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## AGENDA

Meeting of: **Planning Applications & Transport Sub-Committee**

Date: **Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020** Time: **6.30 p.m.**

Place: **Town Hall, 61 Newland Street, Witham, Essex.**

**Members are hereby summoned to attend the above Meeting to transact the following business. Members are respectfully reminded that each item on the Agenda should be carefully examined. If you have any interest, it must be duly declared.**

To be present:	Councillors:	J.C.	Goodman	(Chairman)
	Mrs	A.	Kilmartin	(Vice Chairman)
	Mrs	S.	Ager	
		K.L.	Atwill	
		P.R.	Barlow	
		J.C.	Bayford	
		S.E.	Hicks	
	Miss	C.	Jay	
		M.C.M.	Lager	
	Mrs	S.C.	Lager	
		C.S.	Livermore	
		T.A.	Pleasance	
		R.P.	Ramage	
		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 held on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019 (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 REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Members of the press and public will be invited to address the meeting regarding any item on the Agenda.

5. **CLERK'S REPORT**

To receive a verbal report from the Clerk on any matters arising from the previous meeting.

6. **PART 1 APPLICATIONS**

To approve officer 'no objection' recommendations for applications listed under [Part 1](#) without debate. *Applications may be moved to Part 2 where Members are in disagreement with recommendations by giving 24 hours' notice to the committee clerk.*

7. **PART 2 APPLICATIONS**

To consider applications in [Part 2](#).

8. **REVISED PLANS**

To consider any revised plans received by Braintree District Council that have previously been commented upon.

9. **DECISIONS**

To receive and note decisions on planning applications pertaining to Witham which have been received from Braintree District Council ([attached](#)).

10. **OPEN SPACES ACTION PLAN**

To decide what should be contained in the District Council's Open Spaces Action Plan ([attached](#)).

11. **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY**

(a) Neighbourhood Plan

To consider a report (attached).

(b) Community Infrastructure Levy

To consider a debate on the merits of a Community Infrastructure Levy being introduced in the Braintree District.

12. **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING – CRESSING ROAD**

To note that in preparation for the new pedestrian crossing in Cressing Road the [attached](#) Public Notice has been received.

**EXCLUSION OF 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 following items of business due to the confidential nature and legal proceedings.

13. **LEGAL DISPUTE**

To receive a report (attached).

**14. PUBLIC DOMAIN**

To consider whether the item discussed in Private Session should be moved into the Public Domain.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Sheehy', with a stylized flourish at the end.

James Sheehy  
Town Clerk  
GK/8.1.2020

**Officer Report: Clerk's Report**

**Issue:**

To note that the Chairman used his delegated powers to respond to the following planning applications over the Christmas Period –

19/02196/FUL – Cut Throat Lane – Gas fired electricity generating plant.

No objection subject to the trees on the eastern boundary being retained, adequate screening being planted and the remainder of the site being planted to enhance the wildlife.

19/02200/FUL – Warwick House, Collingwood Road – Additional flat.

Recommends refusal on the grounds of over-massing of the site.

19/02201/HH – Benton Close – small extension

No objection.

19/02227/HPAA – Lockwood Cottage, Maldon Road – small extension.

No objection.

19/02228/REM – Phase 3A, Lodge Farm.

(The application considered on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019 for phases 3 and 4 (see decisions list) has been withdrawn).

No objection subject to the District Council being satisfied with aspects of the refuse collection using private drives, and why no environmental measures have been introduced such as solar panels, water harvesting and triple glazing.

Enquiry has been made of BDC regarding refuse collection and the following advice has been given –

*Our vehicles can access private drives providing the owners have no objection, although we would not do so if the vehicle is likely to cause damage. It depends on the construction of the drive really and the willingness of the landowner. The alternative would be for the householder/s to bring their bags/bins down to the point at which the private drive meets the public highway, from where our staff would collect and return bins.*

And from the Operations Manager in regard to this specific site –

*Thank you for your enquiry below, similar to yourselves we have to raise concerns direct with the Planning team to ensure any concerns are taken up with them. I understand that Witham Town Council are consulted on all planning applications in their town and you have any concerns (including waste collection arrangements) then you should put these in writing to the Planning Department. I know the planning department would welcome any concerns like this in their consultation response, we are also consulted on planning applications, like this one, where Officers will provide written comments directly to the Planning Team.*

