

# **Supplementary Committee Agenda**



## ***Environmental and Planning Services Standing Scrutiny Panel Wednesday, 5th September, 2007***

**Place:** Committee Room 1, Civic Offices, High Street, Epping

**Time:** 7.30 pm

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### **6.a Nazeing Focus Day - Action Plan**

Please see the attached which was listed as to follow on the main agenda.

Members are reminded to bring these papers to the meeting.

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## Nazeing Focus Day – Action Plan

	<b>Action</b>	<b>Timetable</b>	<b>Responsible Organisation</b>
1 Monitoring Framework	<p>(a) To investigate whether comparative data can be collected on HGV / LGV traffic in Nazeing and Roydon for the purposes of creating a monitoring framework for traffic levels in the areas.</p> <p>(b) Epping Forest District Council &amp; Nazeing Action Group to request a copy of the results of the video traffic survey completed by Essex County Council – West Area Highways Office in April 2007</p> <p>(c) Nazeing Action Group to complete a new traffic survey to compare annual trends (scheduled for 17Sept07). Outcome to be reported to the Panel.</p>	<p>Consider available resources by end October 2007. Make outcome known to the Panel.</p> <p>Formal request by end September 2007</p> <p>Results of survey to be made available by end October 2007</p> <p>Consultation expected October 2007</p> <p>Consultation expected October 2007 – to be considered by the Panel as appropriate to the</p>	<p>Essex County Council – West Area Highways Office Epping Forest District Council – Environmental &amp; Planning Services Standing Scrutiny Panel</p> <p>Epping Forest District Council – Head of Planning &amp; Economic Development Nazeing Action Group</p> <p>Nazeing Action Group Epping Forest District Council – Environmental &amp; Planning Services Standing Scrutiny Panel</p> <p>Essex County Council – Senior Network Management Officer Epping Forest District Council – Head of Planning &amp; Economic Development</p> <p>Epping Forest District Council – Head of Planning &amp; Economic Development Epping Forest District Council – Environmental &amp; Planning Services Standing Scrutiny Panel</p>
2 Essex County Freight Strategy	<p>(a) Ensure Essex County Council consults appropriately with business (particularly horticultural businesses and packhouses), community organisations, local authorities (including parish councils) and residents on the Essex County Freight Strategy.</p> <p>(b) Seek to influence the Essex County Freight Strategy to ensure that matters including appropriate signage and use of lorry parks are considered.</p>	<p>Consultation expected October 2007 – to be considered by the Panel as appropriate to the</p>	<p>Essex County Council – Senior Network Management Officer Epping Forest District Council – Head of Planning &amp; Economic Development</p> <p>Epping Forest District Council – Head of Planning &amp; Economic Development Epping Forest District Council – Environmental &amp; Planning Services Standing Scrutiny Panel</p>

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	(c) Identify available lorry parks and stopping places to help drivers to observe time restrictions on loading and unloading at nurseries, and ensure this information is incorporated into the Essex County Freight Strategy	consultation period given.  Consultation expected October 2007	Essex County Council – West Area Highways Office Epping Forest District Council - Environmental & Planning Services Standing Scrutiny Panel
3 Bridge Issues	<p>(a) Determine when the last structural check on the Fish &amp; Eels Bridge was undertaken in Essex County Council's management programme, and when this is due to be done again. Essex County Council to consider whether any more frequent surveys are required in light of the weight of the traffic using the bridge.</p> <p>(b) Consider the signage either side of Essex Road Bridge and the Fish &amp; Eels Bridge, with a view to dissuading HGV / LGV through traffic.</p> <p>(c) Approach Network Rail to determine the nature of any proposed works to the road bridge near Broxbourne Station. Also ensure that any refurbishment work to be undertaken on the bridge takes into account the need to alleviate heavy traffic on other nearby roads.</p>	<p>Check management plan</p> <p>By end December 2007</p> <p>Approach Network Rail to determine plans for the bridge by end October 2007</p>	<p>Essex County Council – West Area Highways Office</p> <p>Epping Forest District Council – Head of Planning &amp; Economic Development Essex County Council – West Area Highways Office Broxbourne Borough Council - Head of Planning Hertfordshire County Council – Highways</p> <p>Epping Forest District Council – Head of Planning &amp; Economic Development to lead on reporting Council &amp; community concerns to Network Rail. Will also need to involve</p>

