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**AGENDA**  
**Via Zoom Meeting**  
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Meeting of: **Town Council**

Date: **Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021** Time: **7.00 p.m.**

To be present:	Councillors	Mrs	S.C.	Lager	(Town Mayor)
		Mrs	A.	Kilmartin	(Deputy Town Mayor)
		Mrs	S.	Ager	
			K.L.	Atwill	
			P.R.	Barlow	
			J.C.	Bayford	
			J.C.	Goodman	
			S.E.	Hicks	
		Miss	C.	Jay	
			M.C.M.	Lager	
			C.S.	Livermore	
			T.A.	Pleasance	
			P.M.	Ryland	
		Miss	M.L.	Weeks	
			R.	Williams	

**1. APOLOGIES**

To receive apologies for absence.

**2. MINUTES**

To receive the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020 (previously circulated).

**3. INTERESTS**

To receive any declarations of interests that Members may wish to give notice of on matters pertaining to any item on this Agenda.

**4. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

An opportunity to enable members of the press and public present to comment upon any item on the Agenda.

**5. ESSEX COUNTY AND BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL UPDATE**

To receive reports from Essex County and Braintree District Councillors on matters relating to Witham.

**6. ESSEX COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS COMMUNITY FUNDING**

To receive details of the Covid 19 Winter Fund ([attached](#) at page 4), to receive a report from Councillor Mrs S. Ager suggesting ways this money could be spent and to discuss Members' ideas on what other projects such funding could be spent on.

**7. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

To receive a verbal report from the Town Clerk.

**8. COVID – 19: – EMERGENCY PROVISIONS FOR GOVERNANCE**

To receive and endorse the amended Emergency Provisions ([attached](#) at page 6).

**9. DELEGATED DECISIONS**

To receive and endorse the Delegated Decisions for the period 8<sup>th</sup> December to 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021 ([attached](#) at page 8).

**10. PRECEPT 2021 – 2022**

To receive the Notes from the Estimates Sub-Committee Delegated Decisions Meeting held 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 (to follow) and to agree a precept for 2021 – 2022 (details [attached](#) at page 10).

**11. PUBLIC DOMAIN**

To receive the recommendation from the Policy and Resources Committee to adopt the practice of officers deciding which subjects should remain in Private Session as allowed in the Local Government Act 1972.

**12. HOME ALONE FOR CHRISTMAS**

To receive a report from Councillor Mrs S. Ager concerning the success of the Home Alone at Christmas project ([attached](#) at page 13).

**13. TOWN MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS**

To receive details of the Town Mayor's Engagements ([attached](#) at page 14).

**14. WITHAM'S RECYCLING CENTRE**

To receive and note the response from Essex County Council regarding vehicles authorised to use the Witham Recycling Centre ([attached](#) at page 15).

**15. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**TO RESOLVE** that under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the Meeting for the consideration of the remaining items of business on the grounds they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information falling within Schedule 12A (S5) of the Local Government Act 1972.

**16. LEGAL MATTERS**

To receive a verbal report from the Town Clerk.



James Sheehy  
Town Clerk

JS/GK/12.1.2021

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### COVID-19 Winter Fund

ECC has a COVID-19 Winter Fund which is open until the end of February and amounts to £2,000 per division.

Grants can be awarded up to that amount in total and each must be at least £500.

Each of us as County cllrs can recommend a grant to any of the following:

- a registered charity
- a parish council
- a properly constituted community or voluntary association

for a specific service or project that assist residents with:

Food supplies

Utility bills (heating, cooking, lighting)

Water for household purposes (drinking, washing, cooking, central heating, sewerage, and sanitary purposes)

Other essentials (warm clothing, soap, blankets, sanitary products boiler services/repair, purchase of equipment including fridges, freezers, ovens)

Any funds not spent will go to the Essex Essential Living Fund.

If your parish council has a project you think could benefit from such funding, or if there are local groups who could benefit, I would be pleased to receive details. At this stage it need only be an expression of interest.

### **County and District Council Members' Community Funding**

It has been suggested that members should consider how a list of appropriate projects should be drawn up.