*With all that said we do have two main concerns about this location, which Jane Dolphin our Waste Operations Manager will be contacting our Planning department on, firstly we are concerned about the width of the carriageway as I understand it is only 4.8m wide and therefore we would have challenges if parked vehicles were down this road when making our waste collections and secondly the construction of the carriageway as we do not*

*want the weight of one of our refuse trucks damaging the carriageway in any way. Clearly if this is an access "right of way" then we should be able to drive through, so we also need to check with them that we have right of way to access the location.*

**Advice:**

To receive and endorse the Chairman's decisions.

## PART 1

### APPLICATIONS WITH OFFICER 'NO OBJECTION' RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED "EN BLOC" WITHOUT DEBATE.

#### Applications Received:

The following applications have been made to the District Council for planning permission under the Town & Country Planning Acts and referred to the Town Council as a statutory consultee. Copies of the applications and accompanying plans may be seen at the Planning Department Causeway House, Bocking End, Braintree or online at [www.braintree.gov.uk](http://www.braintree.gov.uk)

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19/02256/PLD &	6 Edinburgh Close, Witham, Essex	South	Rear dormer roof extension and insertion of 2 roof lights to front elevation
19/02299/HH	10 Avenue Road, Witham, Essex	Central	Replacement of existing garage with single storey flat green roof outbuilding
19/02295/COUPA	Rear Of 83, Newland Street, Witham	Central	Notification for prior approval for a proposed change of use of a building from Office Use (Class B1 (a)) to a dwelling house (Class C3). - Change of use to 3 no. residential dwelling

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## **PART 2**

### **APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERS' DEBATE**

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<b>19/02311/HH</b>	<b>6 Edinburgh Close, Witham, Essex</b>	<b>South</b>	<b>Single storey side extension</b>
<b>19/02289/FUL</b>	<b>The Venue, 1A Collingwood Road, Witham</b>	<b>Central</b>	<b>Change of use of pool club at first floor to 4 No. flats and alterations to fenestration</b>

## Witham Town Council – Planning Application Report

**Application No:-** 19/02311/HH  
**Address:-** 6 Edinburgh Close, Witham, Essex  
**Ward:-** South

**Proposal:-** Single storey side extension

**Relevant Site History:-**

**Representations:-**

**Summary:-** The applicant has applied for planning consent (under Part 1) for a loft conversion. This application is for a front extension to create a bathroom/utility room. No other house in this road with a shared access to the back garden would appear to have been extended this way and the flat roof is not so aesthetically pleasing as a pitched roof.

**Recommendation:-** Members need to make the decision whether they consider the application would be detrimental to the street scene.

**Policy References:-**



## Witham Town Council – Planning Application Report

**Application No:-** 19/02289/FUL

**Address:-** The Venue, 1A Collingwood Road, Witham

**Ward:-** Central

**Proposal:-** Change of use of pool club at first floor to 4 No. flats and alterations to fenestration

**Relevant Site History:-** 19/01098/FUL - application for five flats , refused by BDC. This Sub-Committee had no objection subject to advice from the Fire Authority with regard to the single access point and the Environmental Health Officer being satisfied with regard to bin collection.

**Representations:-**

**Summary:-** This time the application is for four flats. The proposed bin store and cycle storage is on the first floor which would be impractical and a possible cause of odour. The Environmental Health Officer (BDC) has also expressed concern about the levels of natural daylight in the flats overlooking Lockram Lane particularly with the high sill height.

**Recommendation:-** In view of the comments by the District Council's Environmental Health Officer, recommend refusal on the grounds of adverse amenity with impractical waste and cycle storage and lack of sufficient natural daylight for the residents overlooking Lockram Lane.

