

WEST 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
02/07 (Minute 238/07)	Rayleigh West Sewage Works – timescale for the implementation of additional/improved signage at Hullbridge, Battlesbridge and Rawreth Lane.	Erection of new signs anticipated shortly, but further advance signing is not planned at present.	L Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
07/07 (Minute 239/07)	The Bridge on the Old Chelmsford Road – update on the progress of the feasibility study as to whether it might be possible to install traffic lights on the bridge	Battlesbridge – feasibility study is still being worked on. Due date - March 2008.	L Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
16/07 (Minute 286/07)	Dog bins in Langham Road – Update on requests for additional dog bins in the alley way behind Langham Drive, Rayleigh.	An additional bin is due to be installed by mid-November.	R Evans Rochford District Council 01702 318044
17/07 (Minute 286/07)	Weeds along A1245 within Rochford Boundary – Essex County Council to be alerted to the presence of ragwort.	Work completed in central reservation. Presence of ragwort noted but is not a high priority at present. Plants are more easily identified when in flower and can then be pulled. This work is best carried out in the summer to make best use of resources.	L Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540

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18/07 (Minute 286/07)	Large Road Sign Obscured on the A1245 – Essex County Council to be alerted to a large road sign being obscured by trees on the A1245 between the Carpenters Arms roundabout and the A127.	Work complete.	L Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
19/07 (Minute 287/07)	Battlesbridge Conservation Area – Progress on establishing a joint forum for issues relating to the Battlesbridge Conservation Area.	A meeting between the two Councils is planned for January 2008, once Chelmsford has formally adopted the document, to discuss the arrangements for a joint forum and the implementation of the action plan.	S Scrutton Rochford District Council 01702 318100
20/07 (Minute 287/07 and Minute 341/07)	Additional Air Quality Monitoring – Update on air quality monitoring conducted from properties in the vicinity of Rawreth Industrial Estate. Additional air quality monitoring in Rawreth Lane, after the Asda store has opened.	Consultant's report in respect of the air quality monitoring has now been received. Assessment of findings and recommendations are currently in hand. A report will be made to the West Area Committee on 8 January 2008 and to the Executive Board on 9 January 2008. Air quality monitoring is currently being carried out by Asda as required in respect of a Planning condition. A report will be made to this Committee once this assessment has been completed.	S Blake Rochford District Council 01702 546366

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23/07 (Minute 287/07)	Unauthorised Travellers' Site on A1245	The Council is now considering the possibility of prosecuting the occupiers of this unauthorised site. However, the arrangements for dealing with unauthorised Gypsy and Travellers sites are complicated by the requirements to comply with the provisions of the Human Rights Act and by a recent change in national planning policy. A review of the East of England Plan is underway to take account of the requirements of national legislation that an assessment be carried out of the need for the provision of pitches for Gypsy and Traveller caravans in the East of England districts. An issues and options paper was published by the East of England Regional Assembly in May 2007 and the Council is waiting for the outcome from that consultation to determine the appropriate course of action for dealing with this site.	S Scrutton Rochford District Council 01702 318100

24/07 (Minute 239/07)	Cutting of verges on green in Graysons Row	The Council has written to the owners of the land asking if it would be possible for the owners to remove the debris on the green. To date, a response has not been received and a further letter will be sent. Once the debris has been removed, the Council will resume grass cutting activities again.	R Evans Rochford District Council 01702 318044
25/07 (Minute 340/07)	Improvements to the wet side changing rooms and showers at Clements Hall Leisure Centre	Virgin Active have included work in this area as part of their bid for next year's capital expenditure that is currently being considered by their Board for a decision in December.	J Bourne Rochford District Council 01702 318163
26/07 (Minute 340/07)	Evening Reception cover at the Mill Arts & Events Centre.	Virgin Active management will be assessing the cover in this area of the service in relation to the demand and nature of bookings taking place during the evening.	J Bourne Rochford District Council 01702 318163
27/07 (Minute 340/07)	Victoria Avenue, adjoining London Road, is in need of re-surfacing	Inspection of the road to take place within 1 week; action dependant on defects found.	L Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540

28/07 (Minute 340/07)	Hedgerow removed from Hambro Parade has still not been re-planted	Work to be carried out, hopefully before Christmas, as November to March is the best time to plant.	L Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
29/07 (Minute 340/07)	The status of Priory Chase and whether or not this has been adopted	The road is unlikely to be adopted until late 2008 at the earliest.	L Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
30/07 (Minute 340/07)	The possibility of warning signs in Victoria Avenue with respect to the pedestrian crossing	This should not be necessary as drivers are governed by the traffic signals and pedestrians should only cross on the pedestrian phase.	L Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
31/07 (Minute 340/07)	Problems with sight lines on the High Street in Rayleigh approaching the mini roundabout by the Eastwood Road junction	Geography of the site prevents any further improvements and does not feature as an Accident Site that meets Essex County Council criteria for intervention. No action planned.	L Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
32/07 (Minute 340/07)	Continued speeding and parking problems in Little Wheatley Chase. Speed limit signs are not illuminated.	Andy Dellar is currently reviewing the situation in the road. Speed limit signs are not required to be illuminated at this location under the current regulations. Speed data has been sent to Essex Police for action.	L Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
33/07 (Minute 340/07)	Poor condition of the footpath in Little Wheatley Chase	Inspection to take place within 1 week.	L Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540

34/07 (Minute 340/07)	Uneven road surface in Rawreth Lane in the vicinity of Trenders Avenue	No immediate action needed. Site to be monitored.	L Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
35/07 (Minute 340/07)	Traffic light phasing in Hatfield Road/London Road, Rayleigh – lights appear to change too quickly for traffic exiting Hatfield Road	The traffic signals are functioning correctly within the set timings.	L Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
36/07 (Minute 340/07)	Excessive speeding in Langham Drive/Wheatley Chase/Bardfield Way, Rayleigh and limited parking in these roads	Andy Dellar is currently reviewing the situation in the road. Speed limit signs are not required to be illuminated at this location under the current regulations. Speed data has been sent to Essex Police for action.	L Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
37/07 (Minute 340/07)	The possibility of introducing a 20mph speed limit in Glasseys Lane and other roads in that vicinity leading onto Eastwood Road, Rayleigh	Essex County Council at County Hall is reviewing policy at present. Draft is expected by March 2008.	L Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
38/07 (Minute 340/07)	Extension to double yellow lines in Picton Gardens/Picton Close, Rayleigh	This is being progressed at the moment, however there is an objection. If this can be resolved the likely implementation date is March 2008.	L Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
39/07 (Minute 340/07)	Site visit by Ward Members and County Highways officers to the junctions of The Chase and Grove Road with Eastwood Road, Rayleigh	An officer from the Traffic Management Team will contact Cllr Humphries to arrange a meeting before the next Area Committee meeting.	L Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540

40/07 (Minute 341/07)	Traffic Survey – Residents claim that vehicles are regularly travelling in excess of 32mph along Purleigh Road	This matter has been explored before; any evidence of excessive speeding should be passed to Essex Police for action.	L Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
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