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Monthly Bulletin

Clearance of Ditches

With more heavy rain predicted this autumn, landowners are being urged to check their drainage ditches and make sure they are cleared.

Essex County Council is reminding landowners they have a duty to keep their ditches clear and make sure they do not cause flooding on the public highway. It is advising landowners with ditches on or adjacent to their properties to have a regular maintenance programme in place.

Leaves and other material can easily clog drainage ditches causing flooding issues not just for the landowner, but for surrounding highways and buildings.

If flooding from private land is found to be obstructing the highway, the Council can take measures to ensure landowners carry out any necessary work.

The most common cause of blocked ditches is a lack of general maintenance to remove accumulated silt and debris.

People can report highway flooding problems directly to Essex County Council via its website or by calling 0345 6037 631. Visit <http://www.essexhighways.org/Report-a-problem.aspx> to report highway flooding online.

To find out more about flooding prevention in Essex please visit www.essex.gov.uk/flooding or watch our short video here <http://www.essex.gov.uk/Environment%20Planning/Environment/local-environment/flooding/View-It/Pages/What-we-do.aspx>.

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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.

You can contact me either by email: angela.balcombe@essex.gov.uk

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The Essex Energy Switch



Once again Essex County Council has organised a collective energy switching scheme with support from iChoosr, for residents and small businesses who want to cut their energy bills.

Residents have from 1st December 2015 until 1st February 2016 to register their interest (without any obligation) in switching their energy supplier through the scheme. It is a completely free, easy, safe and secure way to cut their energy bill without wasting valuable time endlessly comparing prices on comparison sites. Earlier this year the scheme delivered savings averaging more than £262, helping Essex residents get a better deal on their gas and electricity bills.

How does this work?

The day after registration closes, an auction takes place. This auction works by getting energy companies to bid against each other to offer the lowest rate for gas and electricity contracts. Following the auction, residents will receive an e-mail containing a new gas and electricity offer from 12th February 2016.

This offer has been calculated based on the number of people who registered over the two month campaign and the individuals existing energy usage and costs. Residents then have one month to decide whether or not to accept the offer and change energy supplier.

Residents can register at: www.essex.gov.uk/energyswitch This page also contains details regarding the Rural Community Council of Essex (RCCE) Oil Buying Scheme, details on how SME's can register for cheaper tariffs, hints and tips on reducing energy consumption and insulating households.

What is needed?

- Name, address and contact details.
- The name of your current energy supplier(s) and current tariff plan(s).
- **Either** a current energy consumption in kWh **or** their current spend (information will be on a recent bill or annual statement).

If residents have no access to e-mail but still wish to check they are not overpaying for gas or electricity, in the first instance they should contact their current supplier. Contact details will be on their latest bill; they should then ask if they are currently on the best tariff, and if not; ask if it is possible to change

Many Libraries throughout Essex offer free computer courses for beginners through 'Learn My Way' which can assist residents to get online; and then register at www.essex.gov.uk/energyswitch

In addition organisations such as the energy saving trust, Money Advice Service, Citizens Advice Bureau and Age UK will be able to advise residents on how to save money on utility bills as well as saving energy.

If needed, further help is available through iChoosr's help desk on Freephone: 0800 048 8285

Transport Representative Meetings – February 2016

The next round of Transport Representative meetings will be held between 2nd February and 25th February 2016. The meetings will be held in the mornings between 10.00am and 12.30pm with the exception of the Rochford and Castlepoint meeting which will be held between 14.00 and 16.30pm. Invitations have been sent to all Parish Clerks and Parish Transport Representatives. An agenda and reminder will be sent in January 2016. The agenda will include an update on the Network Review and the tender process.

