21 January (weather permitting). Once all defects are complete, the entirety of the works should be handed over as public highway towards the end of January. It is also intended to hold a small, formal road opening ceremony with the Chairman of the Council and of the Highways Committee. The date is to be announced.	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)	The footway works are now complete. There were no objections to the proposal. The Traffic Regulation Order has been made and confirmed and the locations for lines and signage have been marked up. The works order has been raised with the contractor. County Highways is waiting for them to implement the works, which is anticipated to be before the end of the current financial year.	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)	All works (that met intervention levels) were completed on 14 December 2010.	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)	The County Council Inspector has served notice on 'The Lodge' to cut back their hedges.	A Hilsdon Essex County Council 01268 297561