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## Monthly Bulletin

### Council asks landowners to cut back overhanging trees

Landowners responsible for trees which overhang roads or pavements are being asked to check branches and cut back if required in preparation for autumn storms.

Essex County Council is reminding landowners they should make sure their trees do not pose a threat to motorists and pedestrians and they have a duty of care to take responsible steps to prevent the risk of injury or damage.

Strong winds make it more likely trees will shed branches or even blow over altogether, blocking the highway and potentially putting lives at risk.

The Council has the power to issue enforcement notices to landowners with branches and vegetation found to be obstructing the highway, compelling them to carry out any necessary work if they do not ensure trees and vegetation on their land is safe.

People are advised to ensure the footway is clear of vegetation to a height of 8ft (2.5m) and the road is clear to a height of 17ft (5.1m) and 1.8ft (0.5m) from the edge of the road towards their property.

The Council is recommending the use of fully qualified and insured contractors to undertake any necessary work.

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#### Change of Parish Clerk?

To ensure information is sent to the correct person/council, please let me know as soon as possible if there has been a change of parish clerk. I am responsible for updating the Essex County Council (ECC) central database of parish and town councils; I also send alerts to the various ECC departments of any changes.

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## **Grants available to help protect your property from surface water flooding**

### **Grants available to help protect your property from surface water flooding**

Grants to help protect properties against further surface water flooding are now available for residents to apply for.

The application can be found on the Essex County Council website:

<http://www.essex.gov.uk/Environment%20Planning/Environment/local-environment/flooding/Pages/Default.aspx>

(please look under the Apply tab/ Property Level Protection Grants) or residents can email [Essex@aquobex.com](mailto:Essex@aquobex.com) or contact 0844 798 1261, our flood protection specialist, to find out if they are eligible for a Property Level Protection grant of up to £5,000.

Eligible grant recipients will be residential homeowners who have been flooded internally from ordinary watercourse; groundwater and surface water flooding and can provide demonstrable evidence of the impact of the flooding event.

Cllr Roger Hirst, Essex County Council Cabinet Member for Customer Services, Libraries, Planning and the Environment, said: "The purpose of the grant is to provide assistance to residents who have suffered from flooding in Essex by helping them to become more resilient and resistant to future flooding.

"By providing residents with grants, we intend for them to choose the most suitable installed Property Level Protection equipment to help them to help themselves against further threat of flooding."

### **Next steps:**

After applying for the grant your details will then be sent to Aquobex who will reply to discuss your situation further, and then book a survey appointment if you are eligible for the grant.

PLP equipment that could be installed from the support of the grant includes:

- Flood resistant doors
- Airbricks
- Passive flood barriers
- Pumps
- Temporary or demountable aperture barriers
- Flood safety door

The Essex PLP project is running until March 2016. If you are selected for the grant, PLP products can be installed in as little as six weeks from the pre-installation surveys.

### **Examples:**

Some examples of the equipment can be seen in pictures below taken from a pilot project. The project was undertaken by Aquobex, the preferred equipment supplier, who were commissioned to conduct some surveys and install suitable PLP equipment to 22 homes in Rawreth and Little Waltham. Installed equipment included

demountable flood barriers, anti-flood (SMART) airbricks, back flow sewer and appliance valves, numerous sealing and waterproofing works, and minor civil works

The grant is intended to improve the resilience of internally flooded residential properties by funding PLP measures and where appropriate communities can pool their grants together in order to undertake community resilience measures (i.e. terraced houses).



Studs are only visible sign of flood defences

## **Have your say on proposals for an improved supported bus network in Essex**

People in Essex are being asked to share their views on bus services as part of a countywide review that will help shape the future of supported public transport in Essex.

The majority of services in Essex are run commercially and will not be subject to the consultation. However, about 260 services (15 per cent of all bus services in Essex) currently receive funding via the council, costing the taxpayer about £8.9 million a year.

The Getting Around in Essex consultation and accompanying documents are available at [www.essex.gov.uk/busreview](http://www.essex.gov.uk/busreview).

