

# Making the links

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## Monthly Bulletin

### Maldon District Bus Network Review Consultation

**Friday 4 November 2016 to  
Tuesday 3 January 2017**

In 2015 Essex County Council (ECC) began a thorough review of its financial support for those local bus services that it pays for across the County.

This consultation is looking at nine services across the Maldon District where the current contract ends on 26 August 2017.

**We hope you will take this opportunity  
to comment  
on your services.**

**How to consult with us:**

Questionnaires will be available from  
Essex CC Libraries,  
or online:

[https://surveys.essexinsight.org.uk  
/BusConsultation](https://surveys.essexinsight.org.uk/BusConsultation)

or by phoning: 03457 430 430

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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:  
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## **New Wi-Fi scheme launched for communities in Essex**

A new scheme has been launched by Essex County Council's Superfast Essex programme to enable local communities to access a public Wi-Fi service in community buildings or 'hubs'.

Superfast Essex is the county's broadband improvement programme which is working to make Essex one of the best connected counties in the UK. So far the programme has enabled more than 65,000 homes and businesses to access superfast broadband speeds of 24Mbps and above and work is underway to increase this to 120,000 by 2019. The programme is also planning future work to extend coverage even further still.

With the infrastructure being upgraded across the county over the next few years, Superfast Essex would like to support local communities in experiencing superfast speeds at their local community hubs, encouraging them to see how it might benefit them at home.

Under the scheme, community hubs (such as village halls or community centres) can buy a broadband service from two approved suppliers, APC Solutions or County Broadband.

Initial set up costs will be supported by the Community Initiatives Fund (CIF) and community hubs will subsequently need to pay a monthly service charge.

Money from the CIF has been set aside to help community hubs pay for the setup costs of a Wi-Fi service as offered by the two service providers under this scheme. Up to £400 can be claimed per community hub by completing a short online form similar to the general CIF application process.

Essex County Councillor Penny Channer, Deputy Cabinet Member for Broadband and Enterprise and Superfast Essex Steering Board Chairman, said: "Our aim is to encourage and support communities to make use of the upgraded infrastructure being installed by the Superfast Essex Programme and we're really pleased the CIF has been able to help make this scheme possible. The scheme is aimed at but not limited to community hubs enabled to access superfast broadband.

"I would really encourage community hubs to take advantage of the scheme as it could help existing groups using community hubs to be better engaged online, or

provide additional value to the venue for future prospective users looking for somewhere to hire.”

A Community Hub is defined by this scheme as a community facility such as a village hall, community centre, or parish hall, run as a charity or on a ‘not for profit’ basis, that is available to the public to use and hire in a particular area for community-related recreational activities. This excludes halls only available primarily for one exclusive use such as pre-schools and members clubs.

The Community Wi-Fi Scheme is supported by the Rural Community Council of Essex (RCCE) and the Essex Association of Local Councils (EALC) and was presented to delegates at the RCCE Village Halls Conference in October, generating initial interest from around 15 communities. Representatives from APC Solutions and County Broadband were in attendance to answer any questions about their services and are in full support of the scheme. Both companies can be contacted via their respective websites below: [www.apcsolutionsuk.com](http://www.apcsolutionsuk.com)  
[www.countybroadband.co.uk](http://www.countybroadband.co.uk)

More information on the Community Wi-Fi Scheme including costs and how to apply can be found at [www.superfastessex.org/communitywifischeme](http://www.superfastessex.org/communitywifischeme) and application forms for funding for the Community Wi-Fi Scheme can be found on the CIF website at [www.essex.gov.uk/CIF](http://www.essex.gov.uk/CIF).

Find out the latest broadband rollout information for your area at [www.superfastessex.org/maps](http://www.superfastessex.org/maps). Anyone not covered by the Superfast Essex programme can register their demand for superfast broadband by completing the Make the Connection Survey at [www.superfastessex.org/registerdemand](http://www.superfastessex.org/registerdemand)

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# Essex County Council

## Trading Standards Update

### September 2016

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Welcome to the latest edition of the Trading Standards Update.

The September issue covers some of the preventative work that is undertaken by the service and highlights many issues related to safety.

Working in partnership with internal and external services officers ensure that issues relating to elderly and vulnerable residents are shared so that they can work together to find solutions. Joint visits have taken place with Social Workers and Trading Standards Officers to ensure that residents are safeguarded if they have been targeted by rogue traders, bogus callers or scams.

