

Report to Full Council meeting on 28 July 2015 from Councillor S Barker, Executive Member for Environmental Services

Item 6 – reports from members of the Executive

Cabinet issues

Essex Waste Consultation

At its meeting on 23rd July Cabinet agreed a response to the Draft Essex Waste plan, raising concerns around a number of the proposed sites within the Uttlesford District. The consultation closes at the end of July. Sites are proposed for inert waste recycling, for inert waste landfill and for inert hazardous waste (asbestos) landfill in the District. These sites are for commercial waste and not domestic.

Listed Buildings and Heritage Sites at Risk

The Cabinet further agreed a new register of Listed Buildings at Risk in Uttlesford and I would encourage all members to put forward any additional Listed buildings which they feel may be in need of urgent attention to keep them in a reasonable state. The list currently includes the following buildings.

- Barn at Chickney Hall, Chickney Grade II C
- Barn at Red Cow Inn, High Street, Chrishall Grade II A
- Pigots, High Street, Elmdon Grade II* C
- Barn approximately 90 metres North West of Home Farmhouse, Gaunts End, Elsenham Grade II A
- 31 The Downs, Great Dunmow Grade II D
- Gatehouse to Easton Lodge, Stortford Rd, Gt. Dunmow Grade II A
- Bigods, Bigods Lane, Gt. Dunmow Grade II A
- Stable and Lodge to South of Thremhall Priory,
- Goddards Farmhouse, Tindon End, Great Sampford Grade II A
- Sheering Hall, Outbuilding, Sheering Grade II N/A
- Saffron Walden 31 Castle Street, Saffron Walden Grade II D
- Saffron Walden 12, Market Hill, Saffron Walden Grade II* A
- Three Colts Inn, 86, Cambridge Road, Stansted Mountfitchet Grade II A
- Tilty Tilty Mill, Tilty Grade II* A

- Wenden Lofts Church of St Dunstan, Wenden Lofts Grade II A
- Wendens Ambo Westbury Barn, Royston Rd, Wendens Ambo Grade II C

The report also identifies heritage sites at risk which comprise

- Roman fort, Roman town, Roman and Anglo-Saxon cemeteries at Great
- Romano-Celtic temple 400m south of Dell's Farm, Great Chesterford
- Square and circular barrows 260m south east of Parsonage Farm, Dunmow
- Church of St Mary the Virgin, Hatfield Broad Oak Grade I
- Little Canfield Barn at Little Canfield Hall, Little Canfield Grade II*
- Easton Lodge Gardens, Little Easton Grade II
- Church of St Mary the Virgin, The Street, Manuden Grade II*
- Stansted Castle: Ringwork and associated bailey Scheduled Monument
- Site of Waltham Hall, Takeley Scheduled Monument

Parking

Recent decisions at the North Essex Parking partnership meetings agreed updated policies and procedures have been agreed including an enforcement policy around dropped kerbs, where requested by the householder.

Recent consultations have been carried out on proposals for South Rd-SW / High Street-Stebbing / New Street-Dunmow / Museum Street-SW and the results of these are being analysed.

We will be consulting at the end of August on proposals for Peaslands/ Mount Pleasant/ Borough Lane restrictions

Schemes in Town Street/Newbiggen Street/Bell Lane-Thaxted, Maitland & Manor Rd-Stansted, Knights Way, Lower Millfield, and Chequers Lane-Dunmow all need to be visited and schemes drawn up which will happen towards the end of the summer.

A potential scheme in Hatfield Heath will be devised following further meetings with the Parish.

We have also received the Car Parking Study, commissioned last year and are arranging meetings with the Town Teams in Great Dunmow, Saffron Walden and Stansted to discuss the findings. The UDC Group looking at the report, the Scrutiny report and the feedback from the Town Teams will consist of Councillors Barker, Lodge, and Councillors Redfern, Dean and Ranger who are the UDC representatives on the Town Teams.

Waste and Recycling

In the field of waste, we have employed consultants to conduct a search for a suitable site for a replacement depot in Great Dunmow.

We are anticipating the opening of the waste transfer station in Great Dunmow which will be bulking all our waste streams for onwards transport.

During August we will be delivering leaflets to all houses in the District to remind them of the need to reduce, to reuse, to recycle as much as possible and to reduce contamination in our recycling streams.

Local Plan

Two Planning Policy Working Group meetings have been held in July planning the way forwards for the new Local Plan. It is good to see cross party engagement with the process as embark on a journey to find the most appropriate level of development of housing, employment and infrastructure for our District. All members are welcome to attend these meetings.

Cycling

Councillor Mills is discussing with officers the best way to take forwards proposals in the Cycle strategy. There are plans for new cycle racks in main towns and discussions with Network Rail on how to improve the cycling experience at stations. The Wenden Road cycle path is due to start over the summer holidays.

Street Scene

Councillor Terry Farthing has met up with the Highway Rangers and is liaising with parishes to encourage them to use the Ranger services where appropriate. He is also looking at the issue of Street Cleanliness in our Town Centres and will be getting involved with the Keep Saffron Walden Tidy initiative.

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