Hard copies will also be available at all Essex County Council libraries or can be requested by calling 08457 430 430.

The consultation will close on Wednesday, October 21.

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# Essex County Council Trading Standards Update September 2015

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Welcome to the September edition of the Trading Standards Update.

This update contains a number of animal health items that the team has been dealing with over the past month. Several of those have involved fallen livestock that can represent a disease risk to other livestock and wildlife if not dealt with quickly and effectively. I'm sure many of you will remember the catastrophic foot and mouth disease outbreak

in 2001. The work of Trading Standards around animal health and welfare helps to reduce the risk of a similar outbreak of disease occurring again.

There is also a worrying item on the impact that undeclared allergens can have on those that suffer with food allergies and intolerances. The team has been working hard to ensure that restaurants and takeaways are aware of the rules and of the need to declare allergens to their customers.

Finally, the team continues to undertake targeted enforcement of weight restriction orders across Essex. Weight limits help to keep motorists and pedestrians safe while protecting weak structures from damage. There is an example in this update of heavy goods vehicles crossing a weak structure that are in excess of 10 times the permitted weight limit. This is not only dangerous and anti-social behaviour; it causes damage that can be very expensive to repair.

Cllr Roger Walters  
Essex County Councillor

## PROMOTING GOOD PRACTICE IN THE SOLAR ENERGY SECTOR



We have commenced a series of advisory visits to sellers and installers of solar panels operating from in Essex. This is in direct response to a high level of complaints from the public and concerns over some methods used to promote these products. Essex seems to be a hotspot for sellers of solar panels and we have identified a number of issues which might potentially lead to miss-selling to consumers by some of these businesses. There is a Trading Standards approved code of practice in place, the Renewable Energy Consumer Code which all sellers of this technology are required to be members of, and we are working in conjunction with the administrators of the code to ensure that sellers are operating within the law and to the requirements of the Code. The complaints received indicate a number of issues including exaggerating the output and financial benefits to be obtained from the systems, not providing correct cancellation rights and contractual information and miss-selling finance associated with the purchase of the panels.

We have developed some comprehensive advice information and have commenced a series of visits to sellers of solar panels to educate those businesses, reduce complaints and help protect purchasers of these products. Enforcement action may be considered against any business that continues to receive complaints while not complying with our advice. Enforcement action is already underway against some of the worst offenders. Watch this space for further updates....

## HAVING A GANDER AROUND!

Officers recently responded to intelligence from Chelmsford City Council Licensing about the possibility of a local public house substituting their Grey Goose vodka with Asda's own brand vodka. This kind of activity causes a financial detriment to consumers and is unacceptable. We responded quickly and inspected the premises thoroughly – there are a number of tests that can be done to determine the authenticity of spirits and to prevent counterfeiting. There are also tests to differentiate between particular brands of spirits. Officers did discover from initial screen tests that the Grey Goose at the premises was reading incorrectly and formal analysis is now underway! Watch this space....

## MAKEUP MISHIEF



We were contacted by one of the worldwide parcel delivery companies with a distribution centre in Basildon. They became suspicious when their drivers had been refused delivery of a number of parcels by the occupant of an address in South Essex. We visited the company and found boxes containing hundreds of items of makeup, lipstick and accessories bearing trademarks of known brands. After examining the packaging and contents it was established that the items were fake and had originated in China. The consignment was seized and our officers are waiting for the consignee to make contact when they find out from the parcel company that he will not be taking delivery any time soon!



## SUPPORTING LICENSEES IN ROCHFORD

We gave a presentation to approximately 80 pub and club licensees from the Rochford district in September. The presentation covered the wide role of Trading Standards generally and concentrated on Trading Standards issues affecting the licensed trade including food standards, underage sales and issues with illicit alcohol and tobacco. The Pubwatch training event was jointly organised by Rochford DC and the Police and also included training on dealing with conflict, as well as raising awareness of potential child sexual exploitation around licensed premises. The meeting follows concerns in the area around the sale of alcohol to those under age. Trading Standards are a responsible authority under the Licensing Act 2003 and have a key role in helping to deliver some of the licensing objectives, most notably around preventing crime and disorder, promoting public safety and protecting children from harm within licensed premises.