In the meantime, for further information on the outcomes of the consultation and tender round see our web page www.essex.gov.uk/busreview.

| District / Venue | Date | Time |
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| Maldon Maldon Town Hall Conference Room Market Hill Maldon CM9 4RL | Tuesday 2 February | 10am – 12.30pm |
| Epping Forest & Harlow Loughton Town Council Offices 1 Buckingham Court Rectory Lane Loughton IG10 2QZ | Thursday 4 February | 10am – 12.30pm |
| Tendring Essex Hall, Clacton Town Hall Station Road Clacton on Sea CO15 1SE | Monday 8 February | 10am 12.30pm |
| Basildon St George's Suite Basildon Centre St Martins Square Basildon SS14 1DL | Tuesday 9 February | 10am – 12.30pm |
| Rochford & Castle Point The Parish Rooms Rochford Parish Council 82 West Street Rochford SS4 1AS | Thursday 11 February | 14.30pm – 16.30pm |

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| <p>Colchester</p> <p>Friends Meeting House Parnell Room Church Street Colchester CO1 1NF</p> | <p>Tuesday 16 February</p> | <p>10am – 12.30pm</p> |
| <p>Brentwood</p> <p>Brentwood Borough Council Brentwood Town Hall Meeting Room 1 Ingrave Road Brentwood CM15 8AY</p> | <p>Thursday 18 February</p> | <p>10am – 12.30pm</p> |
| <p>Chelmsford</p> <p>The Chapter House St Cedds Hall Cathedral Walk Chelmsford CM1 1NX</p> | <p>Monday 22 February</p> | <p>10am – 12.30pm</p> |
| <p>Uttlesford</p> <p>The Talberd Room Foakes Hall Stortford Road Great Dunmow CM6 1DG</p> | <p>Tuesday 23 February</p> | <p>10am – 12.30pm</p> |
| <p>Braintree</p> <p>The Council Chamber Braintree Town Hall Market Square Braintree CM7 3YG</p> | <p>Thursday 25 February</p> | <p>10am – 12.30pm</p> |

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Trading Standards Update

November 2015



Welcome to the November edition of the Trading Standards Update

This month the update focusses on a number of safety issues that are particularly relevant as we enter the festive season buying Christmas gifts for friends and family. It is so important to make sure that you know who you're buying goods from when using on-line sellers and that you make sure you are buying genuine and safe goods. Always seek out and read feedback from other buyers before making a decision to purchase.

The team has also joined forces this month with Essex Police to tackle the on-going abuse of our elderly and vulnerable residents by rogue traders. It is so important that you keep an eye out for elderly relatives and neighbours and report any suspicious activity to Essex Police or to Trading Standards via the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on 03454 040506.

Finally, the item on illicit tobacco is another example of how the team work well with key partners to tackle crime in Essex. The supply of illicit tobacco not only contributes to smoking prevalence in Essex, it can also pose a serious safety concern. Illicit tobacco is not manufactured to the same high safety standards as legitimate product and in some instances can pose a serious risk of fire.

Cllr David Finch
Leader of the Council

POWDER PROBLEMS



Tests carried out on baby talcum powder imported by an Essex company have revealed high levels of bacterial contamination in excess of European guidelines.

The “Baby First” Baby Powder (Talc) was imported from India in 2013, and analysis revealed that the sample was contaminated with aerobic mesophilic bacteria at a level of 48,000cfu/g. Guidance published by the Scientific Committee on Consumer Safety (SCCS) sets a maximum bacteria limit of 100cfu/g. The analyst concluded that the product does not satisfy the EU microbiological guidelines and poses a serious risk as the cosmetic product is intended for children under 3 years of age.

Although the importer hadn’t supplied the product for over a year, once we notified them of the results, they destroyed all remaining product in storage, and at our request are now in the process of contacting their customers to withdraw any of the baby powder which still remains on the market.

We are continuing to monitor the product withdrawal, and have worked with the importer to help ensure that future consignments of cosmetics are manufactured in accordance with good manufacturing practice requirements and meet European cosmetic product safety regulations.