Working across all the Districts intelligence is being received from members of the public relating to the sale and supply of illegal tobacco and cigarettes. Sniffer dogs have been used by our officers to follow up on intelligence provided and the trained dogs have already found hidden tobacco and cigarettes that would never have been found without their help. You can assist with this project, which is being backed by Public Health, by providing intelligence to the national helpline on 03454 040506.

Once again in this current issue there are several articles related to safety. Goods are available from an infinite number of websites where products are offered at varying prices and from locations all over the world. Buyers need to ensure that if they are purchasing electrical items they need to exercise caution as goods that are supplied directly from countries outside of the EU may not have undergone the required safety testing.

Cllr Anne Brown  
Cabinet Member for Corporate, Communities and Customers

## **IN PARTNERSHIP**

Trading Standards were invited to the 'Good to Great' event organised by Adult Social Care, Operations North. This event took place over 2 days and was attended by 150 social workers and occupational therapists from the North of the county.

Trading Standards gave a presentation, focusing on the safety and wellbeing of older, vulnerable people who are targeted by scams and rogue/doorstep callers.

A case study was included which involved an organised crime gang comprising of over 14 rogue traders who operated in the Clacton and Colchester area between 2009 and 2013 and took more than £1 million from older, vulnerable residents. The main gang members were jailed for a total of over 40 years, with the main perpetrator receiving a 10 year sentence. This complex investigation took over 2 years to conclude.

The Social Workers were advised about the signs to look for and how to report concerns in regard to rogue/doorstep trading and the same for an ongoing Scams project where 2,700 Essex residents have already been identified as responding to scams and more are being added as intelligence becomes available.

Feedback included "Was really good, thank you for coming. It was the most interesting presentation all day, in particular the things to look out for when we go to people's homes, particular triggers/signs etc."

After the event we have received several urgent referrals from Social Care staff and have conducted joint visits with them. The event has forged a strong partnership between Adult Social Care and Trading Standards.

## **BANKING ON IT**

Trading Standards and National Westminster Bank joined forces to advise customers in Benfleet to be aware that people are not always what they seem.

The advice centred on the following:

- Unsolicited callers on the phone purporting to be legitimate organisations such as banks, utility companies or the Police.
- How to protect your identity / money from fraudsters and how not to become a money mule.
- Scams including lottery, prize draws scams, courier scams and clairvoyant scams.
- Computer based fraud and access to computers
- Bogus callers and rogue traders.
- Trading Standards advised 31 older people during the 3 hour event.



We will continue to work with partners to ensure that we provide communities in Essex with information on types of fraud and how victims can protect themselves.

## BAN ON COLD CALLERS



Trading Standards acted swiftly in Harwich after receiving a complaint relating to bogus callers. The Housing Manager of the retirement apartments raised her concerns that residents had been cold called after the bogus callers gained access to the building. Within days of receiving the complaints a meeting with the Manager was held and it was agreed to erect No Cold Calling signs. The Zone is now in operation with the full support of the residents. This has

given the staff and residents' greater peace of mind and the residents feel safer and are able to live independently.

### **What is a No Cold Calling Zone?**

A specific area identified as a target for bogus callers, rogue/doorstep traders or bogus callers involving vulnerable residents.

### **What does it involve?**

All residents in the specified area have to agree to be part of the Zone. The residents are then provided with packs of information, including stickers with contact numbers and street signs are displayed in the zone.

## LICENCED TO THRILL

Our officers were invited to talk to licensees in Rochford District recently to discuss Fake ID. We were one of five organisations presenting during the event which was aimed at licensees for both the on and off sale trade (pubs/restaurants and also shops). The aim was to ensure that licensees were up to date with current legislation and ensure that they were carrying out all of the required checks.

There were presentations by Catch 22, who talked about Child Exploitation, the Immigration and Sanctions Inspectorate explained about the requirements under 'Right to Work' checks, Essex Fire and Rescue updated attendees on calculating maximum occupancy levels in venues and the Essex Drug and Alcohol Partnership talked about New Psychoactive Substances and drink spiking with Rochford trialling some straws which indicate if a substance has been added to a drink.

The Trading Standards presentation covered under age sales and the importance of checking identity of customers. A premises in Rochford had its licence revoked by the licensing committee recently due to selling alcohol to under age volunteers, so it seemed appropriate to remind the attendees of their responsibilities, what to look out for and the severe penalties of disregarding the legislation. We also updated the attendees about the other areas of their business practices that trading standards would be able to advise or take action on, including illicit tobacco and alcohol, allergen information, if providing food and the issue of proxy sales.