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<p>4 Enforcement &amp; Road Safety</p>	<p>(a) Review the results of previous police enforcement action on Dobb's Weir Road to identify whether the Fish &amp; Eels Bridge / Dobb's Weir Road has become a significant shortcut for HGV / LGV traffic to the road system in Essex.</p> <p>(b) Determine with Essex Police whether a further enforcement programme can be agreed for the Nazeing &amp; Roydon areas.</p> <p>(c) Request Essex County Council considers various sites in Nazeing &amp; Roydon as mobile safety camera sites.</p>	<p>Action and timescale based on the results m-input awaited from Essex Police</p> <p>Input awaited from Essex Police</p> <p>Formally approach Essex County Council by end October 2007</p>	<p>Hertfordshire County Council Highways. EEHBLG (see 9 below) should oversee any responses made, and contribute as appropriate.</p> <p>Essex Police – Chigwell Row</p> <p>Essex Police – Chigwell Row Nazeing Parish Council Roydon Parish Council Nazeing Action Group Epping Forest District Council - Environmental &amp; Planning Services Standing Scrutiny Panel</p> <p>Epping Forest District Council – Head of Planning &amp; Economic Development Outcome reported to Epping Forest District Council - Environmental &amp; Planning Services Standing Scrutiny Panel Essex County Council – Senior Road Safety Officer, Casualty Reduction Partnership</p>

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	(d) Identify current timings for road safety reviews in the Nazeing & Roydon areas. Determine whether there is a requirement for additional roads to be considered for road safety reviews.	Initial discussions by end November 2007 Further action(s) dependent on the above	Essex County Council – West Area Highways Office Epping Forest District Council – Head of Planning & Economic Development Outcome reported to Epping Forest District Council - Environmental & Planning Services Standing Scrutiny Panel
5 Signage	<p>(a) Consider the usefulness of a full audit of the road signs and markings in the Nazeing and Roydon areas (and where appropriate Harlow)</p> <p>(b) <b>If</b> an audit is considered useful – It should be undertaken as a partnership exercise by all interested groups. Identify all signs, and assess whether any could be removed / improved in a determined area. Feed this information into consultation on the Essex County Freight Strategy (see 2 above).</p> <p>(c) Consider changes in signage and road markings to deter HGV / LGV traffic on inappropriate roads</p>	<p>Consider usefulness by end October 2007. Report outcome to Panel 20Dec07</p> <p>Area of study to be determined by mid November 2007 Audit to be complete by end December 2007</p> <p>Dependent on the outcome of the above - Implementation of any changes by end March 2008</p>	<p>Essex County Council – West Area Highways Office Epping Forest District Council – Environmental &amp; Planning Services Standing Scrutiny Panel</p> <p>Essex County Council – West Area Highways Office <b>to lead</b> Nazeing Action Group Nazeing Parish Council Roydon Parish Council Lea Valley Growers</p> <p>Essex County Council – West Area Highways Office</p>

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	(d) Consider the introduction of restrictive measures and improved signage on Hoe Lane and Low Hill Road to draw greater attention to the width restrictions already in place	Consider this issue by end November 2007. Report outcome to Panel on 20Dec07.	Essex County Council – West Area Highways Office Epping Forest District Council – Environmental & Planning Services Standing Scrutiny Panel
6	(a) Officer meeting to be organised between the Vehicle & Operator Services Agency (VOSA), Epping Forest District Council and Essex County Council - West Area Highways Office.  (b) Outcome of meeting to be reported to Environmental & Planning Services Standing Scrutiny Panel. If necessary, invite a representative of VOSA to address the Panel.	Schedule meeting by end October 2007  Report to Panel on 20Dec07	Epping Forest District Council – Head of Planning & Economic Development to lead Essex County Council – West Area Highways Office
7	(a) A review is currently being undertaken by Essex Council to consider whether the system for issuing permits is rigorous  (b) Actions arising from (a) above	Review anticipated to be complete by end December 2007  Dependent on the outcome of (a) above.	Essex County Council – West Area Highways Office  Essex County Council – West Area Highways Office
8	(a) Ensure that the implementation of policies appropriate to this area is monitored to ensure effectiveness.  (b) Reconsider the future development of the Nazeing & Roydon areas, particularly whether it may be more sensible to encourage certain uses and developments to areas better	Annual Monitoring Report produced in December 2007  Via the Local Development Framework Core	Epping Forest District Council – Head of Planning & Economic Development  Epping Forest District Council – Head of Planning & Economic Development