**Policy References:-**

Application & Address	Proposal	BDC Decision	WTC Decision
19/00277/TPO - 12 Armiger Way Witham Essex CM8 2UY	Notice of intent to carry out works to tree protected by Tree Preservation Order 5/74 - T1 Walnut tree in rear garden of property. Reduce branches on house side of tree by approximately 2.5m back to appropriate pruning points to prevent damage to property.	Application Permitted	No objection subject to the advice of the District Council's Tree Officer
19/01689/REM - Lodge Farm Hatfield Road Witham Essex CM8 1YW	Application for approval of reserved matters following outline approval 15/00430/OUT - Application for approval of Reserved Matters for 'Appearance', 'Landscaping', 'Layout' and 'Scale' for Phases 3 and 4 comprising 292 dwellings with associated landscaping, access and parking	Application Withdrawn	No objection subject to advice from the District Council Planners regarding the consistency of bin collections from private roads/driveways and why no environmental measures have been introduced such as solar panels, water harvesting and triple glazing.
19/02057/FUL - Sauls Bridge Sports Ground Riverview Maldon Road Witham CM8 1HN	Erection of semi-demountable cricket ball stop fencing (15m high x 48m wide)	Application Permitted	Recommend Refusal on the grounds that the development is unnecessary and visible from the Conservation Area in contravention of Local Planning Policy ADm63/RLP95/96
19/00292/TPO - Roslyn House 16 Newland Street Witham Essex CM8 2AQ	Notice of intent to carry out works to tree protected by Tree Preservation Order 26/90 - Remove 3 large branches from a Horse Chestnut on the boundary of 14 and 16 Newland Street	Application Permitted	Recommend Refusal on the advice of the Tree Warden due to the excessive nature of the works involved and the safety issues that would be created.

19/01985/PLD - 6 Purcell Road Witham Essex CM8 1AF	Replacement of glazed roof with roof tiles including a roof light.	Application Permitted	No objection
19/01510/LBC & 1509.FUL - Cullen Mill 49 Braintree Road Witham Essex CM8 2DD	Change of use of office (B1) to 9 No. flats (C3) including restoration of the existing facade and associated internal alterations	Application Permitted	No objection subject to the advice of the Listed Building's Officer
19/01230/FUL - 55 Braintree Road Witham Essex CM8 2DB	Subdivision of existing structure to form 2 separate dwellings (1 no. 2 bed and 1no. 1 bed dwelling) with addition of single storey front porch extension.	Application Permitted	Recommend Refusal on the grounds of lack of amenity space, increase in vehicle movements and poor access.
19/00909/FUL - Bellcroft Witham Essex	Construction of two steel frame metal clad buildings (B2) General Industrial and/or (B8) Storage or Distribution, along with associated parking, circulation spaces and cycle storage areas. Development to include the formation of a tall Gabion retaining wall along the south east boundary.	Application Permitted	No objection
19/01986/COUPA - Aviva 80 Chelmer Road Witham Essex CM8 2ET	Notification for Prior Approval for a Proposed Change of Use of a Building from Shops (Class A1) to a use falling within Class C3 (Dwellinghouse), and for Associated Operational Development - Change of use to residential	Prior Approval Required and Given	Recommend Refusal on the grounds of layout offering poor amenities for future residents and a lack of vehicular parking provision
19/01763/FUL - 1 Freebournes Road Witham Essex CM8 3UN	Change of use of existing commercial unit to flexible use classes of B1, B2 and/or B8	Application Permitted	Recommend Approval

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BDC Ward	Location	Improvements Required to existing facilities	Improvements Required to new facilities	Staff recommendations/comments	RW Comments	Agenda Item 10
Witham Central	Mill Lane Square	Existing space adjoining Mill Lane bungalows, small square for small scale landscaping and seating improvements	nil	Clarity on location required	I think this is the little square of green right after where the housing stops on the east side before the bowls club. Agree BDC comments	
	Land adjoining Whetmead Nature Reserve	nil	Purchase/lease existing space adjacent to Nature Reserve. Create a link from Riverwalk to Whetmead, stabilise ground, improve signage and make Saul's Bridge more visible	Reword to remove purchase and lease aspects as will not be covered by S106	Not sure that this is true: Purchase of additional space to improve the site for greater outdoor use would be acceptable use of S106 monies in my mind	
	Land behind Gimsons	nil	Purchased /lease existing space adjacent to River Walk. Cut back vegetation to improve public access. The part on the 'town park side' to form an extension to the town park	Delete		
	All Saints Churchyard	Improvements to spatial quality and repairs to assets including gravestones	nil	Delete. Managed under legal duty, faculties apply	Not sure I like this deleted - to get 106 money to help improve this site would be good. Faculty payments could also be part of 106 offering. Appreciate it is a legal duty. But can still use 106 to help improve the site.	
	Freebournes Road Industrial Estate	Buffer planting	nil	Clarify on location		
	Witham Town Park	Signage, seating, bins and entrance improvements	nil	Not necessary? Being dealt with by TCRG	Would be paid for by 106 monies however, so should stay to get a budget to enable improvements.	
	Land off Greenfields	Landscape improvements, natural play, signage, paths and seating	nil			

