Amendment as submitted by Councillor Hargreaves - Full Council, 18 July: HGVs and Satnavs

Amended Motion (bold italics denotes additional wording – wording to be removed has been struck through):

"This Council believes that HGVs using standard car Sat Navs collide with local infrastructure, such as railway bridges, or become stuck on narrow roads, causing major disruption and is costly to local communities. They often take significant amounts of time and resources to free, causing major congestion across the Essex road network generating more emissions and disrupting local rail services.

This Council therefore instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Government and call on them to work with Satellite Navigation companies and others providing road information to remove By Ways, By Roads and other similar roads from their systems.

This Council therefore requests the Chief Executive to write to the Government in support of the Local Government Association call to take urgent action to require all HGV drivers by law to use specialist satnav devices rather than currently only advising that they do. These are widely available devices which include bridge heights, narrow roads, and roads unsuitable for trucks, so that vehicles are only guided along suitable roads."

Proposer: Councillor Hargreaves