

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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07/07 (Minute no 268)	Poynters Lane, Great Wakering – the possibility of hard-standing at the bus stop and refuge points along the road to assist pedestrians.	It is intended to have this work completed by end of March 2008.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
08/07 (Minute no 369)	Report regarding complaints about the speed of traffic down West Street and South Street, Rochford. The District Engineer to provide the outcome of a proposed liaison meeting between Essex County Council and Essex Police.	The results of speed checks along these two roads were as follows:- South Street: 31mph to 32 mph West Street: 29mph to 30mph As these figures were considered to be acceptable, no action will be taken.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
11/07 (Minute no 268)	Obstruction of the public footpath through the boat yard, Paglesham East End.	Letters have been sent to the relevant people.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
20/07 (Minute no 300)	The possibility of reinstatement of the 'slow' sign on the Southend Road, Great Wakering on the approach the entrance Morley's Nursery.	The developer has advised that the signing will be reinstated by the end of February.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540

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<p>22/07 (Minute no 369)</p>	<p>Establishing responsibility for the clearing of litter and cleaning the area around the new Somerfield development in Rochford.</p>	<p>Most of the areas of concern are private land and the obligation for street cleansing rests with the landowner and tenants, although the Council does have powers under the Environmental Protection Act to require action.</p> <p>In November we reached agreement with Somerfield that its contractor would sweep the frontage twice a day, Monday to Saturday. The adjacent areas would continue to be swept by the landlord's contractor on a weekly basis and this includes the roadway leading to North Street.</p> <p>In view of the proximity of the passageway to the side of the Natwest bank to the Town Square and the fact that this land was in multiple ownership, the Council took a decision to extend the street cleaning contract to include the passageway, and this is being cleaned on a daily basis.</p> <p>It is understood that Essex County Council is giving consideration to adopting the access road to North Street. If it is adopted RDC will also take on responsibility for cleansing this area.</p>	<p>Richard Evans Rochford District Council 01702 318044</p>

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23/07 (Minute no 300)	Report of ruts and ridges in the road surface in Ashingdon Road in the vicinity of Hall Road/Dalys Road, which presented difficulties to two blind residents.	Various patches have been marked out ready for repair and should be completed by the end of March 2008.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
26/07 (Minute no 367)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whether the street lighting in Sutton Road, particularly from Warwick Drive to Purdeys Way, can be upgraded. • What cutting regime is in place to deal with the overgrown vegetation along Sutton Road? 	<p>Lighting of this section of road would be included as part of the Sutton Ford bridge scheme, which is on the programme for 2008/9. It would be prudent to wait until completion of the scheme before considering other changes.</p> <p>The issue will be dealt with by County Highways as the need arises.</p>	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
28/07 (Minute no 368)	Progress regarding the surfacing of the carriageway at Brays Lane junction, which was considered unsatisfactory.	Surfacing of the carriageway at Brays Lane junction has now been completed.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
29/07 (Minute no 368)	The possibility of removing the pedestrian refuge outside the Co-op in Great Wakering, which had been causing problems, would be raised with Essex Police.	The possibility of removing the pedestrian refuge could be included by the parish council in the Locally Determined Programme for 2008/9. Any scheme would have to be considered in conjunction with the need to provide a facility for	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540

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		pedestrians.	
31/07 (Minute no 368)	Drainage problems, causing flooding of the kerbs along Great Wakering High Street and on the corner of the High Street by the garage.	The issue was being addressed and works to complete the drainage issues would take place in the 2008/09 financial year.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
32/07 (Minute no 368)	<p>The District Engineer advised that resurfacing of Brays Lane to the Baltic Wharf was being considered.</p> <p>A classified count of the number and size of vehicles using the road on a daily basis was being undertaken.</p>	<p>County Cllr Hume, the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transportation, had visited the area to view the issue at first-hand.</p> <p>The results of a classified vehicle count for traffic along Creeksea Ferry Road, Wallasea took place on 7/2/06 between 7 am and 7 pm were as follows:-</p> <p>Westbound – 327 vehicles, of which 81 were lorries over 1.5 tonnes Eastbound – 281 vehicles, of which 72 were lorries over 1.5 tonnes.</p> <p>The road does not meet County policy for the introduction of a speed limit beyond the existing speed limit.</p> <p>Temporary repairs to the road at the wharf had been made. It is hoped to undertake a more permanent repair during 2008/9.</p>	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540

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33/07 (Minute no 368)	An update on the monitoring/ modelling for the Rochford Sewage Treatment Works, Stambridge to be provided.	The Council’s consultants, ADAS, are still in the process of assessing the data provided by Anglian Water, this should be completed shortly.	Richard Evans Rochford District Council 01702 318044
36/07 (Minute no 427)	Wheelie bin, Great Wakering Community Association RDC to liaise with the Community Association regarding the provision of a wheelie bin for its premises.	Because the Community Association is a Charity, confirmation was sought as to whether it could be classified as domestic for the purposes of collecting waste. On further investigation, it has been the case for a number of years that the Community Association has received a refuse collection using the normal 240 litre black bin via the domestic waste collection rounds that had been carried out on behalf of the District Council by Serviceteam (latterly Veolia). However, this collection should not have been carried out, due to the fact that refuse generated from such a facility is not deemed household waste and the centre operator (even though a charitable organisation) should make its own arrangements for obtaining a trade waste collection service.	Jeremy Bourne Rochford District Council 01702 318163