## URGENT ANIMAL FEED AUDIT



We received an urgent request from the Food Standards Agency (FSA) asking us to conduct an audit at a feed business based in Essex. The business produces specialist feed for zoo animals and laboratory research animals. The request from the FSA was not due to the business failing in any way, rather it was to provide evidence to a delegation from China that feed producers in the UK had high standards and that feed sourced from the UK could be “trusted”. Essex Trading Standards looks to support business and therefore we agreed to conduct an audit at the business on the earliest opportunity.

The audit was conducted by two officers with specialist knowledge of feed and feed hygiene requirements. The onsite inspection took four and a half hours with a further days’ work required to assess the documentary procedures provided by the company. The final report was provided to the Food Standards Agency and will form part of the decision making process regarding which UK feed business will be visited by the Chinese delegation. We hope that as a result of this work that the delegation will visit our Essex based business!

Essex Trading Standards do not generally audit this company as they also manufacture medicated feed and therefore fall under the inspection / audit regime of the Veterinary Medicines Directorate due to the Memorandum of understanding between the two services to reduce burden on business. But in this case the FSA wanted a fast response which in support of an Essex Business we were able to provide.

## **WEIGHTY WEIGHT RESTRICTION BREACHES**

We have been supporting our Highways colleagues for a number of years by carrying out enforcement of a number of Weight Restrictions Orders across the county. One road that is particularly problematical is Watery Lane – Beeches Road in Hullbridge. This is a particularly narrow road often used as a cut through. The Hanover bridge is a weak culvert going under the road, and is designated as being capable of “dead weight only”, in other words carrying its own weight. As such it has a weight restriction of 3T maximum gross weight. There are warning signs at the ends of the road, and advance warning signs to advise drivers to avoid the route.



Alongside these signs, we carry out enforcement at the site a number of times a week, and still observe a breach of the Order around 8 times an hour on average. This has led to a relatively large number of on-going formal actions including investigations into two 32T and two 44T articulated lorries driving down this very narrow country road, with steep banks on each side. Breaches of this magnitude are considered for prosecution even for a first offence due to the gravity of the breach and consequential risk of damage to the highway. The drivers of these heavy lorries, are likely to find themselves in court soon.

## **PUPPY PROBLEMS**

We were recently contacted by a local veterinary surgeon who had a customer bring her miniature Maltese Terrier puppy in for its vaccinations. The vet became concerned as the dog was accompanied by a pet passport issued in Poland that claimed the puppy was 5 months old. In the vets professional opinion the puppy was between 9 and 12 weeks old so shouldn't even be in the country. To prevent the spread of rabies the Pet Passport legislation states that the earliest a dog can be vaccinated against rabies is at 12 weeks old, it then has to be quarantined for 21 days. The earliest a dog can be transported into the UK is 15 weeks of age.

We visited the owner of the dog who was extremely upset when advised that the dog would have to be taken into quarantine immediately for at least 3 weeks (possibly 6 depending how old the quarantine vet ages him). This also comes at a large cost to the owner. We spoke to the seller of the puppy who was based in Kent and were advised that this puppy (and 2 others) had already been quarantined by Kent Trading Standards. This was confirmed during a conversation with colleagues at Kent as well as explaining the difficulty that the Superintendent Vet at DEFRA had in ageing the puppy due to the breed type.

The decision was finally taken not to quarantine the puppy – this could have all been avoided if the seller had brought this information to the attention of the purchaser.

## GLUTEN OR GLUTEN FREE – THAT IS THE QUESTION?



We recently received a complaint from a consumer who had ordered a gluten free pizza base from a well-known pizza chain. The consumer who suffers with Coeliac disease and cannot eat foods containing gluten, suffered chronic sickness after consuming the pizza. Officers visited the caterer to review the systems in place to control allergens and to assess their staff training records. We found shortcomings with both these areas and will be notifying the Head Office for the business to ensure improvements are made in the future.