I would like to nominate the Essex & Herts Air Ambulance Trust. It is a life saver for people living in Witham that need urgent medical care either due to an accident or a medical emergency to have this service available.

Without access to National Lottery funding and with limited support from Government, they continue to rely upon the generosity and goodwill of the people and businesses of Essex and Hertfordshire to remain operational. It costs £12,000 per day to keep the Air Ambulance flying. The Air Ambulances made six emergency flights to the Braintree/Witham area in December 2020 alone.

I suggest that this charity is worthy of our consideration.

Cllr Susan Ager

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# Covid-19: Emergency Provisions for Governance

Summary of emergency changes to Standing Orders & Financial Regulations including delegation of powers to officers, consultation requirement with Members and restrictions to general working practices.

These provisions will be in place from approval by the Council on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020 until week commencing Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

Drafted: 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 (Updated 5.1.2021)  
For: 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021 (Full Council)  
To be reviewed at two monthly intervals by Town Council

# Summary Provisions



## STANDING ORDERS:

### MEETINGS (GENERALLY)

- Meetings will no longer be conducted in person at the Town Hall with all but Town Council meetings postponed.
- Town Council meetings will be held monthly via Zoom.
- The Proper Officer is the delegated authority to make all and any decisions necessary to discharge the Council's business, save for where such authority cannot be delegated under statute.
- Any action taken under delegated powers will be recorded in a register of Officer's Decisions to be considered by the Council.
- The Proper Officer is required to create 'agendas' of business for Community, Environment, Policy and Resources and Planning Applications and Transport Committees to discuss proposed actions for delegated decisions at an informal Zoom meeting.

### ACCOUNTS AND ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS

- Under Item 17c, Statements are now seen by the Policy & Resources Committee and will be signed at the first normal meeting after the expiration of these emergency provisions.

## FINANCIAL REGULATIONS:

### PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

- Payments made by BACS as per schedules will no longer be signed in person by those present at a meeting. BACS schedules should be emailed to all signatories for express approval by the required number of signatories as advised in each individual payment batch. BACS schedules will be supported with all available corresponding bills and invoices where possible.
- Full details of all payments made under the Emergency Provisions will be reported at the informal meetings of Policy & Resources.

## GENERAL PROVISIONS:

- The Town Clerk is delegated authority to implement all and any necessary steps as advised or imposed by HM Government in relation to Covid-19 (Coronavirus).
- The Town Hall will be shut to all public enquiries, visits and appointments for the duration of these emergency provisions with the exception of the Diabetic Eye Clinic.
- The Town Hall is open to Members subject to prior appointment and the wearing of face masks.
- All correspondence will be sent via email, with hard copies of Agendas and Minutes posted to Members as and when necessary.
- At present during the third lock-down staff are working from home except to provide cover in the Office or when duties require.

