

## LOCAL PRIORITY ACTION PLAN

Local Issues	Action	By Whom	By When	Outcome
<b>Reducing Anti-Social Behaviour - particularly focusing on youth nuisance, town centres and urban areas.</b>				
Anti-social behaviour, especially in Witham Town Centre at night.	Write to Witham Town Council to see what is already being done and invite them to put forward a proposal, including costings, for additional PCSO.	Locality Co-Ordinator	30/09/07	Letter sent 19/09/07. Response received letter dated 11/10/07 Findings to be reported to ASB Action Group. Cost to BDC for jointly funded PCSO - £13,500 per year + £1,088 start up. Agreed to defer following comments of WLC – 10/1/08 Members concern about funding and evidence of what can be achieved
Lack of high visibility policing [mainly night time]	Invite police representative to a future meeting of the Witham Local Committee if not present on 11 <sup>th</sup> September [an invite has gone out].	Locality Co-Ordinator	30/09/07	Letter sent 24/09/07. Sgt Midwinter attended WLC 6/11/07 set out Police proposals.
Graffiti in the underpasses in Flora Road and Spa Road	Write to the Clean Team and ask them to make regular checks of the area if records show this to be a hot spot for graffiti and seek advice from them on the possibility of street art/mural.	Locality Co-Ordinator	30/09/07	Response reported to ASB Action Group on 05/10/07. Added to hot spot list. Can be painted with anti-graffiti paint but there is a cost attached to this – around £2,000 to £3,000 based upon other areas.

<p>Groups of youths drinking in and around with Witham Rugby Club ground.</p>	<p>Liaise with Licensing Officer at BDC with a view to looking at initiative for identifying source of alcohol;</p> <p>Speak to representatives of the Youth Council seeking their views on reasons for congregating [lack of facilities?]</p> <p>Liaise with Clean Team regarding the litter problem.</p> <p>ASB Group asked what the obligations were on the Rugby Club re maintenance of the fence.</p>	<p>Locality Co-Ordinator</p> <p>Locality Co-Ordinator</p> <p>Locality Co-Ordinator</p> <p>Locality Co-Ordinator</p>	<p>30/09/07</p> <p>30/09/07</p> <p>30/09/07</p> <p>29/2/08</p>	<p>Response reported to ASB Action Group on 17/10/07.</p> <p>Letter sent 24/09/07. Findings to be reported to ASB Action Group.</p> <p>Response reported to ASB Action Group on 05/10/07. Added to hot spot list.</p> <p>Write to Secretary and ask what are obligations</p>
<p>Broken glass on Humber Road walkways and in the Spa Road underpass.</p>	<p>Write to the Clean Team and ask them to make regular checks of the area if records show this to be a problem area.</p> <p>The Sub Group felt that some issues arise when bins are full and that better promotion of the contact details for the Clean Team should be given perhaps label/info on bins.</p>	<p>Locality Co-Ordinator</p>	<p>30/09/07</p>	<p>Response reported to ASB Action Group on 05/10/07. Added to hot spot list.</p> <p>DT to raise with Street Scene.</p>

Vandalism to the play equipment off Spa Road	Write to Witham Town Council seeking latest position with regard to planned programme for replacement play equipment.  It was noted that this in on the Play Area refurbishment programme for 2008.	Locality Co-Ordinator	30/09/07	Letter sent 19/09/07. Response Awaited. Findings to be reported to ASB Action Group. WTC advised that funding allocated – its letter dated 5/12/07 Nick Day meeting WTC 5/12 to discuss plans will advise on the outcome of these.
Difficulty in placing a response call through to Essex Police Headquarters Duty Desk [long wait times on the phone].	Invite police representative to a future meeting of the Witham Local Committee if not present on 11 <sup>th</sup> September [an invite has gone out]. Give advance notice of questions likely to be asked.	Locality Co-Ordinator	30/09/07	Letter sent 19/09/07. Response Awaited. Sgt Midwinter attended WLC 6/11/07 set out Police proposals to improve communication.
<b>Improving the appearance of the District</b>				
Delay in obtaining a positive response from BDC to minor annoying issues such as weed growth at kerb sides on estate roads.	Liaise with officers from Street Scene/Estates to establish their response times and to see if there is a specific resource issue.	Locality Co-Ordinator	31 October	Awaited.
Street light failures around estates and schools.	Liaise with PR with a view to establishing the cost of publication/page in Contact setting out roles, responsibilities and contact numbers for reporting failures etc.	Locality Co-Ordinator	31 October	Awaited.
Parking on verges in Redwood Close.	Parking on grass verges is the subject of a report to the meeting of the Local Committee in November.	-	-	Report to February 08 meeting.

Roads and Traffic					
1	Speed limits are ignored in some places and in Faulkbourne a 40 mph speed limit would be welcomed between Faulkbourne and Witham.	<p>R &amp; T Sub Group understand that ECC will not implement speed restrictions unless it falls within their policy. Group to seek Ward Members input to see if evidence can be provided to support request to ECC.</p> <p>In discussing this it was felt that speeding was a wider problem and the Group would therefore seek other Members input can Members please inform the DT of areas in which they have concern, details of problem, any evidence.</p> <p>Cllr Elliott referred to a particular problem in his Ward where residents had gathered a substantial petition to raise concerns about speed limits and the difficulty of crossing the road safely.</p> <p>Cllr Foster had raised the issue of speeding in Kelvedon.</p> <p>The Group remarked on the number of HGVs using the Town, some of which appeared to have taken the wrong route.</p> <p>Would the Local Committee support further speed reduction trials similar to the scheme put forward and funded by Hatfield Peverel Parish Council ?</p>	R & T Sub Group / Local Committee/ D Triggs (locality Coordinator)	Clarify objective/actions at next WLC 26/2/08	
2	Adoption of roads at Black Notley site.	Local Coordinator to clarify the situation regarding these roads	DT	Next R & T Sub Group 16/4/08	"
3	The poor state of repair and lack of passing bays in Brockwell Lane, Kelvedon.	Speak to Linda Gore at BDC to seek whether there are any plans to repair this road.	Locality Coordinator	Co- 31 October	Findings to be reported to R & T Action Group now passed to GCH