	Blackwater Rail Trail	Bridging River Brain is short term aim. Improvements to access, signage and paths. Cycleway improvements including cycleway from Pasture Road to Catholic Bridge across the River Brain near Blackwater Lane. Bins/dog waste bins and surfacing	nil	Remove bridging as already factored into budget	
	Sauls Bridge off Maldon Road Sports Ground	Boundary planting and access improvements	nil	Lack of evidence. Delete	
	River Walk (Chipping Hill Bridge to Saul's Bridge)	Repairs to cycleway. Bridges on River Walk will need placing. Habitat creation, path/cycleway improvements and signage, more buoyancy aids, litter bins, dog waste bins, seating and surfacing	Car and cycle parking	Unlikely to have S106 funds for paths. We are acquiring bins. Little evidence of needing buoyancy aids. Generally falls outside S106 criteria.	Disagree - walking and cycling are fundamentals of Outdoor Leisure and therefore viable for S106 contributions. Should remain. <i>Bouyancy aids is an Insurance question. Are they happy that we have none for an area of open water? If so, then agree, but get Insurance to make a statement to cover us for H&amp;S first.</i>
	Whetmead Nature Reserve	Path and access improvements, habitat enhancements, buoyancy aids, interpretation and dog waste/litter bins	Creation of outdoor education space	Delete buoyancy aids, bins but include outdoor education facilities.	see above
	Allectus Way Open Space	Landscape enhancements including play equipment, paths/cycleways, boundaries and tree planting, habitat creation, bins/dog waste bins, path access and signage	nil	Delete. Lack of evidence	
	Witham Lodge amenity space	Planting enhancements and signage, grass areas and shrub planting	nil	Delete. Lack of evidence	
	Sauls Bridge Sports Ground, Maldon Rd	Walking/running signage and KM markers	Outdoor table tennis equipment	Delete. Close to Gimsos. Table tennis equipment not suitable as cricket ground.	
	Witham Leisure Centre, Spinks Lane	Upgrade and improve facilities at the centre	nil	Review as new sports centre and unlikely to qualify for funding	

	Claudius Way	Signage, health and safety improvements and bins	nil	More clarity needed	
	Pasture Road, Catholic Bridge and Blackwater Lane	Improvements to access, signage and paths/cycleway, including cycleway from Pasture Road to Catholic Bridge and bridge across the River Brain near Blackwater Lane. Bins, dog waste bins, surfacing	nil	Delete - duplicate entry for Blackwater Rail Trail	
	To be identified	Tree planting on 20 planting areas identified by Witham Tree Group	nil	Include	
	Whetmead	Pedestrian access under A12			agree : Anyway of "opening the whetmead up" by improving this access would be beneficial to the town and those looking to become engaged in any form of outdoor pursuit. Current access is very negative
	Whetmead	Secure fence by A12			May not be necessary, depending on speed of delivery of new A12 bypass.
	Crittall Road	Stabilise greenswards		May not fall under S106?	
	Off Church Street, Bellfield	Create area for informal recreation, seating, bins			Great to make use of this derelict space - it is an eyesore
	Lockram Lane by former churchyard & Rex Mott Court	Small overgrown area needs tidying up		May be suitable for Highways pilot scheme. Now checked and is not Highways owned so include in OSAP	Could be....check if Lockram Lane is ECC footpath?
	Blackwater Rail Trail	1. Make into PROW. 2. Stabilise surface & mark out for walkers & cyclists. 3. Acquire former Railway south of Blue Mill to create + route bridge over Blackwater to link with PROW		Duplicated entry. Making PROW not suitable for S106	Disagree - walking and cycling are fundamentals of Outdoor Leisure and therefore viable for S106 contributions. Should remain
<b>Witham North</b>	Bramston Green	Landscaping, seating and planting	nil	Lack of evidence. Not likely due to antisocial behaviour. Delete	

