

Central 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
16/10 (Minute 216/10)	Taking up of concern about temporary fence in part of the bridle path at the Clements Hall end of Park Gardens with the Rights of Way Officer at Essex County Council. (Issue raised by a resident during the community forum.)	It is anticipated that an order will be made modifying the route of the bridle path over the next few days.	Garry White Essex County Council 01245 437563
17/10 (Minute 216/10)	Vehicles double parking where there are parking restrictions in Windermere Avenue, Hullbridge. The night time and weekends being the busiest periods. (Issue raised by a resident during the community forum.)	Police Community Support Officers have been paying attention to the area. Some vehicles have been moved at police request and door knockings completed with local residents. There have been no comments re parking issues from these residents. The main problem appears to be residents wanting to park close to their homes and not leaving enough space for other vehicles to pass. Patrols will continue and where offences are identified, positive action taken.	T/Inspector A Clarkson Essex Police 01268 775533 in consultation with Neighbourhood Police Team
18/10 (Minute 216/10)	Vehicles stopping outside the One Stop Shop in Hullbridge. (Issue raised by a Member during the community forum)	It is the responsibility of the Police to enforce the protective zig zag markings for the pedestrian crossing or double parking in the highway which causes an obstruction.	Shaun Scrutton Rochford District Council 01702 318044

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19/10 (Minute 216/10)	Whether the diversion of 460 allocations DPD responses from the clearly specified section TC9 to E10 can be looked at further. (Issue raised by a resident during the community forum)	All of the representations to the Allocations development plan document option TC9 have now been cross-referenced to options TC7, TC10 and E10.	Shaun Scrutton Rochford District Council 01702 318044
20/10 (Minute 218/10)	That, in terms of strength and durability, a post and rail fence would be the most appropriate at the location of the horse route on the western side of Clements Hall. (Issue raised by a Parish Member during the Central Area Update.)	An order has been raised with the contractor to upgrade this fence and the work should be completed by the end of November.	Albert Bugeja Rochford District Council 01702 318130
21/10 (Minute 218/10)	Hawkwell Parish Council's concern that Network Rail had not undertaken the ditch clearance works that it had indicated had been completed. (Issue raised by a Member during the Central Area Update.)	<p>The associated flooding issue has been looked at by the Rochford District Council engineer who is of the opinion that the major flood risk along Magnolia Road arises from the elevated level of the roadway, which has been built up over the years. This road is unadopted and the responsibility of the residents to maintain.</p> <p>Although there is vegetation with the ditch on the Railtrack side, this is no worse than that on the other side of the road, where it appears that some of the ditch may have been piped in the past to facilitate access to properties. It is not clear how well maintained the piping is on the private side of the road or the condition of any</p>	Albert Bugeja Rochford District Council 01702 318130

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		<p>culverts under the road. There is evidence on the Railtrack side of maintenance having been carried out.</p> <p>If the District Council was to attempt to enforce the clearing of the ditch under the Land Drainage Act 1991 Section 16 or 25 this would have to be enforced on both sides of the road and it is likely that Railtrack would demonstrate that it has maintained its ditch. The private landowners would have to maintain their ditch and any culverts under the road.</p> <p>The District Council has no responsibility or budget for the maintenance of these private ditches. All costs, including overheads, would have to be recovered from the appropriate landowners.</p>	
22/10 (Minute 218/10)	Concern that statistics requested by a resident from the Primary Care Trust (PCT) in relation to practice based commissioning indicated that all investment was going to the Southend-on-Sea Borough area and that there are indications that the PCT announced a significant investment in the Westcliff area. The PCT to be asked for a more substantive response to this issue and invited	<p>There is currently uncertainty about the future shape of health services pending the outcome of consultation on the recent White Paper, including the aspect of where responsibility for estates will sit. There is also a major financial challenge in terms of finding efficiencies.</p> <p>The PCT anticipates attending the next meeting of the Committee when more information will be available on future direction and it should be possible to respond more fully to detailed questions.</p>	Ian Stidston NHS South East Essex 01702 244600

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	to attend a future meeting of the Central Area Committee to address concerns raised. (Issue raised by a resident during the Central Area update.)		

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

Ref No	Issue	Progress	Officer Details
H5/10 (Minute 63/10)	Rear of Print Shop in Hawkwell Park Drive – large shrubs blocking grass verge and large wooden shelving deposits. Covered building material on grass verge outside adjacent property and high levels of rubbish under a large shrub further along. Also, concern at size of free growing buddleia at front of Print Shop. (Issue raised by a resident during the community forum).	There is no danger to the highway although the site is particularly untidy. Essex County Council will be sending a letter to the owners in discussion with Rochford District Council.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
H20/10 (Minute 217(2)/10)	Inspection of condition of the footpaths at Hill Lane, Rayleigh.	No defects present that warrant immediate attention.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540