It was a really informative, well run day and attendees received a goody bag with further information to take away to digest at their leisure.

## TOBACCO CONTROL PROJECT

As part of a public health funded tobacco control project – Trading Standards are currently working across all 12 districts engaging with the public through a series of roadshows.

On the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of September the Colchester and Clacton roadshows were carried out – in conjunction with our partners Provide and Wagtails. Provide are an ECC commissioned provider of smoking cessation services and Wagtails operate tobacco detection dogs. Roadshows are an opportunity to inform residents across Essex about our work to inhibit the supply of illicit tobacco and to come along and meet the fantastic dogs that we utilise for this work. Our project is intelligence led and Essex Residents are critical in helping identify where illicit tobacco or cigarettes are being sold. The tobacco detection dogs also form a vital part of the identification of illicit tobacco as in nearly all cases the tobacco is very sophisticatedly concealed.



The Roadshows are normally held during the morning and are followed up in the afternoon with enforcement work based on the intelligence received.

In Colchester Bertie from Wagtails identified a concealment of illegal tobacco behind a false wall in the storeroom of a newsagent. Officers discovered over 3660 cigarettes and a little pot of insect repellent designed to cover the smell of the tobacco in case officers visited with detection dogs.... but Bertie was just too good at his job! Have a look at our press coverage here: [http://m.gazette-news.co.uk/news/14742919.VIDEO\\_Thousands\\_of\\_fake\\_or\\_illegal\\_cigarettes\\_uncovered\\_in\\_town\\_centre\\_raids/#comments-anchor](http://m.gazette-news.co.uk/news/14742919.VIDEO_Thousands_of_fake_or_illegal_cigarettes_uncovered_in_town_centre_raids/#comments-anchor)

In Clacton officers visited a known premises fairly early in the day and found nothing... but having the distinct feeling that they hadn't been quick enough decided to re-visit the shop during the afternoon and lo and behold... a large concealed panel held in place by extremely strong magnets revealed the tobacco that had been restocked once officers had left the shop in the morning. See our coverage in the Clacton and Frinton Gazette [http://www.clactonandfringtongazette.co.uk/news/clacton\\_frinton\\_news/14747384.Bertie\\_sniffs\\_out\\_hundreds\\_of\\_illicit\\_cigarettes\\_in\\_a\\_series\\_of\\_raids/](http://www.clactonandfringtongazette.co.uk/news/clacton_frinton_news/14747384.Bertie_sniffs_out_hundreds_of_illicit_cigarettes_in_a_series_of_raids/)

Please pass on any intelligence relating to illicit tobacco to our national helpline via 03454 040506

## FANCY A SNIFTER

An operation by Essex Trading Standards to alert the public to the dangers of illegal tobacco was followed by visits with sniffer dogs to local shops. During one such visit a quantity of wine was seized which was suspected of being counterfeit. The owner could not produce receipts for the wine to confirm where he had purchased it from, a requirement for all food to show traceability. The 450 bottles will now be destroyed.

## THOUSANDS OF DANGEROUS ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS DETAINED AND DESTROYED BY ESSEX TRADING STANDARDS

A recent examination of an imported consignment of electrical products by Essex Trading Standards Officers has resulted in more than two thousand unsafe items from entering the supply chain.



Officers received intelligence from the National Trading Standards Imports Team at Suffolk, that the mixed consignment of electrical items, including a thousand wax heaters (for hair removal purposes), and a thousand power cable sets and travel adaptors were being held at a customs clearance warehouse in Witham. Essex Trading Standards Officers immediately visited the warehouse and based on their initial examination of the products, detained the whole consignment due to safety concerns, preventing their release to the UK importer.

Subsequent testing of the electrical items confirmed that they were dangerous and failed to meet European Safety Standards on a number of points including poor internal wiring which could result in arcing/short circuit, failing to provide adequate protection against electric shock and that the plugs and fuses were counterfeit. In addition, the importer was not able to provide any of the technical documentation or compliance information required by the legislation when importing electrical items. All of the potentially lethal products have now been securely destroyed under the supervision of officers from the service.