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POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE	8.12.2020	Bank Reconciliations to 31st October 2020 be received and accepted.
POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE	8.12.2020	Schedule of Receipts and Payments to 30th October 2020 be accepted and It was agreed to write to Essex County Council identifying the problem that devolved funding is not received until July.
POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE	8.12.2020	Budget Statements and Earmarked Reserves to 31st October 2020 be agreed and accepted.
POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE	8.12.2020	Corporate Strategy and Business Plan - It was agreed to support the Corporate Strategy and take the figures to the Estimates Sub-Committee.
POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE	8.12.2020	Redmond Review into Local Council Audits - It was agreed to receive the report and await the outcomes.
POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE	8.12.2020	Public Domain - It was agreed to receive the report and recommend adoption by Town Council.
POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE	8.12.2020	Schedule of Hall Hire - It was agreed to accept the report and advertise rooms in the Town Hall for hire in the Information Centre and through Social Media.
POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE	8.12.2020	Grant Aid - It was agreed that the eligibility should be changed from 'project undertaken within the Town Boundary' to 'beneficiaries must be residents within the town', it was agreed to expect matching contributions but this would be in the discretion of Town Council to reduce and it was agreed to delete 'charity' from section 7 of the Application Form.
POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE	8.12.2020	Access to the Town Hall - It was agreed with regret that the Town Council is not able to proceed with installing a ramp at the front of the Town Hall.
POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE	8.12.2020	Legal Matters - it was agreed to receive the report
POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE	8.12.2020	River Walk - it was agreed to receive the report
POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE	8.12.2020	Complaint - it was agreed to receive the report
PLANNING COMMITTEE	18.12.2020	20-01790FUL - Olivers Farm Nurseries, Maldon Road, Witham - raises no objection
PLANNING COMMITTEE	18.12.2020	20-00807FUL - 1 Olivers Cottages - in view of the smaller dormer window the Town Council would change its decision to raise no objection
PLANNING COMMITTEE	23.12.2020	20-01469HH - 16 Avenue Road, Witham, Essex - raises no objection
PLANNING COMMITTEE	23.12.2020	20-01853HH - 10 Powers Hall End, Witham, Essex - raises no objection
PLANNING COMMITTEE	23.12.2020	20-01965HH - 141 Highfields Road, Witham, Essex - raises no objection
PLANNING COMMITTEE	23.12.2020	20-01829LBC - The Old Vicarage, Chipping Hill, Witham - raises no objection subject to the advice of the Listed Buildings Consultant
PLANNING COMMITTEE	23.12.2020	20-01828HH - 65 Ashby Road, Witham, Essex - recommends refusal on the grounds of over massing of site and insufficient amenity land.

PLANNING COMMITTEE	23.12.2020	20-01805HH - 31 Armond Road, Witham, Essex - recommends refusal on the grounds of severe adverse impact on the street scene.
PLANNING COMMITTEE	23.12.2020	20-01754FUL - 14 Freebournes Road, Witham, Essex - recommends approval
PLANNING COMMITTEE	23.12.2020	20-01903FUL - Land Rear Of, 59 Bridge Street, Witham - recommends refusal on the grounds of over-massing of site, lack of sufficient parking in line with Essex Parking Standards and insufficient amenity space.
PLANNING COMMITTEE	23.12.2020	20-02015HH - 12 Hazel Close, Witham, Essex - raises no objection
PLANNING COMMITTEE	23.12.2020	20-02051HH - 30 The Avenue, Witham, Essex - raises no objection
PLANNING COMMITTEE	23.12.2020	20-01879DAC - Land East Of Hatfield Road Witham Essex - raises no objection
PLANNING COMMITTEE	23.12.2020	20-01355FUL - Land Between Oomingmak And Newton - in view of the better design which is now in keeping with the street scene, maintains its decision to raise no objection
PLANNING COMMITTEE	23.12.2020	20-01404HH - 42 Rickstones Road, Witham, Essex - maintains its decision to offer no objection
PLANNING COMMITTEE	4.1.2021	20-02084HH - 1 Kinloch Chase, Witham, Essex - raises no objection
PLANNING COMMITTEE	4.1.2021	20-01948HH - 31 Town End Field, Witham, Essex - recommends refusal on the grounds that the proposed change of garage into living accommodation would provide inadequate parking provision in line with Essex Parking Standards and exacerbate the existing on-street parking situation contrary to RLP 17. Members were concerned that there could be potential for the ground floor rear extension to affect neighbouring amenity but would be satisfied for this part of the application to proceed providing there are no objections from the neighbour.
PLANNING COMMITTEE	4.1.2021	20-02062HH - 54 Chelmer Road, Witham, Essex - raises no objection subject to more natural light in the bedroom being provided by a larger or extra velux window roof light.
PLANNING COMMITTEE	4.1.2021	20-01800HH - 11 Chipping Hill, Witham - raises no objection subject to an archaeological survey.

