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 results of the speed checks along these roads and the proposed liaison meeting between Essex County Council and Essex Police.	Speed checks have been carried out in South Street and West Street and results are expected shortly. The data will be available at the East Area Committee meeting on 16 January 2008.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
11/07 (Minute no 268)	Obstruction of the public footpath through the boat yard, Paglesham East End.	The issues at Paglesham Boatyard have been ongoing for many years as boats get moved around the yard. The current situation is being looked into. An ECC officer, Christine Allman, has visited the site and confirmed that the path is obstructed. Appropriate letters will be sent. It should be noted that	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540

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		the boat yard is now being offered for sale.	
19/07 (Minute no 300)	Four pieces of metal protruding from the ground on the tarmac path that runs between the Co-op and Conway Avenue in Great Wakering, which presents a danger to people using the route.	The matter is being actioned as a statutory nuisance and arrangements are in hand to carry out remedial measures.	Albert Bugeja Head of Legal Services 01702 318130
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 responsible for delivering the work to a satisfactory standard is required to return to complete all outstanding items. A timescale will be agreed and notified to the Parish Council within the next 14 days. ECC are still corresponding with the developer regarding outstanding items and are hopeful of a date for completion of the work during week commencing 26/11/07.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
22/07 (Minute no 369)	Establishing responsibility for the clearing of litter and cleaning the area around the new Somerfield	This site is in private ownership and it is the responsibility of the landowner to keep the land clear of	Richard Evans Head of Environmental Services

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	development in Rochford.	litter. The Waste Management Officer has worked in partnership with Somerfield supermarket and cleaning of the area will now be undertaken twice a day on Monday to Friday and once a day on Saturday and Sunday. The passageway that provides access to the Town Square is in multiple private ownership. This area is now cleaned by our Street Cleansing Contractor.	01702 318044
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. Major works are necessary for next financial year, subject to funding.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
26/07 (Minute no 367)	Whether the street lighting in Sutton Road, particularly from Warwick Drive to Purdeys Way, can be upgraded.	 A large part of this section of road is included in the Sutton Ford bridge scheme; when this gets underway, lighting will be included as part of these works. This scheme is on the programme for 2008/9 and it would be prudent to wait until completion of the scheme before 	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540

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	 What cutting regime is in place to deal with the overgrown vegetation along Sutton Road? 	 considering other changes. Essex County Council's Inspector will order works for the Contractor to carry out as soon as possible, as and when the need arises. 	
27/07 (Minute no 367)	Why two specific houses are to be built in New Road, Great Wakering, which is allegedly on a flood plain.	The Council is not aware of the houses being referred to and without further information it is not possible to give an answer. Work is being undertaken to identify the properties in question.	Shaun Scrutton Head of Planning & Transportation 01702 318100
28/07 (Minute no 368)	Progress regarding the surfacing of the carriageway at Brays Lane junction, which was considered unsatisfactory.	County Highways noted the issue and would keep the Committee advised on progress.	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.	Essex County Council Traffic Management Engineer has been asked to look into this item. No action is likely in near future as there is need for further investigation and an allocation of funding should the decision be made to remove the refuge. It is	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540

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		suggested that this be added to the Locally Determined Programme for 2008/9.	
30/07 (Minute no 368)	The vegetation overhanging parts of New Road in Great Wakering, which often obstructs pedestrians from walking on the pavement, would be inspected.	The owner of the trees has been asked to trim the vegetation back. There is no footway in this location, just grass verge.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
31/07 (Minute no 368)	Drainage problems at the junction of Little Wakering Hall Lane with High Street, Great Wakering would be inspected on a day when it is raining.	This problem has now been seen in the rain and the Drainage Engineer is considering the best solution to resolve it. Essex County Council will update at the East Area Committee meeting on 16 January 2008.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
32/07 (Minute no 368)	The District Engineer advised that resurfacing of Brays Lane to the Baltic Wharf was being considered. A classified count of the number and size of vehicles using the road on a daily basis was being undertaken. These statistics would be passed to County Cllr N Hume, the highways and Transportation portfolio holder, and then forwarded to Rochford	County Cllr Hume, the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transportation, has visited the area to see first-hand what the issues are. Temporary repairs to the road at the wharf have been made. It is hoped to undertake a more permanent repair during 2008/9.	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 in the process of evaluating the pre-and-post construction reports. This will form the basis of the proposed modelling activity. It is anticipated that the assessment will be completed by the end of January 2008.	Richard Evans Head of Environmental Services 01702 318044
34/07 (Minute no 368)	Introducing Measures to Deal with Irresponsible Dog Ownership It was believed that the Police had a statutory responsibility to deal with any dangerous dogs that were reported, as well as responsibility for stray dogs reported outside of office hours.	Essex Police will discuss legislation relating to the control of dogs at the East Area Committee meeting on 12/12/07.	Andy Parkman Essex Police 01268 775533