## HAIR TODAY, GONE TOMORROW



We received a complaint from a consumer regarding an electrical product she had recently purchased on eBay. She had not used the product, but upon receiving it she was rightly concerned that it did not have a UK plug. The product, an Electric Hair Thermal Treatment Steamer, had most of us stumped as to what it is actually supposed to do... The instructions accompanying the product ‘helpfully’ state in broken English that you should “clean the hair with shamp<sup>ll</sup>” (sic), then “cover the hair with a wet towel, put on the hair treatment cap”, switch it on and “heat the hair for 20 mins”! This was enough to ring serious alarm bells and the product was immediately collected from the consumer and sent away for a full safety assessment.

An interesting note was that the consumer had assumed, because she had purchased the product from eBay, that the supplier was based in the UK. This is not always the case and, as with Amazon Marketplace, it is easy to purchase products directly from sellers who are based all over the world. In this instance, it actually turned out that she had purchased the product directly from a seller in China. It had cost her £4.59, *including* delivery all the way from China!

On the basis that the product was not provided with an approved 13A standard UK 3 pin plug, or suitable conversion plug, we were able to get the listing immediately removed from eBay. Then, once the safety assessment was received it confirmed our initial thoughts – the product failed nearly every test and poses a serious risk to the health and safety of consumers. Some of the more worrying failures included:

- Bare wires protected from contact only by the material of the hood. Should this become wet (which is actively encouraged by the ‘instructions’) there is a risk of shock.
- The cord on this sample was connected to the heating element by simply twisting the conductors together. The joint was then unacceptably covered with loose fitting adhesive tape.
- There is access to live parts
- There is no overheat protection.
- There is no safety information or warnings.

Following receipt of the safety assessment we are now in the process of completing a RAPEX cross-border recall to ensure that this dangerous product is no longer sold across the European market. Without the resources to carry out such work by Trading Standards items like this could be endangering lives across Essex, the UK and Europe.

## **BANG OUT OF ORDER**



Trading Standards are working in partnership with Harlow Community Safety Team again this year, to ensure that businesses selling fireworks do not sell to persons under the age of 18. Officers will be carrying out advice visits to all licensed premises in the Harlow district prior to enforcement action taking place to ensure that all retailers are aware of their legal obligations. Test purchasing will be carried out with a person of 18 to ensure that young people are being asked for I.D. to verify their age. Any businesses that sell fireworks to our 18 year old test purchaser will be revisited and tested with a volunteer under the age of 18.

Last year 100% of the businesses were tested and no sales took place. This was very encouraging, but we believe that it is crucial that the message is reinforced to traders to avoid casualties which occur every year from the sale and misuse of fireworks.

Another critical element of the project is to check and ensure that all premises are complying with the legal storage requirements. People tend to forget that fireworks are explosives and if large quantities are stored incorrectly and an incident does occur this can potentially lead to the loss of life or property.

## **KEBAB SHOPS SUPPLY UNSAFE FOOD AGAIN!!**

Five kebab shops were revisited following poor results from test purchases previously carried out as part of an allergen project earlier this year. We had been supplied kebabs with soya present even though we specifically requested soya free. We covertly resampled from the premises concerned and these samples were then sent for formal analysis. The Public Analyst reports determined that soya was present as an ingredient in 3 out of 5 cases.



When investigating further, officers discovered that, at two premises, the kebab meat was correctly labelled from the supplier with the allergen soya highlighted as an ingredient in the food. However, staff serving our undercover officers failed to understand the importance of checking the ingredients or failed to give any allergen information when asked for a 'soya free' kebab due to having soya allergy. The sale of unsafe food is a serious breach of Food safety legislation. Changes in food law in 2014 now require catering establishments to have a good understanding of listed allergens and the handling and control of these within the workplace.

Trading Standards have been advising caterers on this, but have serious concerns that the message still isn't getting across in some establishments. Trading Standards will be taking formal action against these businesses so that this reinforces the message that food safety has to be taken seriously as in certain circumstances as highlighted recently in national media people lose their lives when Takeaway owners fail to take their responsibilities seriously.

## TEETH WHITENING PENS LEAVE TEETH WITH LESS LUSTRE



Consumers wanting a Hollywood smile at Cricklewood prices should be careful not to end up with teeth that end up feeling rougher and looking less lustrous than before they started. According to aesthetic dentists, buyers can get less than they bargained for if using over-the-counter teeth whitening products that contain the ingredient *sodium chlorite*. Given the legal restrictions on peroxide in dental bleaches available to consumers, it is tempting to be sucked in by “peroxide free” claims and end up with a teeth whitening product that contains the active ingredient sodium chlorite which may provide initial good results but which in the longer term can lead to “etching” of teeth, loss of lustre (damage to enamel), teeth appearing more discoloured, teeth absorbing more stains than before, teeth feeling rough, and teeth feeling more sensitive.