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37/07 (Minute no 429)	Replacement of the plastic banding on the bollards outside the White Hart in Great Wakering High Street.	These works have been ordered.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
1/08 (Minute no 22)	Why are traders in Ship Lane, North Street and Roche Close in Rochford allowed to park their vehicles unattended for extended periods of time and nothing done about it?	<p>Roche Close is privately owned and is not subject to a Traffic Regulation Order – therefore, Rochford Council’s Parking Attendants cannot enforce the double yellow lines.</p> <p>As regards, North Street and Old Ship Lane, these streets are patrolled regularly and parking tickets are issued very frequently – in fact, since October 2004, 722 Penalty Charge Notices have been issued to vehicles parked along North Street contravening Traffic Regulation Orders.</p>	Shaun Scrutton Rochford District Council 01702 318100
2/08 (Minute no 22)	<p>1. Why doesn’t the Council ask the Environment Agency (EA) to explain the inconsistencies in the various statements that it has made over the years, as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill Forbes, Area Manager, EA states 1-200 (0.5% risk/annum) (17 April 2001) 	This issue has been discussed with the Environment Agency and it has been confirmed that there is no inconsistency in the information that has been provided; the answers given are a response to different questions.	<p>Shaun Scrutton Rochford District Council 01702 318100</p> <p>Albert Bugeja Rochford District Council 01702 318130</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul Woodcock, Regional Director EA stated 1-50 (2% risk/annum) (18 December 2003) • John Macrea Team Lead Enforcement EA stated 1-5 (20% risk/annum) 20 Jan 2004) • Mr Bloomfield EA undertakes to correct maps sold to solicitors and conveyances (1 Nov 2004 • Mr Bloomfield seconded by Thames Gateway states 1-200 (0.5% risk/annum) (Nov 2006) • Mr Bloomfield states there will be no flood for a thousand years (23 Jan 2007) • Mr Bloomfield states that Great Wakering is protected by a 1-20 Standard (27 Nov 2007) <p>2. What happened to the promise to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve the existing defence to reduce the flood-risk • Regulate tidal exchange • Secondary embankment around Great Wakering • Secondary defence set back behind the original defence line? 	<p>It is not possible for Rochford District Council to directly respond to the points raised in question 2 – these matters are the responsibility of the Environment Agency.</p> <p>However, detailed information about the proposed flood alleviation scheme has recently been provided to Great Wakering, and copies can be made on request.</p>	

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	<p>the original defence line?</p> <p>3. What reason has the Council got for refusing to put the risks on the Council's register in accordance with the Civil Contingencies Act 2004?</p>	<p>The Council has not refused to enter the risk of flooding on to its Community Risk Register (as per the CCA requirements).</p> <p>The issue here is that the Council has not included in the risk register an obligation to pre-warn all prospective buyers of that risk, nor to advise all existing owners that their insurance policy could be jeopardised by the existing flood risk. These are not Council obligations.</p>	<p>Richard Prior Rochford District Council 01702 318132</p>
<p>3/08 (Minute no 22)</p>	<p>A request is made to include Stambridge Road in the Essex County Council Trading Standards programme of weight restriction monitoring of specific sites within the county.</p>	<p>Stambridge Road has been included in the monitoring exercise.</p>	<p>Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540</p>
<p>4/08 (Minute no 22)</p>	<p>County Council to reassess provision of buses to provide a bus service from</p>	<p>From 30 March 2008 Arriva will be introducing two later evening buses to</p>	<p>Nick Blackall Essex County Council</p>

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	Great Wakering earlier in the mornings and later at night to enable residents who were employed outside the village to get to and from work.	<p>Great Wakering. From this date the Service 7 buses that leave Southend Travel Centre at 2228 and 2328, and currently terminate at Shoeburyness, will be extended to serve Great Wakering, arriving at Little Wakering Corner at 2252 and 2352 respectively.</p> <p>It is understood that these changes are the result of a recent meeting between Arriva and Great Wakering Parish Council where a number of issues relating to bus services were discussed.</p>	01245 437249
5/08 (Minute no 23)	Non-payment to two residents for land purchased by Essex County Council when building a path built along Lambourne Hall Road, Canewdon to be referred to Essex County Council Legal Department.	There are 4 plots of land in this area being purchased by Essex County Council. Plots 1 and 3 have completed (plot 1 on 4/2/08). In respect of Plots 2 and 4, terms have been agreed but the conveyancing process has yet to be completed.	Alan Timms Essex County Council 01245 430448
6/08 (Minute no 23)	Investigate a decision taken in the 1980s to establish leisure facilities at the old civic amenity site at Great Wakering.	District Council officers have been unable to find any records regarding this decision. As a civic amenity site, it would have been the responsibility of Essex County Council. No further action will be taken by District Council officers in view of the work currently going on in Great Wakering to	Jeremy Bourne Rochford District Council 01702 318163

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		provide youth facilities.	
7/08 (Minute no 23)	Essex County Council to verify the legality of moving a footpath if doing so resulted in it being extended in length by more than a set maximum.	Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980 provides the power to divert footpaths and bridleways by order and sets out the rules for diverting footpaths. An order cannot be confirmed unless the requirements in section 119(6) are met, in particular that the diversion route will not be substantially less convenient to the public, of which any additional length needing to be walked or the gradient of the route might be a relevant consideration. There is no maximum additional distance per se.	Alan Timms Essex County Council 01245 430448
8/08 (Minute no 23)	An outline design of the Country Park is presented to the East Area Committee for consideration prior to its submission to Council.	The Council will be undertaking comprehensive consultation with user groups and other interested parties, including a further presentation to the East Area Committee, before finalising the design and presenting a report to the Executive Board later this year.	Patrick McKenna Rochford District Council 01702 318117