WATCH OUT FOR FAKES

We recently visited an Essex importer who specialises in selling children’s toys, watches and wallets. During the visit it was noted that the trader imported soft toys for children but could not prove they were safe. The importer has been unable to provide us with any proof that the toys meet the rigorous safety requirements that the chemicals used in them



are safe for children, that they are hygienic or that they are not flammable. Further, it appeared that the toys, watches and wallets sold by the importer may infringe trademarks and the copyright of Disney and Hasbro, in particular Frozen and Spiderman goods. We were also concerned that the watches may contain nickel as they had not had safety tests undertaken. Nickel on the backs of watches or other jewellery can cause allergic reactions in people due to their lengthy exposure to skin. The trader was instructed to stop selling the alleged counterfeit watches, wallets and toys and to provide proof that the toys were safe. We will continue to monitor the importer to ensure that they comply with the law and only sell safe and legal goods. Consumers should always be cautious when buying cheap toys and other items marketed as they may be of a poor standard, counterfeit or at worst, dangerous.

NOT YOUR AVERAGE TROLLEY DOLLY



We recently received intelligence via the Surveillance Import team in Suffolk that a consignment of scooters that were being imported to England via a freight forwarder based in Essex. The surveillance had identified the import not necessarily because of the type of product but because the import met the parameters for it being flagged. The consignment was put on hold to give us an opportunity to examine the product.

Upon examination, it became apparent that the product was not a scooter (despite being described as such for import purposes) but was in fact what we consider to be a removals dolly - the type used to transport furniture around by removals and deliveries people. See pictures. However we did notice that the limited instructions for use had the claim only one rider at a time!



Although we had no cause to stop the product being forwarded on to its destination we made contact with the local Trading Standards department to advise them of our findings.

Further investigation established that the dollies were being used for children to sit on and pull themselves along as an orthopaedic device to strengthen their legs. As such they would potentially be a medical device and therefore subject to stringent testing and marking requirements. This is something the Local Trading Standards service is advising on.



Bizarrely the trader receiving the goods could produce a test certificate that concerned the migration of chemicals if placed in the mouth!!!

OPERATION CONDUIT

Officers from Trading Standards joined forces with HMRC to carry out a day of action in the Colchester and Clacton areas looking to disrupt the sale of illicit tobacco. The level of compliance in Clacton was reasonable although officers did identify a premises selling fireworks without a licence and with incorrect storage arrangements. During the day officers were assisted by tobacco detection dogs to look for concealment of tobacco within retail premises.



Two shops in Colchester were found to contain concealments only detectable by the dogs. One of the shops has been prosecuted previously by Trading Standards and after the discovery of over 7,000 cigarettes we will be concentrating on the most appropriate further action to take in relation to this business.

TRADING STANDARDS ON THE ESCARGOT!



We received a call via our on call phone on Sunday 8th November from the UK Border Agency at Stansted Airport. A large quantity of “edible snails” had been brought in from Istanbul, but did not have any paperwork to accompany them. Under The Animals and Animal Products (Import and Export) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2006, these snails were not allowed to enter the UK without the appropriate paperwork. The UK Border Agency was enquiring how to dispose of the snails in the correct and approved manner.

After seeking advice we informed them that they had two choices: They could either boil them, or freeze them, and then dispose of the animal by-products in an appropriate manner. Stansted Airport is approved by the Animal Plant and Health Agency (formerly DeFRA) to have a skip for the disposal of animal by-products, so that was not an issue.

This is one of the more obscure enquiries that we have recently been called on to deal with. It is a piece of legislation that we are not called on to enforce very often, especially in relation to snails!

PICTURE THIS!

We recently received a complaint from a consumer regarding an unsafe electrical item. The complainant had purchased a rather fancy camera that can be used underwater, and for extreme sports, from a well-known online retailer. While the product was sold via this on-line retailer, the actual seller was based in China.

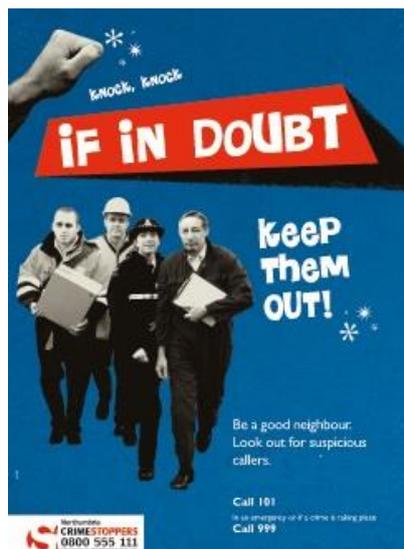


The item arrived as expected and the consumer checked it over to satisfy themselves that it was a genuine product. The complainant used the camera and then plugged it in to charge using the three pin charger provided. You can see from the photo what happened next – it was lucky that no one was seriously hurt in this instance, but if you look closely there was even a pin from the plug left in the socket with a wire hanging out.