The caterer who had extended their range to include a 'Gluten Free' option as an alternative to regular wheat based dough admitted that there may have been a misunderstanding and a breakdown in communication when the pizza was ordered, resulting in a regular base (containing wheat) being supplied to the customer.

In another incident, a complaint was received from a consumer who ordered a gluten free Chinese meal from an independent takeaway. The consumer was particularly sensitive to gluten and suffered a very severe reaction resulting in vomiting blood and paramedics being called. We submitted a sample left over from the meal for analysis and it was found to contain very high levels of gluten. Officers have been working with the business affected to make significant improvements in their provision of allergen information, allergen handling and allergen management. The significance of our work in protecting consumers vulnerable to food allergens has been further highlighted by this case. The longer term impact of this incident on the teenage consumer includes a loss of confidence in eating resulting in dramatic weight loss.

It is important that all caterers take allergen requests seriously as they have a responsibility to supply safe food to the consumer. They also need to ensure that their staff are trained adequately to deal with any allergen requests. We are continuing our work with caterers across Essex giving allergen advice and guidance but we have concerns that there is still a lack of understanding in this area. We intend to undertake formal covert sampling at both businesses in the future to check compliance.

## LITTLE AND LARGE

Many small and medium enterprises in Essex, particularly in the food sector, supply their products to large corporations, supermarket multiples and the like. These larger bodies can be very demanding of their suppliers in terms of quality, price and delivery, sometimes unfairly so. Recently, the management of a meat processing and packing plant in Essex sought our help, advice and support because they urgently needed to prove to their corporate customers that all is well in respect of their process controls, weighing technology and quality system. An intervention by us of this nature is an activity that we class as a consultancy service falling within our Business Advice and Charging Policy. Businesses that agree to register with us for advice can take advantage of high quality Trading Standards advice and support charged for at a very competitive 'cost recovery only' rate. For further information visit the [Trading Standards Business Advice](#) pages of the Essex County Council website.



## **ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE UPDATES**

### **1) PIG WELFARE**

An urgent e-mail arrived from a veterinary officer informing us that a lorry transporting 220 pigs from Ireland had arrived at an Essex abattoir with 33 of the pigs dead on arrival. We attended immediately and gathered all the necessary evidence (photos/interview/documents). This investigation is still on-going and further work needs to be done with all parties involved in the transport of the pigs in order to ensure the same situation does not happen again.

### **2) FALLEN LIVESTOCK**

We received a complaint from a canoe club organiser that there was a dead cow or sheep in the river Colne in Colchester. We enforce the Animal By-Products Regulations and it is our responsibility to ensure that any fallen livestock are disposed of correctly without undue delay. Fallen livestock present a risk of disease to other livestock and wildlife if left uncollected. We attended the location and found the dead animal which turned out to be a sheep. The owner was identified and contacted to ensure the carcass was removed.

We were contacted by a farmer in Stapleford Abbotts to notify us that there was a dead cow in a field adjacent to his premises. Animal By-products (ABP) must be disposed of without undue delay so we respond to these enquiries within 24 hours. We visited the premises and located the field that did have three cattle in it, one of which was sadly dead. It was obvious that the animal had not been dead for very long, possibly 1 to 2 days. The ear tag number was taken to enable the owner to be identified however we were approached at the time by the complainant who was able to provide the owners name and telephone number. The complainant was really appreciative that we had attended so quickly after his initial report only about 3-4 hours earlier. The owner was very apologetic and advised that he had left his son in charge of the livestock. We provided advice on the requirements of ABP legislation and supplied details of a local ABP collection service giving 24 hours to have the carcass removed. We also offered advice regarding other welfare concerns including a lack of shelter and general animal husbandry issues. We received confirmation the following day that the carcass had been removed and will be keeping an eye on livestock welfare over the next few months.



### **3) CATTLE WELFARE**

We were contacted by a worried member of the public that a number of cattle were being kept in poor conditions. Animal health officers attended the premises to examine the livestock and the conditions they were being kept in. The animals were too thin and had signs of disease (scabs on the body and fly infestation) so a vet was contacted for a professional opinion. The vet agreed that the animals needed to be in better body condition and more needed to be done in order to prepare the cattle for the winter season. He therefore contacted the owner to discuss the welfare and provide advice on what extra feed needs to be given. We will be keeping an eye to make sure the situation improves.