	Chipping Hill Green	Existing green spaces requires stabilisation to gravel surface to stop it washing into the road. Needs defence from cars. Land used for the medieval fayre	nil	Delete - ownership common land. Would not qualify for S106	
	Ebenezer Close	Improve access, litter bins/dog waste bins, seating and signage	nil	Lack of evidence. Not likely due to antisocial behaviour. Delete	
	River Walk (Ebenezer to Chipping Hill Bridge)	Repair cycleway. Bridges on River Walk will need replacing. Habitat creation, path/cycleway improvements and signage, more buoyancy aids, litter bins, dog waste bins, seating and surfacing	Car and cycle parking	Unlikely to have S106 funds for paths. We are acquiring bins. Little evidence of needing buoyancy aids. Generally falls outside S106 criteria.	Disagree - walking and cycling are fundamentals of Outdoor Leisure and therefore viable for S106 contributions. Should remain
	Glebe Crescent	Tree planting and improve access	nil	Keep tree planting. Clarity on access improvement	
	Braintree Road	Access and path improvements, landscape enhancements and habitat creation	nil	Clarity on location required	
	Cemetery	Tree planting, signage and access improvements	nil		
	Rickstones Playing Field	Signage/information boards and ball stop fencing. Access and recreational facilities. Improve pitch drainage	Cycle and blue badge parking and outdoor table tennis equipment		
	Rickstones Play Ground Pavilion	Refurbishment and improvements of pavilion	nil		
	Templars (Doorstep Green)	Boundary improvements and habitat creation	nil	Clarity on location required	
	Forest Road Pond	Improvements to pond, signage, planting, seating, bins/dog waste bins and paths	nil	S106 money already allocated. In progress	
	To be identified	Tree planting on 19 planting areas identified by Witham Tree Group	nil	Include	

	By railway from allotments to golf course	Seating, bins		Lack of evidence.
	Former recreation area rear of Ebenezer Close	Now overgrown, needs tidying up, seat, bin		Outside scope of S106 and lack of evidence
<b>Witham South</b>	Opp. 21 Pelly Avenue	Planting two-three trees in front of a large facing wall to create a better visual aspect	nil	
	Land between River	Improve access, ground stabilisation and informal walking/exercise route	Purchase of land by Town Council	Clarity on location required
	Pelly Avenue	Entrance renovation, signage, wheelchair access, surfacing, play equipment, bins/dog waste bins and tree planting	nil	Delete? No space for play equipment at either end of Pelly Avenue
	Olivers Drive noise bund	Buffer planting	nil	
	Sauls Avenue	Landscape enhancements including tree planting and habitat creation	nil	Recent tree planting. Not suitable for habitat creation. Delete
	Brook Walk (Dengie Close)	Planting, tree planting, signage, information boards, surfacing and litter/dog bins	nil	Recent tree planting. Lack of evidence for information boards.
	James Cooke Woods	Path works, signage and habitat improvements	nil	
	Carraways noise bund	Buffer planting	nil	Already exists. Delete
	Maltings Lane	Buffer planting, tree planting and habitat creation	nil	Clarity on location required
	To be identified	Tree planting on 19 planting areas identified by Witham Tree Group	nil	Include
	Hatfield Road Estate, bund by railway	Create path and cycleway link to Stevens Rd		Include. Think already in progress
	Malting Estate. Gershwin Boulevard	Enable fishing in drainage water lagoon		Evidence required