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Estimates Sub-Committee Approved Budget for 2020/2021

- 1) Summary proposed budget totals (must be used in conjunction with BGTS sheet)
- 2) Notional balancing figures and projected precept.
- 3) Band D Calculation

2020/2021		2021/2022			
INCOME	EXPENDITURE	INCOME	EXPENDITURE		
CENTRAL SERVICES	£ 9,280.00	£ 277,560.00	CENTRAL SERVICES* £ 7,085.00	£ 278,920.00	
ENVIRONMENT	£ 300.00	£ 190,500.00	ENVIRONMENT	£ 300.00	£ 174,350.00
COMMUNITY	£ 78,750.00	£ 211,500.00	COMMUNITY	£ 84,100.00	£ 223,200.00
POLICY & RESOURCES	£ 11,300.00	£ 18,950.00	POLICY & RESOURCES	£ 12,500.00	£ 22,100.00
			PLANNING & TRANSPORT	£ -	£ 5,000.00
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>£ 99,630.00</b>	<b>£ 698,510.00</b>	<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>£ 103,985.00</b>	<b>£ 703,570.00</b>

\*For accounting purposes, Central Service costs are split across committees 40/40/20 respectively/ excluding planning committee.

Total Anticipated Operational Expenditure:	£	703,570.00
Less Anticipated Operational Income:	-£	103,985.00
<b>Balanced (Net) Operational Expenditure:</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>599,585.00</b>
Confirmed Collection Fund Surplus	£8,698	
Confirmed Revenue Support & Central Government Funding	£	-
<b>Total Other Revenue:</b>	<b>£8,698</b>	
Net allocations to Earmarked Reserves (EMRs):	£	84,607.00
<b>Net operational expenditure less other revenue/EMRs:</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>675,494.00</b>
2020/2021 Precept levied:	£	624,473.00
<b>PROPOSED 2021/2022 PRECEPT: (BALANCING FIGURE)</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>675,494.00</b>
Proposed Difference:	£	51,021.00

<b>2020/2021 TAX BASE</b>	8472.9	<b>2021/2022 TAX BASE</b>	8582.49
<b>2020/2021 BAND D:</b>	£73.70	<b>2021/2022 BAND D:</b>	£78.71
<b>NET Increase in Band D Property:</b>		<b>£5.00</b>	
<b>Proposed gross percentage increase/decrease (%):</b>		<b>6.79</b>	

## Proposed Earmarked Reserves 2021/2022 including event balances and grants held.

*(See bottom of sheet for summary balances with & without precept calculation. Must be used in conjunction with BGTS sheet)*

Reserve Type	Reserve Heading	Current Reserve Level (01/12/2020)	Anticipated Closing Balance 31st March 2021	Proposed allocations/revocations (precept calculation)	Proposed Opening Balance 1st April 2021
CLOSING	Information Centre	£ 793.00	£ 793.00	-£ 793.00	
CLOSING	Town Hall Site Improvement Project	£ 23,719.00	£ 22,000.00	-£ 22,000.00	
CLOSING	Acquisitions	£ 5,000.00	£ 5,000.00	-£ 5,000.00	
EMR	Riverwalk Cycleways	£ 40,000.00	£ 35,000.00	£ 10,000.00	£ 45,000.00
EMR	Community Safety /CCTV	£ 20,000.00	£ 20,000.00	£ -	£ 20,000.00
EMR	Equipment Replacement	£ 15,000.00	£ 15,000.00	£ 5,000.00	£ 20,000.00
EMR	Major Repairs & Renewals	£ -	£ -	£ 15,000.00	£ 15,000.00
EMR	Election Expenses	£ 4,000.00	£ 4,000.00	£ 4,000.00	£ 8,000.00
EMR	Members Allowance	£ 3,200.00	£ 3,200.00	£ -	£ 3,200.00
EMR	Land Improvement	£ 20,000.00	£ 20,000.00	£ 20,000.00	£ 20,000.00
NEW	Street Furniture Renewal			£ 20,000.00	£ 20,000.00
NEW	Winter Wonderland			£ -	£ 25,000.00
NEW	JC Wood Improvement Plan			£ 20,000.00	£ 20,000.00
NEW	Whetmead Improvement Plan			£ 20,000.00	£ 20,000.00
BALANCE	Puppet Festival	£ 2,172.00	£ 2,172.00	£ -	£ 2,172.00
BALANCE	Community Day	£ 567.00	£ 567.00	£ -	£ 567.00
BALANCE	Christmas Events	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
BALANCE	New Events	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
BALANCE	Highways Devolution	£ 29,993.00	£ 27,000.00	£ -	£ 27,000.00
GEN	General Reserve	£ 266,607.00	£ 314,951.00	-£ 25,000.00	£ 288,351.00