Such a highly questionable product was recently stopped and examined by Essex' *Border Sheriffs* working at Stansted Airport to check for unsafe goods coming into the UK. The Brighter White Teeth Whitening Pens were manufactured in China and had only partial ingredients labelling, with no labelling and no traceability whatsoever on the white plastic pen itself. There was no name and address on the product of a responsible person in the UK or EU, and when asked about the required expert safety assessments for this cosmetic product the importer could only produce a test report for a previous batch on levels of hydrogen peroxide. There was no overall cosmetic product safety assessment to take into account the exposure of the consumer to the chemicals in the pen.



The importer appeared ignorant of the published dangers of sodium chlorite in teeth whitening products, and this batch of 2,100 pens was referred into the safekeeping of the importer's local Trading Standards service for them to provide more detailed advice.

As well as the product's chemical composition, questions must also be asked about the lack of any provided protection for gums when applying the whitening solution to the teeth.

## A BRUSH WITH THE LAW

A consignment of hair straightener brushes were stopped at Stansted as part of a National Trading Standards Safety Project. The products resemble a branded Hair Straightening Brush that retails at around £140 and could be the 'it item' to have at Christmas. The trader was notified that the consignment had been detained pending the results of testing.

The product was tested and found to be unsafe as it was not constructed in accordance with principles of good engineering practice. Wires with only the basic insulation were in contact with the accessible metal tangs of the brush; the plug did not comply with the British Standard, there was no fuse and the product posed a risk of electrocution.



The report was forwarded to the trader and to their local Trading Standards Department who then paid them a visit to provide some much needed advice. The company had apparently recently left the premises with no forwarding address following our intervention. The 216 hair straightener brushes posed a serious risk and have now been destroyed.

## Planning News

### *Minerals and Waste Policy planning*

Examination of the Essex and Southend-on-Sea **Replacement Waste Local Plan** has been underway since June 2016. The hearing sessions began on Tuesday 27 September and adjourned on 7 October. As part of the examination process, the Planning Inspector has requested that a number of modifications be made in order for the Plan to be found sound and consequently suitable for adoption.

A schedule of modifications is currently being prepared by the Waste Planning Authorities. These will be available on the authorities websites and subject to public consultation for a period of six weeks beginning in January 2017. Further information relating to this consultation will be provided in the near future. Please check our website for more information and documentation relating to the examination process.

All enquiries relating to the examination should be made to the Programme Officer, Claire Jones-Hughes, at [bankssolutionsuk@gmail.com](mailto:bankssolutionsuk@gmail.com) or on 01273 381518 / 07737 786 425. The Programme Officer is an independent officer for the examination who reports directly to the Inspector to organise and manage the administrative and procedural matters of the examination process. If you wish to be kept informed of the timeframe for the Examination in Public, please contact Claire so that she can include you on her distribution list.

If you have any queries relating to the Replacement Waste Local Plan in general, please contact us on 03330 139 808 or via [mineralsandwastepolicy@essex.gov.uk](mailto:mineralsandwastepolicy@essex.gov.uk)

### **Development Management news**

On 28 October 2016 the Development & Regulation committee resolved to grant permission for the construction of an irrigation reservoir on land at **Elmstead Hall, Elmstead in Colchester (Reference ESS/24/15/TEN)**. The works will involve the excavation, processing and removal of sand, gravel and soils over four years to create the reservoir with associated engineering works and ancillary buildings.

The Development & Regulation committee also resolved to grant approval to allow external timber processing at the existing Colchester Skip Hire Limited's existing waste recycling facility at **Greenacres, Packards Lane, Wormingford**.

### **Flood and Water Management**

Essex County Council has initiated a **Property Level Protection grant scheme** which is available to all residents in Essex (excluding Thurrock and Southend). The recipients of the grants will be residential homeowners who have been flooded internally in the past from ordinary watercourse/groundwater/surface water flooding, can provide evidence of the impact of the flooding event and have not had the opportunity of applying for the Repair and Renew grants or would not be included in

any flood alleviation scheme to be undertaken by any Risk Management Authority in Essex. By delivering this £5,000 per property grant, our plan in the long term is to provide assistance to flooded residents in Essex by helping them become more resilient and resistant to future flooding by providing them with Property Level Protection as well as promoting community-wide flood risk awareness.