	James Cooke Woods	Improve drainage in swampy area			
	Maldon Road Sports Field	Provide pavilion/changing room		Evidence required for need of changing rooms	Has been cited often by former Cllr Tony Bennet, who ran a number of Youth football teams.
	Allectus Way past shops	Create footway/cycleway			
<b>Witham West</b>	Land by Asda	Improve access to be made part of the River Walk. Renew surfacing and improve signage	Transfer land to Town Council ownership	Omit renewing of surfacing as not covered by S106	Disagree - walking and cycling are fundamentals of Outdoor Leisure and therefore viable for S106 contributions. Should remain
	Flora Road/Bramble Open Space	Additional litter bins away from play area. Landscape enhancements including natural play, play equipment, paths/cycleway, boundaries, tree planting and habitat creation. Signage, surfacing, planting, seating	nil	Clarity of focus required	
	Spa Road open space, including land south of Humber Road	Additional litter bins and seating away from play area. Landscape enhancements including play, paths/cycleway, boundaries, tree planting and habitat creation. Signage, surfacing, planting, seating	nil	Clarity of focus required	
	Highfields Road (South of Chelmer Rd)	Safety improvements, litter bins/dog bins and seating. Graffiti/vandalism/ASB problem	nil	Review. Clarity required	
	Powers Hall End amenity space, Flora Road	Improve access, litter bins/dog waste bins, seating	nil		
	Powers Hall End/Rosebay Close	Access paths, planting and habitat creation	Cycle and disability parking		
	Land owned by Greenfields	Include cycleway from Spa Road to Blunts Hall Rd. More bins/dog bins and seating	nil	Lack of evidence of for dog bins	

	Land to South and West of Pennyroyal Crescent	Planting, surfacing and bin/dog bins	nil		
	Powers Hall End Playing Field	Boundary planting	nil		
	Witham RUFC	Improve pitch drainage	nil		May have same issue as Footbal club - see below.
	Witham Town Football Club (inc Spa Rd playing field)	Portable training lights on adjacent pitches and better on-site storage	nil		Private Ownership? Can 106 be used in this instance? I believe not
	To be identified	Tree planting on 19 planting areas identified by Witham Tree Group		Include	
	Woodland marsh rear of Honeysuckle Way	Acquire for informal recreation/ River Walk		S106 would not cover acquisition. But reconsider desired improvements	Disagree - infor,mal recreation/extension to River walk are clearly Outdoor Leisure and therefore viable for S106 contributions. Should remain.
	Spring Lodge to Bramble Rd	Tree planting, seating, bins			
	Humber Road to ditch near football club	Seating, bins, goalposts/similar		Lack of evidence	
	Douglas Grove, northwards to Humber Road	Tree planting, seat, bin			
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ITEM NO: 11 (a)

**Officer Report: Neighbourhood Plan**

**Issue:** The 2020/2021 Environment Committee business plans commit to exploring the possibility of commencing a neighbourhood plan. Members should consider the merits of this exercise and whether the Council should begin preliminary steps to draft a neighbourhood plan. Summary key facts are as follows:

- A neighbourhood plan is part of the statutory development (local) plan, and must be considered and afforded 'weight' once adopted when considering planning applications.
- The Government describes neighbourhood plans as documents which "allow communities, both residents, employees and business, to come together through a local parish council or neighbourhood forum and say where they think new houses, businesses and shops should go – and what they should look like."
- In agreeing to begin a neighbourhood plan, Braintree District Council is required to provide technical advice and support in creating our proposals, with a number of grants available.
- The final plan must be approved by a referendum of local citizens.

**Early Considerations:**

- A vehicle is required to deliver a Neighbourhood Plan which is usually in the format of a 'steering' committee which involves both Members and co-opted public from across the area. If members approved preliminary steps towards a Neighbourhood Plan, it is suggested that a Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee is constituted and the District Council notified of Witham Town Council's intention to begin the process.

**Advice:** To consider the merits of beginning a formal Neighbourhood Plan process.

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# Public notice

## **The Essex County Council (Braintree District) (Prohibition of Waiting, Loading and Stopping) and (On-Street Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement Area) (Amendment No.3) Order 20\*\***

### **Zebra Crossing – B1018 Cressing Road, Witham**

**Notice is hereby given** that the Essex County Council proposes to make the above Order under Sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 3(2), 4(1), 4(2), 32(1), 35(1), 45, 46, 49, 53 and Part III & IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

**Effect of the order:** To revoke 'No Stopping Mon-Fri 8am-9.30am and 2.30pm-4pm on entrance markings' on the following lengths of B1018 Cressing Road, Witham in the District of Braintree: 1) SOUTH WEST SIDE: From a point in line with the boundary between No.107 and 109, north west for approximately 37.56 metres. 2) NORTH EAST SIDE: From a point approximately 70.12 metres north west of the south eastern boundary of no. 62, north west for approximately 31.56 metres.