01/12/2020		31/03/2021		01/04/2021	
Indicative reserve Balances	£ 431,051.00	Anticipated Closing Balances	£ 469,683.00	Opening reserve Balances	£ 534,290.00
Total EMR Reserves:	£ 131,712.00	Total Closing EMR Reserves:	£ 124,993.00	Opening EMR Balances	£ 216,200.00

<b>TOTAL PROPOSED ALLOCATIONS/REVOCATIONS (PRECEPT REQUIREMENT)</b>	<b>£ 84,607.00</b>
<b>GENERAL RESERVE SUPPLEMENT:</b>	<b>£ 1,600.00</b>

## Notes

*Closure - project completion.*

*Closure - line no longer required; lendings considered.*

*Closure - line no longer required.*

*Uplift to cover surveys and desktop study costs.*

*Hold for anticipated CCTV report.*

*Continued banking for cap-ex on equipment.*

*Replenishment of standard line following town hall lift repairs.*

*Known by-election due.*

*Members allowances line.*

*General Land Improvement Project Fund*

*New line for anticipated project costs.*

*Reserve balance from General Reserves*

*New line for anticipated project pending report review.*

*New line for anticipated project costs pending report and brief.*

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*Event balance (surplus or deficit from event)*

*Essex County Council grant.*

*Indicative General Reserve Balance Only*

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Agenda Item 12

**Home Alone on Christmas**

We feel that the ‘Home Alone on Christmas Day’ event was a great success.

This project was run in conjunction with the Witham Town Council events:  
Cards of Kindness and Gifts for those in need

**On Christmas Day we:**

Cooked and delivered 86 meals

The majority of deliveries were made to Witham, but also to Chelmsford, Great Baddow, Sandon, Great Leighs, Maldon, Rivenhall, Silver End, Braintree, Cressing and Tolleshunt Knights

Meals were delivered to the elderly, residents living in supported housing with mental health issues, Hi ex homeless living in supported housing, residents that were shielding and even a couple of residents who were Covid + ( obviously volunteers were warned before and special arrangement s made regarding contact)

**Volunteers**

Our 40 volunteers came mainly from Witham but others came from Chelmsford, Braintree, Rivenhall, Sandon, Silver End, Maldon and Wickham Bishops

Several of these volunteers have already come forward to say how much they enjoyed it and offered help in the future.

Chef Andrew was magnificent, we all arrived at 6am and he didn’t stop working on producing lovely meals that were sent out hot. Chef BaHa (not his full name) from Turquoise Takeaway and restaurant also came to help. Delivery times varied but local ones took just a few minutes.

Overall the organisation of this even went smoothly and we were overwhelmed by the support from local shops for all of the food. and from the Community regarding cards and presents. The Hub gave us gift bags as well.

Each person received a full Christmas dinner, a box of grapes, a satsuma and sandwiches for their evening meal, at least 7 cards each and a box of presents.

I would like to thank everyone who gave up their time with the organising before the event, the people who helped and Christmas Eve to prepare the vegetables (about 500 Brussel sprouts) and those who gave up their Christmas Day. We couldn’t have done this without the help of the wonderful Town Hall Staff.

Susan Ager

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**Town Mayor's Engagements**

The following engagements were undertaken by the Town Mayor from 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020 to 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021

On Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020 the Town Mayor welcomed everyone to the Carol Service in the Park organised by the Town Council in conjunction with Churches Together.

On Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020, the Town Mayor walked around the Templars Estate and judged the Christmas Lights competition.

On Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> December 2020, the Town Mayor joined other volunteers on Christmas Eve to help prepare vegetables at the Town Hall for the Home Alone Christmas Dinners.