Unfortunately, quite often, these products are not originally intended for the UK market, so when they are ordered for the UK, the 2 pin charger that is meant to be provided is replaced with a cheap 3-pin charger that has not been made to UK safety requirements.

We urge all purchasers of electrical products, of which I am sure there is many as we get close to buying those Christmas presents, to ensure that they are purchased from a UK or EU seller. Goods supplied by UK or EU sellers are far more likely to comply with our high safety standards and if there are any problems, the trader can be identified and dealt with appropriately. In this case we have notified the Border Control Teams so that they can keep an eye out for similar products and chargers at the point of entry and hopefully prevent them from entering the UK market.

ROGUE TRADERS



On Thursday the 5th of November Essex Trading Standards and Essex Police worked together on a joint initiative to “put a firework under” rogue traders in Essex! We conducted spot checks across Tendring on domestic dwellings that appeared to be having building work undertaken.

This joint agency initiative was prompted by a recent report of rogue traders who this month descended on an 80 year old Clacton resident. He was called on at his door by males claiming to be driveway engineers. They alluded to having completed work on a neighbours drive and asked if wanted his doing. The resident did not agree and asked for time to consider the proposal. Regardless, the very next day, a team of

workmen arrived at his address and began to remove his driveway surface, asking for £7000 for the work. Fortunately his family intervened and limited the amount of damage being done.

During the operation, Officers spoke with twenty tradesmen - most of who were reliable and trustworthy. However Officers did locate one address having its driveway power cleaned. In this instance the tradesmen had cold called the occupier and not presented any paperwork or offered a cooling off period as required by law. The tradesman was comprehensively advised and the occupier given guidance on how to invoke his consumer rights which entitled him not to make any payment.

We were really pleased with the results from this operation including the gathering of some valuable intelligence that help us target our resources in future activity. Having the Police working alongside us in this exercise meant that all possible offences could be explored and appropriate enforcement action taken using both organisations powers and skills. The joined up approach has to be the way forward.

We have in the past seen rogue traders operating in the summer months around Tendring. This year it seems to be continuing into winter and all residents are encouraged to be good neighbours and be alert to what is happening in their communities and report suspicious behaviour.



We encourage anybody that needs work done to their property to use a Buy With Confidence approved trader (www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk or phone 03454 040506) or a reputable trader that they have been recommended by friends or family. Do not do business with traders that cold call at your home.

Councils offered free webcasting service

Parish and Town Council meetings could be broadcasting live into resident's homes thanks to a new audio webcasting app.

Developed by Essex based company Audiominutes, the app allows for audio to be streamed and recorded through a mobile phone. These recordings are then made available as minutes following the meeting.

The company has recently won the contract to provide online webcasting services to Essex County Council, who have now negotiated an option for all Town and Parish Councils in Essex to be offered the mobile service free for the first year.

Cllr David Finch, Leader of Essex County Council, said: "As a Council we want to ensure our public meetings are as accessible as possible, and over the coming year there will be hundreds of hours of audio being made available from Full Council, Cabinet and Committee meetings.

"The issue with this technology has always been the cost, with the necessity of having to employ someone to monitor and run the system during meetings and having to archive large amounts of data.

"This new system requires no additional staff time, is good value for money and will provide further transparency to the democratic process.

"As it can be used simply through a mobile app, it is an ideal tool for parish and town partners who have the opportunity to engage more through the digital channels that their residents are using."

Showcasing of the technology took place at the recent AGM of the Essex Association of Local Councils.

Kathryn Richmond, Town Clerk for Waltham Abbey Town Council added: "The subject of webcasting has been on our agenda for some time now but we couldn't find a simple solution like this. We are delighted that Essex County Council have taken the initiative to support us in this way and are looking to move forward with this soon".