## **Planning News**

### ***Minerals and Waste Policy planning***

Following public consultation on the **Joint Replacement Waste Local Plan – Revised Preferred Approach (RPA)** during the summer, work is now underway to prepare the next version of the Plan. Known as the **Pre-Submission Plan**, this final version of the Plan will be subject to approval by both ECC and Southend-on-Sea Borough Council and will be followed by a further and final stage of public consultation prior to the Examination in Public. This final consultation is currently scheduled to occur in early 2016.

The final version of the Plan will provide the policies to guide the future management of waste in Essex and Southend up until 2032 and will also include a vision, strategic objectives, spatial strategy, site allocations, and a monitoring framework.

Over 1,000 comments were received as part of the recent consultation and these can now be viewed on our online consultation portal at <http://consult.essexcc.gov.uk>.

All consultation documents remain available on our website:

[www.essex.gov.uk/WLP](http://www.essex.gov.uk/WLP). Many thanks to those who took the time to respond, a report of outcomes from the consultation will be published alongside the final version of the Plan and this will set out how your comments have been used to inform its preparation.

In addition to the Revised Preferred Approach, comments were received in relation to both the methodology and specific sites. Work is underway to review the assessment of sites. Although no firm conclusions have been reached at this early stage, it is considered that scores for specific sites may change as a result of responses; however the underlying methodology does not appear to need any significant amendment.

We are pleased to inform you that the **Statement of Community Involvement – Update 2015 was adopted** on 22 September. The draft document was amended as a result of feedback from a public consultation (held 14 May-25 June 2015) and went to ECC Cabinet for approval to adopt.

You will soon be able to view the adopted SCI on the ECC website at [www.essex.gov.uk/SCI](http://www.essex.gov.uk/SCI) together with supporting documents such as a schedule of full consultation responses alongside ECC officer responses, a schedule of changes to the draft document as a result of the consultation and the document's formal adoption statement. The adoption statement is reproduced on the second page of this letter. Paper copies of the SCI document can be viewed in Essex libraries and Essex district/borough/city council offices for three months from the document's adoption date.

Many thanks to those who took part in the consultation, which helped to shape the final document.

### ***Development Management***

A planning application Ref ESS/49/14/BAS to extend the life of **Pitsea Landfill** until 2027 was resolved to be granted subject to legal agreements and conditions at Development & Regulation Committee on Friday 25 September 2015. The extension will delay when the site would be become available for public open space, but will ensure satisfactory long-term restoration of site.

Also on 25 September the Development and Regulation Committee voted to grant planning permission for a new sand and gravel quarry on land at **Colemans Farm, Little Braxted Lane in Witham**. The site was allocated in the Minerals Local Plan and the planning application approved will allow for the extraction of 2.5 million tonnes of sand and gravel over a 17 year period.

### ***Flood and Water Management News***

As part of its Capital Programme, Essex County Council has set aside funds for a **Property Level Protection (PLP) scheme** which aims to provide homeowners, affected by internal flooding from local flood risk sources, access to a maximum grant of £5k per property.

Residents can register their interest by completing a pre-application form on our website. Their details will be sent to our flood protection specialist 'Aquobex' who will then contact applicants to arrange a property survey.

We launched the PLP Scheme on Saturday 19 September at a recent Fire Service event held on Canvey Island. The Flood and Water Management Team was in attendance, along with members of the public and Aquobex who presented some of their flood protection products.

