Central Area Committee Update

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

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08/07 (Minute 263(2)/07 and 353(1)/07)	The possibility of extending the white lines (or introducing studs, beyond the white lines already introduced near Bullwood Hall to Fountain Lane).	A meeting between the Traffic Management Engineer, Peter Wright, and Cllr J Thomass is being arranged - date to be confirmed.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
11/07 Minute 263(3)/07)	Replacement of the length of footpaths 8 and 9 adjacent to Brandy Hole on the River Crouch, which has suffered coastal erosion.	A formal request has been submitted to the County Council for this to be given high priority status within the County's Rights of Way Improvement Plan. Essex County Council is currently prioritising the list of creations (through a point scoring system) and this scheme will be included in the process. The County Council is currently considering its stance on the draft Marine Bill and this issue may be one that is resolved through the creation of a 'coastal corridor' that rolls back with erosion if the provisions in the Bill become law.	Albert Bugeja Rochford District Council 01702 318130 Tim Gardiner Essex County Council 01245 437649
12/07 (Minute 307/07, 354/07 and	The possibility of opening a route for horses on the western side of Clements Hall to come out at	At the Central Area Committee on 6 March 2008 it was resolved that the construction of a new bridleway beendorsed in	Albert Bugeja Rochford District Council 01702 318130

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93/08)	Hawkwell Park Drive and join the bridleway to Park Gardens.	principle, subject to appropriate consultation and a full investigation and report on the grant funding that would be available to cover the suggested options The District Council has written to the Essex County Council Public Rights of Way Officer in respect of grant funding but no response has been received to date.	
14/07 (Minute 308/07)	Siting of a community shelter on the Clements Hall Recreation Fields.	The Executive Board on 26/3/08 (Minute no 116) approved proposals to introduce a community shelter adjacent to the skate park on the Clements Hall Recreation Fields.	Jeremy Bourne Rochford District Council 01702 318163
15/07 (Minute 352/07)	Encouraging bus companies to operate a service over Coventry Hill on weekdays hourly to either Hockley Spa, Rochford/ Ashingdon, Rayleigh Rail Station to connect with other routes to the Hospital or Southend Travel Centre.	District Cllr D G Stansby and Parish Cllr Mrs M A Weir have raised the issue at a meeting of the Essex County Passenger Services Committee, when it was agreed the matter would be brought to the attention of the appropriate bus companies. Service 20, operated by First, provides a 15 minute frequency between Southend and Hullbridge operating through	Shaun Scrutton Rochford District Council 01702 318100

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		Rayleigh. The service operates along Lower Road and Ferry Road which is the nearest point that people from Coventry Hill can access the service. There is some concern expressed by Essex County Council that it would be difficult for a frequent service to operate along there due to the carriage width and the nature of the road. The Head of Planning and Transportation is meeting with Essex County Council in early April to discuss this (and other) bus travel issues.	
16/07 (Minute 352/07)	The making up of unadopted roads in Hullbridge – consultation with County Cabinet Member for Highways and Transportation.	County officers are in the process of carrying out a detailed analysis of all unadopted roads in the whole of the South Area (Basildon, Castle Point and Rochford), which will include estimates of probable costs to bring the identified roads up to adoptable standard. The report on this analysis is being compiled and will be submitted to the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transportation for consideration in due course. Funding has been made available this financial year to start the making up process when a prioritised list has been made available.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540

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06/08 (Minute 26/08)	Cars parked on the grass verges between Doric Avenue and Mansted Gardens, Hawkwell.	Site being monitored with a view to appropriate action. The complaint indicated that parked vehicles were causing an obstruction to the site line. However, numerous ad hoc visits have been made with no evidence of this problem.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
07/08 (Minute 27(1)/08)	Traffic issues (particularly involving heavy lorries and use of the lane as a 'rat run') at White Hart Lane.	A detailed study was undertaken by ECC in 2002/3 with a report submitted to the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Recommendation was to 'do nothing and maintain status quo'. Members may want to consider whether raising the issue again is likely to result in different outcome. Funding will need to be identified for ECC to undertake further work on this item.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
08/08 (Minute 92/08)	Scheduling of lectures or seminars to tell the public about the woodlands in Hockley.	Arrangements will be made for a presentation to a future meeting of the area committee on coppicing and the work of the woodlands team.	Richard Evans Rochford District Council 01702 318044
09/08 (Minute 92/08)	The refurbishment of the wet side showers/changing areas at Clements Hall	This has been reported into the West Area Committee at its meeting on 12/6/08, as follows: 'Works completed at Clements Hall wetside as per meetings with officers; further monitoring visits have highlighted	Jeremy Bourne Rochford District Council 01702 318163

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		further works to be carried out as per normal repairs and maintenance'.	
10/08 (Minute 93/08)	Cars being driven in an inappropriate manner in the Clements Hall Leisure Centre car park.	Possibility of the car park entrance gate being locked when the centre is closed would be raised with Virgin Active and reported back.	Jeremy Bourne Rochford District Council 01702 318163
11/08 (Minute 94/08)	Investigation with regard to two derelict caravans on the Clements Hall recreation fields and demolition of a maintenance shed on the field.	No caravans have been found on accessible public or private land when investigated by the Contract Monitoring Officer. It may be useful to have a more specific location for the caravans.	Albert Bugeja Rochford District Council 01702 318130