

East Area Committee Update

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

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11/07 (Minute no 268)	Establish a completion date for carrying out the work to reinstate the public right of way through the boat yard, Paglesham East End or to put a diversion in place.	The owner of the boatyard had contacted the Enforcement Officer and a deadline to put a diversion in place by the end of September had been agreed.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
32/07 (Minute no 368)	Resurfacing of Brays Lane to the Baltic Wharf.	Temporary repairs to the road at the wharf had been made and capital funding is now available for a scheme this financial year. Works will be at the Wharf end of the road. This scheme has not been programmed to date.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
33/07 (Minute no 368)	Instances of activity and smells emanating from the Treatment Works, Stambridge to be investigated.	Remedial works to the rising main were completed by Anglian Water, at a cost of £200,000 in August 2008. The works necessitated the use of a fleet of fourteen tankers removing flow from the Rochford pumping station and then discharging to other pumping stations in the Rochford and Southend area. No tanker discharges took place at the Stambridge Works. There may have been odours in the vicinity of the pumping stations during the discharge process but these would have been localised and of limited duration. Environment Agency officers were notified of the fault to the rising main at the time of its occurrence and monitored the remediation process.	Richard Evans Rochford District Council 01702 318044

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8/08 (Minute no 23)	An outline design of the Country Park presented to the East Area Committee for consideration prior to its submission to the Executive.	As part of the consultation process, an update will be given at the East Area Committee on 8/10/08.	Patrick McKenna Rochford District Council 01702 318117
16/08 (Minute no 75)	Public Footpaths 1 and 3, Stambridge – proposed footpath diversions.	The draft order in respect of the diversion of Footpath 3 and part extinguishment of Footpath 1 has been submitted to Essex County Council for approval. Statutory consultation and public notice has now commenced. Three objections have been received, two of which were from neighbours and one from a local resident. The applicant's agent has been in negotiations with the neighbours and they have agreed to formally withdraw their objections. With regards to the local resident, Essex County Council has been informed and a response is awaited from them.	Albert Bugeja Rochford District Council 01702 318130
17/08 Minute no 73)	Restore timetable frames on the Harrogate Drive (Service 7) bus stops in both Southend and Rayleigh directions.	Arrangements will be made for new timetable cases to be put up at the Harrogate Drive stops on the Service 7 route in Hockley. The job has been placed with contractors and, although a 3-month time-frame has been advised, ECC will raise it as a priority with the contractor.	Nick Blackall Essex County Council 01245 437249
21/08 (Minute 134/08)	With regard to the lowering of the kerb on the pathway at the entrance to Norman House, one side has been done but the other	An order has been placed with the Contractor. However, works have been delayed due to the need for statutory undertakers' information and a start date is now programmed for 10 November.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540

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	side needs to be done.		
23/08 (Minute 135/08)	Stalls at Rochford Market Square were encroaching onto the pavement and were too close to the shops.	The Market Administrator and Market Superintendent attended the East Area Committee on 4/9/08. The Market Administrator advised that regular checks were carried out to ensure that there was a minimum of six feet between the stalls and shop fronts. Market traders were made aware of specific locations that were identified as a problem. It was requested that further photographs be taken (in a few weeks' time) of the market stalls on market day to check that the 'six-foot rule' was being adhered to.	Shaun Scrutton Rochford District Council 01702 318100
26/08 (Minute 224/08)	Possibility of extending the footpath in Canewdon from Forge Stores to the school entrance in Lambourne Hall Road to prevent primary school children having to walk in the road to and from school.	The request for a footway link from Forge Stores to Canewdon School has been included in the Parish "wish list" for the Locally Determined Programme and has been included for consideration of a possible future year scheme. Currently there is no land available within the highway. A further request was made that the introduction of traffic calming measures be included in the Parish 'wish list' for 2009/10.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
27/08 (Minute 224/08)	The green recycling van parking in Boswell Avenue, to condense the contents of the green bin waste resulting in the spillage of liquid on to the road, which stains the road and verges and creates	This item was referred to the Central Area Committee on 11/9/08, as it falls within the central area of the District. An update on progress was given, as follows:- 'The Councils contractor has instructed its staff not to	Richard Evans Rochford District Council 01702 318044