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	<p>served by suitable roads and public transport.</p> <p>(c) The level of resources within the planning enforcement team devoted to Nazeing &amp; Roydon has been raised as an issue. Planning enforcement is usually reactionary, and is dependent on what has been permitted and the planning conditions attached. In addition planning enforcement can have little control over the size of lorries on the roads in general as this is controlled by EU legislation. Environmental &amp; Planning Services Standing Scrutiny Panel should determine whether they require a further report on this.</p> <p>(d) Review the working relationship between Essex County Council West Area Office and Epping Forest District Council in relation to the consideration of planning applications. Encourage Highways to be more involved in considering planning applications at an early stage.</p> <p>(e) Review plans for the Broxbourne Canoe Slalom venue in Broxbourne, and the impact on Nazeing &amp; Roydon. Current estimates suggest 60-70,000 visitors per year. Traffic routing will need to be carefully considered, and representations made to planning applications as appropriate.</p>	<p>Strategy. Due to commence beginning of 2008</p> <p>Panel to consider whether further report is necessary - 20Dec07</p> <p>Consider the processes within the two Councils and report to Panel on whether improvements can be made – 20Dec07</p> <p>Planning application expected to Broxbourne Borough Council by end 2007.</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Epping Forest District Council – Head of Planning &amp; Economic Development</p> <p>Epping Forest District Council – Head of Planning &amp; Economic Development Essex County Council – Development Control, County Hall Epping Forest District Council - Environmental &amp; Planning Services Standing Scrutiny Panel</p> <p>Epping Forest District Council – Head of Planning &amp; Economic Development to lead on comments made &amp; report via the Members' Bulletin</p> <p>Epping Forest District Council – Head of Planning &amp; Economic</p>
9 Cross	(a) Encourage the cross boundary officer and Member meetings (EEHBLG) to take a higher profile in resolving issues that have		



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Boundary Working	<p>cross boundary implications and help strengthen local consultative mechanisms. (Linked also to 3(c) above)</p> <p>(b) Head of Planning &amp; Economic Development to present findings of the Nazeing Focus Day Report to EEHBLG</p>	26Sept07	<p>Development</p> <p>Epping Forest District Council – Head of Planning &amp; Economic Development</p>
10 Glasshouse industry	<p>(a) Engage with the Lea Valley Growers Association and encourage them to provide effective advice to drivers on the most appropriate HGV / LGV routes to and from the area including advice on common satnav errors. Outcomes to be incorporated into the Essex County Freight Strategy (see 2 above).</p> <p>(b) Consider the establishment of a “Considerate Growers” scheme, including a telephone number direct to the nurseries to call if further issues arise.</p>	<p>Freight Strategy Consultation expected October 2007</p> <p>By end December 2007</p>	<p>Lea Valley Growers Association</p> <p>Essex County Council – West Area Highways Office</p> <p>Epping Forest District Council – Head of Planning &amp; Economic Development</p> <p>Lea Valley Growers Association</p>
11 Implementation	<p>(a) Establish a working group including all relevant parties to meet and discuss progress against the action plan. Outcome of the discussions to be reported to the Panel.</p>	<p>Working group to be established by end October 2007</p> <p>Report outcome of discussions to Panel 20Dec07</p>	<p>All groups &amp; organisations involved in delivery of actions.</p> <p>Epping Forest District Council – Head of Planning &amp; Economic Development to lead on establishing group</p>
12 Review Focus Day	<p>(a) Hold a further Focus Day to review the actions taken and the progress made. Consider whether to utilise independent facilitation again.</p>	<p>Consideration of future facilitation and an appropriate date for a further focus day - 20Dec07</p>	<p>Epping Forest District Council - Environmental &amp; Planning Services</p> <p>Standing Scrutiny Panel</p> <p>Epping Forest District Council – Head of Planning &amp; Economic Development</p>

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