

## Questions for Highways Services Presentation

### **Councillor Keith Wright - Chipping Ongar, Greensted & Marden Ash:**

- 1) Confusion exists as to whom residents should phone when reporting serious faults in pathways and roads. Who should residents contact?
- 2) Sunken kerbs facilitate cars parking on pavements. Pedestrians and those pushing wheelchairs can often be placed in hazardous situations. What strategies will be adopted to alleviate this problem? This relates especially to Ongar High Street between the Post Office and Ongar Bridge
- 3) Parking on pavements and across car entrances is endemic in the neighbourhood of schools. Structural damage to kerb edges occurs and safety is compromised. Has any strategy for addressing this concern, possibly to install bollards, been considered? Will it be? Chipping Ongar Primary School is a case in point.

### **Councillor Roland Frankel - Theydon Bois:**

- 1) What is the "official" position about whether resident's cars be parked in the street or in driveways?
- 2) Does County Council feel that government policy to reduce car journeys is working in Essex?
- 3) Should cost of traffic disruption (for the road users) be an issue for the time taken on repairs?
- 4) What causes more pollution: a) stopped cars, b) stop/start congested traffic, c) constantly moving cars?
- 5) Since EFDC members permitted commercial development on Chigwell Lane, is there now any possibility of a full M11 junction 5?
- 6) What studies have been made to determine at which point traffic density becomes unsafe?

### **Councillor Mrs A Cooper - Lower Nazeing:**

- 1) At the end of 2006, the total number of road deaths in Essex County Council reached 101. Can Essex Transport confirm the total number of deaths in this District and provide a breakdown of how many occurred on:
  - a) National Motorways and Primary Routes
  - b) County Primary Routes 1 and 2
  - c) Local Routes?
- 2) I understand due to the type of soil/ ground structure in Essex, the single axle Heavy Goods Vehicle is creating ruts in roads across the County. These ruts create a real hazard to vehicles but in particular to cars with low profile wheels. I understand that the Cabinet Member for Transport has requested additional funding from the Government to prepare the roads. If this funding is not received what action will Essex County Council take to eliminate/ reduce the hazard from this type of damage to ensure the safety of other road users?

### **Councillor Brian Sandler Chigwell Row**

When are the pavements and roads in my Chigwell Row Ward going to be repaired/resurfaced and indeed whilst asking, I should include the whole of Chigwell? I am getting totally exasperated with being told that there is no money in the kitty! I have many elderly residents living in Chigwell Row and they are finding it very difficult coping with the poor conditions.

### **Councillor David Stallan – North Weald Bassett**

1. Work on A414 starting on 12/3/07, why has there been no consideration of the fact the first bus leaves Ongar just after 6am and any delay will cause residents who use this first bus service to be delayed getting to work.

2. We have two streetlight in North Weald (one in School Green Lane and one in Beamish Close) which have been reported as all day burners by the Parish Council (both by telephone and also at a meeting attended by ECC at the Parish Council)and nothing has been done to address this. Particularly as the one in Beamish Close took 7 months to get to work in the first place.

3. Repeated emails to Mr. T baker being ignored requesting works done on the kerbstones in Beamish Close and School Green Lane and requesting works to be done on the road in School Green Lane. The kerb stones have been repaired but no reply to my enquiries regarding the condition of the road.

### **Councillor Stephen Murray, Loughton Roding**

1. Why do some of your officers never reply to telephone messages ?

2. Why do some of our major roads such as Valley Hill and Oakwood Hill (with major traffic flows) continue to have dangerous pot holes ?

3. Why is a much used pedestrian footpath between Cheltenham Gardens and Highland Avenue still unpassable after heavy rain having being walked with Colin Nash just before the transfer from EFDC to Essex Highways ? (I have never received any correspondence to suggest this work was not going to be done)

4. Why is a lamp column on a busy junction (Oakwood Hill , Valley Hill and Roding Road) still not working for many months despite residents calling and myself contacting Essex Highways Lighting engineers on a weekly basis ?

5. Do you feel that this part of Essex with its dense population and hence heavy traffic flows is obtaining its fair share of resources from the central Essex pot ?

6. Are you beginning to understand why local residents and some district councillors are very dissatisfied with the level of service provided by Essex Highways ?