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Agenda Item 14



Witham Town Council  
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Cllr Simon Walsh  
Essex County Council  
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21 October 2020

Dear Cllr Walsh,

I am writing to you in your capacity as Cabinet Member for Environment & Climate Change Action concerning a waste management issue in Witham.

Members of Witham Town Council raised concerns at their Full Town Council meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> September 2020 regarding Witham's recycling centre. The recycling centre in Witham is classed as a small recycling centre and as such users are not permitted to bring vans, pick-ups, other commercial type vehicles and any towed trailers with more than one axle onto the site. Disposal of any DIY waste is also not allowed. Instead, Witham residents with prohibited vehicles or waste are required to travel to an alternative large recycling centre in Braintree or Chelmsford, for example.

Witham Town Council consider that there should not be discrepancies with types of waste or vehicles entering recycling centres and that Witham residents should have the same access as neighbouring towns of a similar size. I would therefore be interested to receive your comments on this issue, the rationale behind classing Witham's recycling centre as a small site, and what legislation is in place that can refuse a vehicle access to a small centre. I would also request that Witham's recycling centre is upgraded to a large site in keeping with the size of the town.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that appears to read "Hayley Andrews".

Hayley Andrews  
Assistant Town Clerk

**From:** Jason Searles - Head of Strategic Development & Compliance]  
**Sent:** 08 January 2021 12:49  
**To:** Assistant Clerk >  
**Subject:** RE: Witham Recycling Centre

Hayley,

Apologies that the response to your enquiry to Cllr Walsh last year about recycling centres and the rules regarding access went astray.

Essex County Council is the Waste Disposal Authority for Essex, and is therefore required under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (EPA) to provide recycling centres. Our obligation under the EPA is to provide facilities that are

- reasonably accessible,
- for residents to dispose of their household waste, and
- are free at the point of use.

The EPA does not stipulate the number of sites to be provided or prescribe that every site is required to operate in the same way. As Essex residents are permitted to use any of the 21 sites provided by ECC compliance with the EPA would consider the collective service provided across all sites rather than each site on an individual basis.

The primary statutory requirement to provide places for the free disposal of household waste is met as all of the sites provided by the Council accept *household waste*; this term is defined by the legislation as waste arising from a domestic property but excludes waste from construction or demolition works (i.e. DIY waste) even if this is generated by a householder. The provision by Essex County Council at some larger sites for limited quantities of waste arising from DIY activity undertaken by a householder on their property is therefore a discretionary service provided by the Council and is not a statutory requirement.

Although some of our smaller and more congested sites restrict access to cars and small trailers only (which will affect those users that only have access to a van) this is not contrary to the legislation. Reasonable access is provided for van drivers disposing of household waste by the remaining nine sites, for the small number of users that may not be able to access their local site as they only have access to a van. In the case of residents local to Witham the Essex recycling sites at Maldon (9 miles away), Chelmsford (9 miles away), Braintree (10 miles away) and Colchester (12 miles away) all provide access to vans.

The changes to sites rules introduced over four years ago were put in place to ensure legislative requirements were met and the characteristics of sites were considered to minimise adverse impacts of site operations and congestion. The Witham site, whilst servicing the sizeable population of Witham and the surrounding area is relatively small and prone to congestion. Witham is however well located with easy access to larger sites which are better able to handle larger vehicles and accommodate the bulk waste types associated with DIY waste. The impact of the Witham site and queuing vehicles on the surrounding businesses on the industrial estate, prior to the change being implemented, was an influencing factor when introducing the changes in 2016. Since the rule changes the congestion levels around the site have been significantly reduced and, for the majority of users, access to the site will have improved.

Although we are not currently considering implementing any further changes to the waste or vehicle acceptance criteria at the Witham Recycling Centre we do keep the network operations under continual review and the comments of the Town Council have been noted in this respect.

If there is anything further you wish to clarify then please do not hesitate to contact me

Regards

Jason

Jason Searles  
Head of Strategic Development and Compliance  
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Environment and Climate Action

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