

Locality Board Action Update – November 2018

Public transport

An action was allocated to UDC to write to parish councils to request contact details for transport representatives.

A note has been sent to all Parish Clerks emphasising the need for better communication between the Parish Council transport representatives (and/or the Clerk) and ECC Passenger Transport Service (with contact details included) to ensure ECC had the 'local view' on services and the impact of withdrawal of service.

School Places:

An action was raised for ECC to distil key information into a media release regarding the ongoing work taking place to plan school places.

ECC can confirm that the School Organisation & Place Planning team have developed a plan to proactively release some positive information to Essex residents. The anticipated date for the first press release will be September, to coincide with the new term.

Press release below, agreed by Cllr Gooding, ECC Cabinet Member for Children's Services. Publication within Uttlesford area 26th September 18. Education trade publications to follow. Press release shared with UDC members via Members' Bulletin

Road Accidents:

An action was taken to circulate statistics relating to the locations of road accidents in Uttlesford.

Please see attached document summarising KSI's within the District:

Public Health:

An action was taken to further investigate potential ways of mitigating Public Health profile issues.

Action closed, ECC due to present in November on public health prevention.

Broadband Update:

At the meeting concerns were raised over the Gigaclear Broadband project, regarding the standard of work, lack of collaborative working with Highways when laying the cables and the fact that Gigaclear and BT were supplying broadband to the same houses. Councillor Sheldon offered to arrange a Member workshop/presentation from Gigaclear to provide an update.

ECC can confirm that:

- *ECC, Gigaclear and BT are working closely with Essex Highways to coordinate all future works.*
- *Gigaclear deployment does involve a large amount of civil work (digging), but ECC and Essex Highways are working closely with them to ensure that surfaces are properly re-instated in time (however this may be several weeks later as the ground needs to be left to settle in many cases).*
- *In some areas Gigaclear have chosen to 'overbuild' BT and vice versa – these are commercial decisions and the overbuild is not funded by subsidy from the project. It does however create competition and customer choice, which in principle is a good thing for local residents.*
- *ECC can confirm that Superfast Essex has already delivered a couple of briefing sessions, during June 18, where Parishes and impacted Members were invited to attend. However since the board meeting the Senior Programme Manager has contacted Simon Jackson at Uttlesford to see what further briefing sessions can be arranged.*

Roadside Verges:

A query was raised on roadside verges, requesting clarification on which verges are maintained by ECC.

ECC is actively exploring options for devolution of minor highway works and services to Districts/Parishes. As soon as it is clear what could be devolved (likely end September 18) ECC will communicate this with all partners.

In the meantime ECC has been provided with key contacts at Uttlesford to support ongoing dialogue. The Head of Essex Highways Commissioning will liaise direct with Ben Brown, Operations Manager, Street Services and Roger Harborough, Director, Public Services.