If you are interested and want more information, please contact Stuart Jones:
stuart.jones@audiominutes.com.

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 spring 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.

During the consultation in the summer an additional waste site was proposed at Newport Quarry, Newport, Uttlesford. A targeted consultation on the potential inclusion of Newport Quarry as a site for recycling and disposal of inert construction and demolition waste has been carried out and to date 25 additional comments have been received. These comments are being reviewed and will be drawn together with the other comments received in the summer and used to inform the final site allocations to be included in the Pre-Submission Plan.

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

Development Management

A planning application Ref ESS/31/15/BAS for a waste transfer station with capacity for the processing up to 75,000 tonnes per annum of commercial and industrial waste, including 5000 tonnes of asbestos bearing waste, at **Land to the north of Hovefields Court, Basildon** was resolved to be granted subject to conditions at Development & Regulation Committee on Friday 27 November 2015.

Flood and Water Management

As part of its efforts to highlight the importance of flood risk prevention, the Flood and Water Management Team continues to team up with the Essex Fire and Rescue Service (EFRS) and **assist residents in maintaining their watercourses** to significantly reduce flood risk to their homes.

This month, the Team went to work on the watercourse situated behind the properties in Inglenook, Clacton-on-Sea. After five hours of solid digging and hard graft, the watercourse was transformed from an impassable, vegetation-filled bog into a clear, free-flowing channel thus increasing its capacity and efficiency.



Watercourse at Inglenook, Clacton-on-Sea: Before & After

The Flood and Water Management Team will continue to work with residents and the EFRS to ensure watercourses are maintained and have a number of upcoming ditch clearances scheduled for the remainder of the year and running into 2016.

In addition to maintaining watercourses, there is plenty we can do to reduce the risk of flooding such as keeping drainage systems clear of weeds and litter. To find out more about how to report flooding issues in Essex or to find out more about the threat of flooding please visit www.essex.gov.uk/flooding.

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
- To find out more about procedures for attending D&R Committee, contact the Committee Administrator on 03330 134 583 or go to 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, 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 November 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> |
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| 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 | Hovelfield 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 | 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; |

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| | | Farm, Little Braxted Lane, Rivenhall, Witham, CM8 3EX | | | and the installation/construction and operation 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/Variat ion 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/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/Variat ion 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. |

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| 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. |
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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. |
| Braintree District | CC/BTE/65/15 | Chipping Hill Primary School, Owers Road, Witham, CM8 1FR | Full Planning Application CC | 19/11/15 | Erection of 1.8m high green weldmesh fencing and alterations of existing fence line. |
| Chelmsford City | CC/CHL/57/15 | Springfield Primary School, Forsythia Close, Chelmsford, | Removal/Variation of Condition CC | 12/10/15 | Continuation of the development of the extension of School Building to provide 3 classrooms and associated facilities, minor alterations to existing school building, extension of car park (7 spaces), retention of 3 existing temporary classrooms until 31st August 2022, (until 2017 under ref. CC/CHL/02/12), provision of temporary haul road on to Pump Lane and single temporary classroom for construction period |

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until March 2016 without compliance with Conditions 8 (Construction Access) and 9 (Temporary Vehicular Access Reinstatement) attached to planning permission CC/CHL/29/15 to allow alternative access off Forsythia Close for the construction of the car park extension only and the temporary access off Pump Lane to be reinstated within two months post occupation of the extension.

Decision on Minerals, Waste and County Council Applications made between 15 October 2015 - 15 November 2015

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| Chelmsford City | ESS/15/15/CHL | Bulls Lodge Quarry, Generals Lane, Boreham, Chelmsford, CM3 3HR | 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. | 05/11/15 | Granted | Delegated |
| Rochford District | ESS/09/15/ROC | Land to the North of Mucking Hall Lane, Barling Magna SS3 0NH | Importation of 40,000m ³ of inert material (soil) to re-profile the site and bring it into beneficial and productive agricultural use. | 05/11/15 | Granted | Committee |