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	<p>a noxious odour in the vicinity. Residents' concern that the problem could be exacerbated when the food waste recycling commences.</p> <p>The standard of street cleansing and litter bin emptying in the area is judged to be well below standard, particularly in view of the pedestrian traffic to and from King Edmund School. It would appear that the contractors are not yet familiar with the location of the waste bins, which often appear to be left overflowing.</p>	<p>compact the green waste in residential areas. At the time of this enquiry the service collected garden arisings only, this tends to be wetter than the mixed kitchen and garden waste now being collected and the likelihood of liquids seeping from the vehicles is less. Should residents become aware of liquids leaking from refuse vehicles in future they should contact the Council so that the matter can be investigated immediately.' The following was reported at the meeting:-</p> <p>'Where appropriate the contractor would be using a hose to clear any green liquid that had seeped from refuse vehicle activity.'</p> <p>The Central Area Committee on 11/9/08 reported as follows:-</p> <p>'The Street Cleansing contractor has been made aware of the issues at this location and ensures that the bins are emptied at least once a day, the surrounding area is also litter picked as needed.'</p>	
28/08 (Minute 224/08)	Flooding in Pointers Lane, near Cupid's Corner, Great Wakering where drain holes are more towards the middle of the road and not to the side.	<p>This has been passed to ECC Drainage Engineer, who will inspect in times of heavy rain.</p> <p>The ECC Drainage Engineer would also visit the following sites in Great Wakering, following a period</p>	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540

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		<p>of heavy rain:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corner of Crouchmans Avenue and High Street • Outside The Mallards and the High Street 	
29/08 (Minute 256/08)	Request for the speed limit to be reduced along Southend Road, due to fears of potential serious accidents and reports of cars travelling in excess of the 60mph speed limit. The problem was exacerbated by a narrow, overgrown footpath. The 'slow' sign does not appear to have any effect.	<p>At present Southend Road is covered by the National Speed Limit which is 60mph. Unfortunately the area does not meet the Essex County Council Policy for the introduction of a lower speed limit. If the resident feels as that speeds are in excess of 60 mph then the local Police need to become involved with a view to carrying out enforcement in the area.</p> <p>The request for a footway was made some years ago and an assessment then indicated that there was only small number of pedestrians likely to use it, but to alleviate the problem a "rural" type footway was constructed out of loose material laid straight onto the verge area. Looking to the future, should the Parish Council wish to include the request for a properly constructed footway in the next Locally Determined Programme ECC can reassess the route and rank the proposed scheme, along with others in the District, for consideration for funding.</p>	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
30/08 (Minute 256/08)	The filthy state of Rochford Market Square and surrounding roads of Saturday and Sunday mornings. No cleaning takes place until at least 11 am. Rubbish bins are overflowing and	The condition of the Market Square and surrounding roads is of concern and this has been raised with the Council's Contractor, who has been instructed that the centres of both Rayleigh and Rochford need to be cleaned before 9:00am on Monday to Saturday, and Sunday if necessary. This procedure will	Richard Evans Rochford District Council 01702 318044

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	the square cannot be cleaned properly at this time due to parked cars.	commence on 27 September 2008. It has also been requested that greater attention is given to meeting the required street cleansing standard.	
31/08 (Minute 257/08)	Great Wakering Health Centre The Primary Care Trust (PCT) would contact the Health Centre to ascertain whether an application had been made for the facility to perform certain minor operations and report back to County Cllr R A Pearson and Cllr T E Goodwin.	The PCT does in fact commission from the Great Wakering practice a 'minor surgery' service which is delivered from the practice. The Practice Manager, Jo Adey, confirms that they are delivering this service.	Margaret Hathaway/ Ian Stidston South-East Essex PCT 01702 224600
32/08 (Minute 257/08)	Sutton Road drains/potholes Following reports of continuing flooding the drains would be re-inspected. The two pot holes in the road surface would also be inspected.	Potholes have been repaired. The gullies are reported as being clean and free running. Sutton Road is in need of resurfacing and more major works if necessary can be considered then. Scheme delivery to be considered for 2009/10.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
33/08 (Minute 257/08)	Speed limit in Purdeys Way, Rochford. Details to be provided of a recent speed check undertaken in this area.	There has been no speed check undertaken in Purdeys Way.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
34/08 (Minute 257/08)	Speeding traffic along the Barling Road from Stonebridge to	Meeting to be arranged and results of that meeting to be reported at next meeting when ECC Highways	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council

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	Barling. Request that a repeater sign be erected to remind drivers of the 30mph limit. Issue to be referred to the County Traffic Management Team and a site meeting arranged between Mr D Lawrence (County Highways) and County Cllr R A Pearson.	attend.	01268 297540
35/08 (Minute 257/08)	Footpaths in Little Wakering A visit would be arranged to inspect the area following complaints about the bad state of repair of the footpaths. Cllr B Summerfield (Sutton Parish Council) to provide Highways officers with a copy of the Parish Council survey.	County Highways is awaiting a copy of the Parish survey.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
36/08 (Minute 257/08)	Investigate the possibility of re-siting the bus stop from outside Great Wakering Community Centre.	Essex County Council is looking at resiting the bus stop a short distance away from the Centre.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540