Whilst at the event, we also unveiled our recently developed PLP animation which, as well as being amusing and playful, provides applicants with all the essential information relating to the grant and the process which they will need to follow. Check out our Property Level Protection animation on YouTube or via our website using the following link:

<http://www.essex.gov.uk/Environment%20Planning/Environment/local-environment/flooding/Apply/Pages/Property-Level-Protection.aspx>

We hope that this news has been useful and interesting to you all. We value your feedback and so if you have any comments or suggestions for future topics you would like to see covered in *Making the Links*, please let us know either via Angela Balcombe, the Parish Information and Co-ordination Officer, or direct to the address below:

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- For queries relating to flood and SuDs issues please email [floods@essex.gov.uk](mailto:floods@essex.gov.uk)
- To find out more about procedures for attending D&R Committee, contact the Committee Administrator on 03330134583 or go to [www.essex.gov.uk/planning](http://www.essex.gov.uk/planning) then follow *Minerals and Waste Planning Team>Planning Applications>The Planning Process>Decision Making*.

For full application details visit [www.essex.gov.uk/viewplanning](http://www.essex.gov.uk/viewplanning), click on 'Search for a Planning Application' then search for an application using the application reference, the application date, location or proposal

### Pending Minerals and Waste Applications as of 15 September 2015

<u>Area description</u>	<u>Application number</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Application type</u>	<u>Validation date</u>	<u>Full development description</u>
Basildon Borough	ESS/49/14/BAS	Pitsea Landfill, Pitsea Hall Lane, Pitsea, Basildon, SS16 4UH	Full App with EIA ESS	27/11/14	Continuation of installation of waste pre-treatment facilities and recontouring of the landfill to facilitate restoration permitted by ESS/35/06/BAS without compliance with condition 4 (completion timescales), to allow waste to be deposited on site until 31 December 2025 and the site restored to nature conservation by 31 December 2027 and without compliance with condition 3 (waste geographical sources) to allow importation of waste from outside Essex and Southend and also without the development of the previously permitted waste pre-treatment facility.
Basildon Borough	ESS/13/15/BAS	Land to the south of Terminus Drive, Pitsea Hall Lane, Pitsea, SS16 4UH	Full Planning Applications ESS	03/08/15	Change of use and erection of buildings, hardstandings, roadways, parking and storage areas to enable the use of the site as a waste recycling and materials recovery facility (part retrospective).
Basildon Borough	ESS/39/15/BAS	Hovefield Avenue, Courtauld Road, Basildon, SS13 1EB	Full Planning Applications ESS	02/09/15	Proposed change of use of part of the existing main building to a non-hazardous commercial and industrial waste transfer station (12,000 tonnes per annum), proposed construction of bulking bays and proposed relocation of existing End of Life Vehicle operation from the main building to the vacant workshop building on site.
Braintree District	ESS/39/14/BTE	Land at Colemans Farm, Little Braxted	Full App with EIA ESS	25/07/14	Extraction of an estimated 2.5 million tonnes of sand and gravel together with the provision of an new access from Little Braxted Lane; and the installation/construction and operation

		Lane, Rivenhall, Witham CM8 3EX			of primary processing and ancillary facilities comprising washing and bagging plant, silt lagoons, weighbridge, site management office, mess room and maintenance workshop; with restoration to agriculture and water based nature conservation habitats.
Chelmsford City	ESS/36/13/CHL	Hanson Aggregates, Bulls Lodge Quarry, Generals Lane, Boreham, Chelmsford CM3 3HR	Removal/Variation of Condition ESS	09/07/13	Continuation of winning and working of sand and gravel, the erection of a processing plant and ready mixed concrete and mortar plants, workshop and weighbridge office (permitted by planning permission ref. CHL/1890/87) without compliance with condition 17 (hours of operation) to allow additional hours of operation for the processing plant from 0600 to 0700 and 1800 to 2200 hours Mondays to Fridays for a period of 5 years.
Chelmsford City	ESS/15/15/CHL	Bulls Lodge Quarry, Generals Lane, Boreham, Chelmsford CM3 3HR	Removal/Variation of Condition CC	27/03/15	Continuation of the existing inert recycling facility which includes screening and crushing and a washing plant and a lorry parking area for the distribution of aggregates products as permitted by planning permission ESS/56/13/CHL, without compliance with condition 2 (application details) to allow amended site layout, condition 16 (maximum stocking tonnage) to allow stockpiling of not more than 60,000 tonnes of unprocessed or processed waste/aggregate, and condition 22 (stockpile heights) to allow stockpile heights to the height of the adjacent screening bund.
Chelmsford City	ESS/16/15/CHL	Blackley Quarry, Land to the north east and north west, A131, Great Leighs, CM3 1QP	Full App with EIA ESS	14/04/15	Extraction of an estimated reserve of 2.8 million tonnes of sand and gravel (from sites A38 and A39 as identified in the Minerals Local Plan 2014) and retention of existing access onto the A131, retention of existing sand and gravel processing plant (to be relocated within site A38), progressive restoration to agriculture using inert fill, installation of inert recycling facility, including screening and crushing to recover secondary aggregate. In addition revised restoration scheme for the existing quarry area.

