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<p>Ms E Hawkins, Great Wakering</p> <p>Why is Great Wakering excluded from the green bins collections, especially considering the garden rubbish that goes into the black bins and the shortage of landfill sites?</p>	<p>Great Wakering and certain other rural communities are excluded from the current green bin recycling scheme on the grounds of cost. This scheme commenced in July 2005 and at the time was only financially viable as a buy-in scheme in the more densely populated areas of Rayleigh, Rochford, Hockley, Hawkwell, Hullbridge and Ashingdon. A free Saturday collection point was established for the rural areas.</p> <p>The Council is currently giving consideration to a new refuse and recycling contract that will start from April 2008; it is hoped that this new contract will provide better facilities for the residents of Great Wakering.</p>
<p>Ms E Hawkins, Great Wakering</p> <p>What thought has been given to the elderly being able to dispose of their green waste?</p>	<p>Provision currently exists for collections of green waste around the East area on Saturday mornings. The Council is currently engaged in a procurement process for its waste management and recycling contracts, with new contracts due to begin in April 2008. The process entails a thorough review of all waste collection / management with the intention of significantly increasing the amount of recycling undertaken within the district. The current contracts will however remain in force until 31 March 2008; residents can, however, dispose of green waste in their grey bins, space permitting.</p>
<p>Mr Bunn, Great Wakering</p> <p>Is the village library earmarked for closure?</p>	<p>The Library Service is looking for an alternative and better premises within Great Wakering for the library. If no such premises are found, the lease on the current building would be renewed.</p>
<p>Mr B Efde, Great Wakering</p> <p>Why are known flood hazards not reported to residents and purchasers of properties in the Rochford District, with the Millward Park Estate, Great Wakering</p>	<p>The issue of Millward Park Estate being on the flood plain is well known and the issue has been examined in some detail in Committee. With regard to purchasers, it is up to them through their solicitors to undertake appropriate</p>

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as a specific example of this?	searches including via the Environment Agency. The Council's Land Charge searches do not contain flood risk information.
<p>Ms K Shinn, Great Waking</p> <p>I am concerned that there are 4 bits of metal that are protruding from the ground on the tarmac path that runs between the Co-op and Conway Avenue in Great Waking. This is a danger to those less able people who use this route. I want to know if anything can be done to get these pieces of metal removed or dealt with.</p>	<p>Once the exact location has been established, the Council will ascertain whether it is County Council owned or privately owned. If the former, the County Council will be asked to investigate. If it is privately owned, Environmental Health will be asked to take a look to see whether it constitutes a health and safety risk. If so, the Council would ask the landowner to take remedial action.</p>
<p>Mr and Mrs Burroughs, Great Waking</p> <p>We would like to discuss the problems we are having with the waste processing plant next door to us at Tree Fellas timber yard.</p>	<p>Tree Fellas PLC has a Waste Management Licence issued by the Environment Agency for composting green waste. All environmental concerns, such as dust, odour and noise, etc, can be regulated through the application of conditions on this licence. The Agency have confirmed that they are aware that certain issues continue to be raised by local residents regarding the operation of the premises and will continue to ensure that these are addressed by the operator.</p> <p>The responsible officer at the Agency is Ms J Plumb 01473 706367. Alternatively, contact can be made through their national incident hotline on 0800 807060.</p>
<p>Mr Bunn, Great Waking</p> <p>Questions relating to Rochford District Council's current recycling performance and recycling service in 2008 once the present contracts expire.</p>	<p>The questions were received too late to get full responses. Answers will be provided in the update report at the next meeting of this Committee.</p>
<p>Mr H Morris, Great Waking</p> <p>The realignment of Southend Road, Great Waking took out a 'slow' sign on</p>	<p>There has been a lengthy exchange of emails between the Parish Council and the County Council and it is most regrettable that the outstanding work has</p>

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the road as you approach the entrance to Morley's Nursery. The Parish Council has been asking for over a year when the sign is going back on the road and Essex has not given us an answer to our many emails. Please can we have the answer to our question?	not been completed. 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.
Mrs Lucas, Rochford	An update will be provided at the next meeting.
Around the new Somerfields development in Rochford there is daily more and more litter spoiling the new site. Whose responsibility is the cleaning of this area? All parties concerned seem to be denying responsibility. We are concerned, especially as it's in the middle of the Conservation Area.	
Rochford Parish Council	This issue will be reported to County Highways and an update reported to the next meeting.
2 blind people living in the Rochford area have experienced difficulties in crossing the road in Ashingdon Road in the vicinity of Hall Road/Dalys Road because of ruts and ridges in the road surface.	
Mr Robinson, Great Wakering	This issue will be reported to County Highways and an update reported to the next meeting.
Since the road surface has been re-tarmac-ed along the High Street in Great Wakering, the road surface height has increased, while the height of the pavements has remained the same; am concerned about the possibility of flooding on the pavements during heavy rainfall.	
Mrs M Sherwin, Great Wakering	See response to Mr Efde, above.
Can you confirm that Millwood Park is not on a flood plain?	The original planning consent on this site was for bungalows, with bedrooms on ground floor level. Rochford District Council took the view that it would be safer to have 2-storey houses on the site, with upstairs bedrooms. It is not Government policy to build within the

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At the last forum Lyn Harvey emailed Parish Councils requesting a list of work that needed to be done. When the list from Rochford Parish Council was forwarded to her the reply received was that no money was available. Why?

School Governor, Canewdon

According to an *Evening Echo* article, Canewdon had been allocated 165 houses to be built as part of the Rochford core strategy, but the school was full and likely to remain so. What will happen?

Canewdon Resident

The local sewage works are unable to accommodate further houses – will these be increased in size? What infrastructure changes will there be to accommodate increased housing numbers?

flood plain; the Council will accordingly not grant planning permission for any applications within the flood plain.

An update will be provided at the next meeting.

The newspaper report relates to a proposal made by the Conservative Group at Rochford District Council, but this is subject to full consideration by the Council and is not Council policy.

The housing allocation is one dictated by Central Government. 67% of the district is within the flood plain and 90% is within the Green Belt; there is not therefore a great deal of space on which to place large numbers of extra houses. All potential sites will be further scrutinised, with particular attention paid to infrastructure. Any proposals would have to be examined in detail by Central Government.