

Questions and responses from the North Community Forum

West Essex Primary Care Trust

Question	Response
Newport Surgery has ceased to provide a pharmacy service for prescriptions. Will this happen to other surgeries?	Government policy is to encourage visits to the chemist where it is no more than 1.8 miles away. A planning application has been submitted regarding Newport Surgery.
How will eg Health visitors operate.	They are being deployed as an arms length operation. It is not yet known whether they will operate under non-NHS conditions in the future or whether services will be supplied by non-NHS providers.

Road Safety

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Does the RSO visit Youth clubs?	Yes by invitation from time to time. .
How could cycle training be made safer?	The RSO reports any road defects to the Highways Department for attention as soon as they are encountered.
What chance is there of pressuring the Highways Department to proceed with the cycle path to Audley End?	This information can only be obtained from the Highways Department.
No consultation was carried out with local residents about proposals affecting inter alia the traffic lights at the bottom of the Town.	There was also lack of consultation with UDC officers and the proposals had been questioned with the Essex County Council by Councillor Chambers. It was thought the responsible officer had been in post for only a very short time The scheme was only an experimental one and full consultation would be implemented as a necessary part of the process soon.
How many pedestrians were hurt in accidents last year?	There were 15 KSIs.
How much did the Essex County Council spend on the consultation?	The speaker will be supplied with the phone number of the relevant officer.



Essex Police

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How can unreported criminal damage be dealt with?	It is up to the Community to report it , but the Chief Inspector considers the Community has been very helpful in this regard.
There has been an assault in an alley off Cromwell Road, the second in five years. Should lighting be improved and has reduction of lighting resulted in increased crime statistics.	Increased patrols will happen there but Essex Police are consulted prior to a decision to reduce lighting and switching off street lights has not resulted in increased crime in the District..
What is the contribution of the Police under s 17 of the Crime and Disorder legislation?	The Force is ahead of its crime reduction target of 5% and ahead of its time schedule for this.

Uttlesford District Council

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<p>Despite CAA and Government policy that aircraft should not over-fly centres of population below 7000 feet aircraft are to be vectored over Saffron Walden at a height of 5000 feet above sea level.</p> <p>NATS introduce set routes for arriving aircraft. They have promised that these routes will not over-fly centres of population. NATS now plan to send all aircraft arriving from the north directly over Saffron Walden in a concentrated stream at 7000 feet so that departing and arriving aircraft will be crossing each other across Saffron Walden at 5000 and 7000 feet respectively, causing intrusive and continuous noise</p> <p>The District and County Councils should ask for assurances against vectoring and over-flights.</p>	<p>Uttlesford District Council did reply to the consultation from NATS who had also consulted residents.</p> <p>The message sent to NATS had included concern for the effect on rural communities.</p> <p>Further meetings had been arranged with NATS to discuss arriving aircraft</p>

General Observation

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Why has UDC stopped gritting car parks at their offices and old peoples homes?	It was suggested that not gritting would incur less legal liability than gritting.
UDC should reinstitute acknowledgement of correspondence	Many people use e-mail acknowledgement.