Prospective applicants can visit:

<http://www.essex.gov.uk/Environment%20Planning/Environment/local-environment/flooding/Grants/Pages/Property-Level-Protection.aspx> or call 0844 798 1261 to register their interest.

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 please visit: <http://www.essex.gov.uk/Environment%20Planning/Planning/Minerals-Waste-Planning-Team/Planning-Applications/Determining-planning-applications/Pages/Determining-planning-applications.aspx>

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 October 2016

<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	ESS/49/14/BAS	Pitsea Landfill, Pitsea Hall Lane, Pitsea, Basildon SS16 4UH	Full App with EIA ESS	27/11/2014	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.
Braintree	ESS/44/16/BTE	Woodhouse Farm, Woodhouse Lane, Kelvedon, CO5 9DF	Full Planning Applications ESS	04/10/2016	The Installation of abstraction point, pumping equipment and water main from the River Blackwater to the Integrated Waste Management Facility site (ECC Planning Permission Ref ESS/34/15/BTE) using an existing abstraction licence (Environment Agency ref AN/037/0031/001/R01) at Land between River Blackwater and Rivenhall Integrated Waste Management Facility site.
Braintree	ESS/04/15/BTE	Halstead Anaerobic Digestion Facility, Land North of Bluebridge Industrial Estate, Halstead	Removal / Variation of Condition ESS	22/01/2015	Continuation of development of an anaerobic digestion plant without compliance with Conditions 1 (compliance with submitted details), 4 (hours of operation) and 19 (external materials, finishes and colours) attached to permission ref ESS/28/13/BTE, to allow an extension of operating hours to between 12:00 hours and 16:30 hours on no more than 8 Saturdays following a bank/public holiday per annum and to remove external cladding on the Engine Building (part retrospective).

Chelmsford	ESS/08/16/CHL	Sandon Quarry, Southend Road, Sandon, Howe Green CM2 7TE	Full App with EIA ESS	12/02/2016	Northern quarry void and plant site including the restoration of the Northern quarry void using inert materials to agriculture and nature conservation interest with new public rights of way, the installation and operation of an inert waste recycling facility in the plant site for the production of secondary aggregate followed by the restoration of the plant site to nature conservation interest and the creation of an area of biodiversity compensation habitat.
Chelmsford	ESS/42/16/CHL	Land at Bolton Farm, Boreham, Chelmsford, Essex, CM2 5AE	Full Planning Applications ESS	30/09/2016	Erection of an Anaerobic Digestion plant, for the annual processing of 25,000 tonnes of agricultural slurry, crop and crop residues and 25,000 tonnes of food waste; together with weighbridge; combined heat and power unit; gas network entry facility; concrete apron; technical building, silage clamps, landscaping; provision of earth bunds and re-profiling of ground level; installation of lagoons and attenuation pond and associated infrastructure.
Chelmsford	ESS/32/16/CHL	Land at St Cleres Hall Pit, Main Road, Danbury CM3 4AS	Full Planning Applications ESS	08/08/2016	Importation of aggregate from Royal Oak until 31st October 2021.
Chelmsford	ESS/05/15/CHL	Roxwell Quarry Complex, Boyton Cross, Roxwell, Chelmsford, CM1 4LT	Full Planning Applications ESS	23/02/2015	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.
Chelmsford	ESS/31/16/CHL	Land at St Cleres Hall Pit, Main Road, Danbury CM3 4AS	Removal/Variation of Condition ESS	08/08/2016	VOC Retention of processing plant until 31st December 2021 with restoration by 31st March 2022 and proposed increase in HGV movements.
Chelmsford	ESS/37/15/CHL	Bulls Lodge Quarry (Boreham Airfield), Generals Lane, Boreham, Chelmsford, CM3 3HR	Removal/Variation of Condition ESS	11/08/2015	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	ESS/36/13/CHL	Hanson Aggregates, Bulls Lodge Quarry, Generals Lane, Boreham, Chelmsford CM3 3HR	Removal / Variation of Condition ESS	09/07/2013	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.
Colchester	ESS/06/15/COL	Colchester Quarry (Bellhouse), Warren Lane, Colchester	Full Planning Applications ESS	11/06/2015	Retrospective application for continuation of use of the restored Abbotstone North Landfill Site without compliance with Conditions 2 (Development Details), 3 (Reinstatement Details), 12 (Landscaping Scheme Design), 19 (AoD Levels), and 22 (Aftercare Scheme) attached to planning permission ESS/07/01/COL/REV to allow the retention of amended contours within the Abbotstone North landfill site, along the boundary with the ECC closed landfill and with Public Footpath 15.
Colchester	ESS/29/16/COL	Greenacres, Packards Lane, Wormingford, Colchester CO6 3AH	Removal / Variation of Condition ESS	08/07/2016	Timber recycling compound.
Epping Forest	ESS/23/16/EPF	Homestead Nursery, Tylers Road, Roydon, CM19 5LJ	Full Planning Applications ESS	12/08/2016	The storage and transfer of waste to include asbestos.
Maldon	ESS/43/16/MAL	Cobbs Farm, Maldon Road, Goldhanger, Maldon CM9 8BQ	Full Planning Applications ESS	05/10/2016	Installation of a washing plant for processing of indigenous sand and gravel extracted during the construction of an agricultural reservoir, approved under planning permission refs ESS/35/14/MAL and ESS/34/14/MAL.
Tendring	ESS/30/16/TEN	Martells Quarry, Slough Lane, Ardleigh, CO7 7RU	Full App with EIA ESS	11/07/2016	Application for the continued restoration of former quarry void by means of landfill.