The 'No Stopping except buses' restriction on the SOUTH WEST SIDE of B1018 Cressing Road, from a point approximately 2.4 metres north west from the south eastern property boundary of No. 97, north west for approximately 32.3 metres will be removed. 'No Stopping except buses' will be introduced on the following lengths of B1018 Cressing Road: 1) south west side, from a point 12.8 metres north west of the north western kerb line of Cross Road, north west for approximately 18.8 metres. 2) NORTH EAST SIDE: from a point 58.5 metres north west of the north western kerb line of Cross Road, north west for approximately 23.3 metres.

This Order will be incorporated into The Essex County Council (Braintree District) (Prohibition of Waiting, Loading and Stopping) and (On-Street Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement Area) Consolidation Order 2019 by substituting tile number TL815 157, TL815 160 revision 0 to revision 1.

**Notice is also hereby given that** under Sections 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 the Essex County Council proposes to establish a Zebra Crossing on B1018 Cressing Road, Witham in the District of Braintree, the centre line of the crossing will be located approximately 104.4 metres north west of the centre line junction with Cross Road.

Zig zags associated with the Zebra Crossing are proposed to be installed on the following lengths of B1018 Cressing Road, Witham in the District of Braintree: 1) BOTH SIDES: From a point approximately 107.4 metres North West of the centre line junction with Cross Road, north-westwards for approximately 17 metres. 2) BOTH SIDES: From a point approximately 101.4 metres North West of the centre line junction with Cross Road, south eastwards for approximately 17 metres.

**Further details:** A copy of the proposed Order, plans showing the proposal, a Statement of Reasons, a copy of this notice and a copy of the Order to be varied may be inspected during normal office hours at Essex County Council, County Hall E block main reception, Market Road, Chelmsford; Braintree District Council, Causeway House, Braintree and Witham Library, 18 Newland Street, Witham. These documents are also available via the Essex Highways website: <http://www.essexhighways.org/Transport-and-Roads/Highway-Schemes-and-Developments/Traffic-Regulation-Orders.aspx>

**Objections and Representations:** Anyone who wishes to object to the proposed waiting restriction Order or make representations to the proposed pedestrian crossing proposal should send the grounds for their objection in writing to 'TRO Comments, Network Assurance, Seax House, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Victoria Road South, Chelmsford, Essex, CM1 1QH' or e-mail to [TrafficRegulation.Order@essexhighways.org](mailto:TrafficRegulation.Order@essexhighways.org) quoting reference TRAF/7190, by 31 January 2020.



Dated: 9 January 2020  
County Hall,  
Chelmsford

Essex County Council  
Network Assurance

**The Essex County Council (Braintree District) (Prohibition of Waiting, Loading and Stopping) and  
(On-Street Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement Area) (Amendment No.3) Order 20\*\*  
Zebra Crossing – B1018 Cressing Road, Witham**

**Statement of Reasons**

A recent request has been received from the Braintree Local Highways Panel, to investigate a new pedestrian crossing point on B1018 Cressing Road, Witham. The road is currently a PR1 route in Essex's functional route hierarchy, and has a high footfall of vulnerable road users, particularly that of schoolchildren due to the presence of Templars Primary School.

The proposed crossing is located directly in front of the primary school main entrance, so it will therefore directly lead parents and schoolchildren, enabling suitable pedestrian movements between both sides of B1018 Cressing Road. The only nearby pedestrian provision in vicinity of the site is a Zebra Crossing further north west on B1018 Cressing Road, however this is a lengthy diversion for pedestrians needing to cross the road who may be coming from the larger residential areas south east of the school, likely preferring to cross the busy two lane carriageway informally to avoid the longer route. It should also be worth noting the high presence of parked vehicles and bus stops which along B1018 Cressing Road, which may substantially hinder visibility for pedestrians when attempting to cross against oncoming traffic. The results of pedestrian and vehicle flow surveys at the location, all meet the necessary criteria to warrant the installation of a zebra crossing at this location.

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