4 Traffic Around Witham Station.	To be picked up by the R & T Action Group. The Action Group to seek the views of fellow local Members and then work on an action plan for dealing with this and other issues.  This issue is now a key part of the remit of the Witham Car Parking Strategy Group led by ECC Highways and established by the WLC at 6/11/08 meeting – invite this Group to feed back to WLC	Witham Car Parking Strategy Group Coordinated through Bob Wiltshire ECC and invite it to feed back to WLC	TBA	Awaited.
5 HGV routing and signage through Witham	It was noted that through discussions at the Traffic Management LG this was due to be reviewed once Sauls Bridge had been strengthened.0	Await outcome of work to Sauls Bridge – invite the TMLG to report back to WLC.	TBA	Awaited.
6. Potholes in Forest Road	Now dealt with remove from AP			Complete
7. Road safety over Chipping Hill bridge and cars making U-turns at mini roundabout at junction of Chipping Hill and Braintree Road to access Albert Road.	This item was in the process of being discussed at the TMLP	Invite the TMLG to report back to WLC	TBA	Awaited.
8 Hazards to pedestrians from youngsters cycling on pavements.	The Sub Group feels that this is a longer term issue that should be dealt with through Education and the Police – raise with Road Safety Liaison Officer at ECC	DT to contact Road Safety Team at ECC	29/2/08	
9 Parking restrictions in Kelvedon High Street and Feering Hill prohibit parking for one hour every morning. Residents would welcome a permit holder scheme.	This issue is now a key part of the remit of the Witham Car Parking Strategy Group led by ECC Highways and established by the WLC at 6/11/08 meeting – invite this Group to feed back to WLC	Witham Car Parking Strategy Group Coordinated through Bob Wiltshire ECC and invite it to feed back to WLC	6 <sup>th</sup> November 2007	Discussed at WLC 6/11/07 – refer to Parking Strategy Gp - lead Bob Wiltshire (ECC).

10	Parking in Witham Town Centre	This issue is now a key part of the remit of the Witham Car Parking Strategy Group led by ECC Highways and established by the WLC at 6/11/08 meeting – invite this Group to feed back to WLC	Witham Car Parking Strategy Group Coordinated through Bob Wiltshire ECC and invite it to feed back to WLC	6 <sup>th</sup> November 2007	Discussed at WLC 6/11/07 – refer to Parking Strategy Gp - lead Bob Wiltshire (ECC).
11	Poor condition of the road surface in the Powers Hall End road from Chipping Hill to the Spa Road roundabout.	Now dealt with remove from AP	-	-	-
12	Improving pedestrian facilities, particularly in rural areas by improving and extending roadside footways and public footpath networks.	To be picked up by the R & T Action Group. The Sub Group felt that this should be picked up as part of the Locally Determined Programme and that the Local Committee should be consulted on this and comment on the priorities given to various schemes.	DT LC to make representations to ECC about the LDP	29/2/08	
<b>Improving access by the public to information and services</b>					
	Opposition to the Children's Centre at Powers Hall School by residents of Powers Hall Road.				The planning permission has since been granted by ECC.
	Fire to the house in Yare Avenue - cause not made known to residents who feared their houses may also be at risk.	Liaise with Witham Fire Brigade to establish the cause and invite joint initiative on publicity regarding free fire alarms and free house surveys.	Locality Co-Ordinator	End November 2007	Awaited.

Post Office Closures	Establish which Post Offices in the Witham locality are scheduled for closure and report findings to relevant Ward Members to enable them to lobby the Government.	Locality Co-Ordinator	Closures announced – email from Kitty Barrett to all Cllrs 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2007	Discussed at Council 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov and WLC 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov – Cllrs to lobby post office on proposed closures.
<b>Other</b>				
Extension of Witham town centre conservation area to include Collingwood Road and some nearby streets.	Liaise with Planning Services and ask whether a decision has been made on the request for an extension to the conservation area.	Locality Co-Ordinator	End October	Awaited.
Lack of investment in infrastructure in Witham generally e.g shops, leisure facilities [cinema]. No centre for youth activity.	<p>Will be picked up as part of the topic of debate at the meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2008.</p> <p>Liaise with Cabinet Member seeking reasons as to why feasibility study of Bramston Sports Centre needs to await the outcome of the application for academy status for the school.</p> <p>Liaise with Maltings Lane Forum to establish at what stage they are with planning permission.</p>	<p>Witham Local Committee</p> <p>Locality Co-Ordinator</p> <p>Locality Co-Ordinator</p>	<p>10<sup>th</sup> January 2008</p> <p>End September 2007</p> <p>End November 2007</p>	<p>Awaited.</p> <p>E-Mail sent 19/09/07. No response and item deferred further and taken off Forward Plan.</p> <p>Awaited.</p>