Tendring	ESS/24/15/TEN	Elmstead Hall, Elmstead, Colchester	Full App with EIA ESS	02/06/2015	Construction of an irrigation reservoir involving the excavation, processing and removal of sand, gravel and soils, engineering works and ancillary buildings.
Uttlesford	ESS/34/16/UTT	Highwood Quarry, Old Ipswich Road, Little Cranfield, Dunmow, CM6 1SL	Full App (Major) CC	15/08/2016	Continuation of the winning and working of sand and gravel, erection of a concrete plant, workshop and ancillary buildings, and the importation and treatment of inert material to produce secondary aggregate and reclamation material for progressive restoration to landscaped farmland originally permitted by ESS/65/06/UTT as amended by planning permission ref. ESS/52/13/UTT without compliance with Condition 4 (Hours of operation) to allow heavy goods vehicles to travel off site between the hours 0600 and 0700 Monday to Saturday.
Uttlesford	ESS/35/16/UTT	Highwood Quarry, Old Ipswich Road, Little Cranfield, Dunmow, CM6 1SL	Full App (Major) CC	15/08/2016	Continuation of the Importation of 70,000m <sup>3</sup> per annum of inert waste and the installation and use of a soils washing plant for the recycling of waste, together with associated access onto the highway and a separate silt press as permitted by planning permission ref. ESS/45/14/UTT without compliance with condition 6 (Control of vehicle movements) to allow heavy goods vehicles to travel offsite between the hours 0600 and 0700 Monday to Saturday and amendment to Condition 16 (Maximum heights) to regularise the plant height.

### Pending County Council Applications as of 15 October 2016

<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	CC/BAS/46/16	The Phoenix Primary School and Nursery, Leinster Road, Basildon, SS15 5NQ	Full Planning Application CC	28/09/2016	Construction of two single storey extensions to provide 3 additional classrooms and a library, a multi-use games area, covered cycle parking and extension and re-arrangement of the existing car park to provide 5 additional parking spaces with associated landscaping and external works.
Braintree	CC/BTE/45/16	De Vere Primary School, Kirby Hall Road, Castle Hedingham, Halstead, CO9 3EA	Full Planning Application CC	23/09/2016	Proposed extensions to the existing school to accommodate 2 new classrooms, staff room, office and ancillary facilities, an increase in the height of the roof over the existing main school hall, the provision of an