Chelmsford City	ESS/37/15/CHL	Bulls Lodge Quarry (Boreham Airfield), Generals Lane, Boreham, Chelmsford CM3 3HR	Removal/Variation of Condition ESS	11/08/15	Continuation of winning and working of sand and gravel as permitted by CHL/1019/87 without compliance with condition 1 (application details), Condition 4 (working and reclamation schemes) and condition 6 (restoration Master Plan) to allow amended restoration levels and amended restoration Masterplan.
Chelmsford City	ESS/05/15/CHL	Roxwell Quarry Complex, Boyton Cross, Roxwell, Chelmsford CM1 4LT	Full Planning Applications ESS	23/02/15	Modification to the restoration profile and the restoration scheme for the non-hazardous landfill arising from overtipping of approx. 85,250 cubic metres (part retrospective). Enhanced restoration of a former landfilling area by the importation of inert materials and biosolids to enable agricultural after-use and restoration scheme for the former mineral processing plant site to woodland, nature conservation and agricultural after-uses (including retention of hardstanding and workshop). All to be completed by 31 December 2015.
Rochford District	ESS/09/15/ROC	Land to the North of Mucking Hall Lane, Barling Magna, SS3 0NH	Full Planning Applications ESS	08/04/15	Importation of 40,000m3 of inert material (soil) to re-profile the site and bring it into beneficial and productive agricultural use.

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Braintree District	CC/BTE/17/14	Braintree Road, Shalford CM7 5HQ	Full App (Major) CC	10/03/14	Restoration of the former Shalford Recycling Centre for Household Waste to amenity parkland. Proposed development includes the demolition of the existing hardstanding area; the formation of a pond; the re-contouring of land levels; modifications to the existing access; and the creation of a car parking area.

**Decision on Minerals, Waste and County Council Applications made between 15 August 2015 -15 September 2015**

<u>Area description</u>	<u>Application number</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Full development description</u>	<u>Decision date</u>	<u>Decision description</u>	<u>Decision level</u>
Colchester Borough	CC/COL/44/15	Land North of Apprentice Drive, New Braiswick Park, Colchester	Variation of Condition No.s 2 and 3 of Planning Reference CC/COL/34/14 to replace drawing number BS-HED-DWG-LA-106-Rev E dated 16/09/2014 with Drawing Number BS-HED-DWG-LA-106 Rev. M dated 03/08/2015, the variation consists of changes to the access via Fernlea.	20/08/15	Withdrawn	
Colchester Borough	CC/COL/42/15	St. James School, Guildford Road, Colchester CO1 2RA	The retention of a classbase for a temporary period until 30 September 2020 without compliance with Condition 3 (time limit) attached to planning permission CC/COL/28/11.	11/09/15	Granted	Delegated
Maldon District	CC/MAL/41/15	Woodham Walter C Of E Primary School, The Street, Woodham Walter, Maldon CM9 6RF	Retrospective application for the extension of the existing playground with repairs to existing playground including resurfacing.	17/08/15	Granted	Delegated
Tendring District	ESS/30/15/TEN	Auto Spares Station Yard, Great Bentley Road, Thorrington, CO7 8HT	Change of use of land to form minor extension of vehicles breakers yard including alterations to crossover and construction of new internal road and turning area.	04/09/15	Withdrawn	