					external canopy to provide an outdoor play area for the nursery and the provision of a new all-weather play area.
Braintree	CC/BTE/17/14	Braintree Road, Shalford CM7 5HQ	Full App (Major) CC	10/03/2014	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.
Brentwood	CC/BRW/44/16	Hogarth County Junior School, Riseway, Brentwood CM15 8BG	Full Planning Application CC	26/09/2016	Erection of a single storey building comprising six classrooms, a multi-activity hall, teaching rooms and staff room together with the extension of existing hard surface play area and car park, additional bicycle and scooter parking and additional landscaping /tree planting.
Castle Point	CC/CPT/42/16	West Wood (Ancient Woodland), East Thundersley	Full App (Major) CC	12/09/2016	Essex County Council is seeking planning permission for construction of a flood alleviation scheme consisting of an attenuation bund (127m in length and maximum 1.2m height above ground level) with culvert through Prittle Brook and temporary attenuation area in the event of flooding, with construction and maintenance access via an existing track off Rayleigh Road, all located within an Ancient Woodland at West Wood, East Thundersley.
Epping Forest	CC/EPF/47/16	White Bridge Primary School, Loughton, IG10 3DR	Full Planning Application CC	04/10/2016	Proposed erection of a new part single and part two storey school extension, internal refurbishment of reception classes, erection of canopy outside reception area, together with associated parking and landscaping works.
Harlow	CC/HLW/43/16	Essex County Council Highways Depot, Hastingwood Highways Depot, London Road, Hastingwood, Harlow, CM17 9LH	Full Planning Application CC	16/09/2016	Erection of replacement office & welfare building and provision of parking.

## Decision on Minerals, Waste and County Council Applications made between 15 September – 15 October 2016

<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>
Basildon	CC/BAS/40/16	Whitmore County Infant and Junior School, Whitmore Way, Basildon, SS14 2TP	The continued construction and use of a single storey 4 classbase and studio hall extension to the south west of the existing junior school buildings, the remodelling of an existing classbase and the construction and use of a single storey class base extension to the east of the existing infant school buildings, together with amended parking layout and a temporary construction access off Whitmore Way, to allow for the expansion of the school from the existing 525 pupils to a maximum capacity of 630 pupils without compliance with Condition 2 (application details) attached to planning permission CC/BAS/54/15 to allow high level windows to be introduced to the rear wall of the studio, amendments to roof lights, the north elevation corrected to brickwork, reduced glazing height and the provision of additional roof lights in the clerestorey roof.	20/09/16	Granted	Delegated
Braintree	CC/BTE/41/16	Edith Borthwick School, Springwood Drive, Braintree, CM7 2YN	The continuation of development for the permanent provision of a double modular classbase building and 9 car park bays without compliance with condition 5 (size of car parking bays) attached to planning permission CC/BTE/16/16 to allow reduced car parking bay sizes (2.5 x 5m) to facilitate 9 car parking bays.	21/09/16	Granted	Delegated
Braintree	ESS/07/16/BTE	Bradwell Quarry, Church Road, Bradwell, CM77 8EP	Continuation of development permitted by ESS/24/14/BTE without compliance with conditions 2 (application details), 7 (timescales), 38 (sequence of restoration) and 59 (no importation of mineral for processing) to allow amended restoration levels, revised phasing and additional time to complete extraction and restoration until 2021, utilisation of overburden in restoration and processing of mineral both arising from the Integrated Waste Management Facility (if implemented). Planning permission ESS/24/14/BTE being for Extraction of an estimated reserve of 3 million tonnes of sand and gravel (from Sites A3 and A4 as	07/10/16	Granted	Committee

identified Minerals Local Plan) and retention of existing access onto the A120, private haul road, sand and gravel processing plant, ready mixed concrete plant, bagging plant, dry silo mortar plant and water management system, internal haul roads and re-contouring of restoration levels of extraction areas (Sites R and A2) with restoration to a combination of agriculture, woodland, biodiversity, water lagoons and to levels appropriate to safeguard implementation of planning permission ESS/37/08/BTE (Integrated Waste Management Facility).

Chelmsford	ESS/25/16/CHL	Land at ECC waste transfer station, Winsford Way, Chelmsford, CM2 5AA	Variation of condition 6 (noise monitoring) of planning permission ESS/31/13/CHL, to amend the wording of the noise monitoring condition.	07/10/16	Granted	Committee
Maldon	ESS/14/16/MAL	Land at Bradwell Power Station, Bradwell on Sea, Southminster, CM0 7HQ	The importation of packaged intermediate level waste from Magnox sites Sizewell "A" and Dungeness "A" to Bradwell site and the interim storage within the existing interim storage facility.	07/10/16	Granted	Committee
Maldon	ESS/15/16/MAL	Land at Bradwell Power Station, Bradwell on Sea, Southminster, CM0 7HQ	To vary condition 3 (restriction on importation) of planning permission ESS/43/12/MAL to temporarily suspend condition 3 to allow the importation of packaged intermediate level waste from Magnox sites Sizewell "A" and Dungeness "A" into the Bradwell sites existing interim storage facility for the period up to 2023.	07/10/16	Granted	Committee