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AGENDA

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

Date: **Monday, 12th July 2021**

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	Goodman	(Chairman)
	A	Kilmartin	(Vice Chairman)
	K	Atwill	
	P	Barlow	
	S	Hicks	
	C	Jay	
	C	Lager	
	M	Lager	
	C	Livermore	

1. APOLOGIES

To receive apologies for absence.

2. MINUTES

To receive the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Applications & Transport Committee held 28th June 2021 (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.

Order Note: A maximum of 30 minutes is designated for public participation time with no individual speaker exceeding three minutes unless otherwise granted an extension by the Chairman under Standing Order 3(F) & 3(G)

5. CLERK'S REPORT

To receive a verbal report from the Clerk on any matters arising from 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 Planning Officer.*

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. CHANGES TO USE CLASSES FROM 1ST SEPTEMBER 2020

To receive the updated changes to Use Classes ([attached](#)).

11. GIMSONS' REVIEW GROUP

To receive nominations and to consider co-options to the Gimsons' Review Group.

12. A BOARDS

To receive a report ([attached](#)).

13. PARKING AND HIGHWAYS REPORT

To receive the updated Parking and Highways Report and to note that Councillor D. Louis, Essex County Council, has endorsed the Town Council's request for a 7.5 tonne weight limit on a section of Maltings Lane adjacent to the speed humps and passed the request to the Local Highways Panel ([attached](#)).

14. VEHICULAR ACTIVATED SIGNS

To receive correspondence from Priti Patel, MP, regarding speeding in Maldon Road and to consider funding Vehicular Activated Signs now that Essex County Council has recently changed its policy to allow these signs to be installed by the Town Council ([attached](#)).



James Sheehy
Town Clerk
GK/4.7.2021

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

PLEASE NOTE: Under the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, representations cannot be treated in confidence. Witham Town Council is not responsible for issuing planning decisions.

21/01841/HH	58 Glebe Crescent, Witham, Essex	North	Erection of single-storey front porch
21/01870/HH	5 Templars Close, Witham, Essex	North	Single-storey rear extension
21/01898/HH	8 Town End Field, Witham, Essex	South	Erection of first-floor rear extension
21/01954/HH	90A Maldon Road, Witham, Essex	Central	Erection of single-storey rear and two-storey side extension
21/01846/HH	44 Cressing Road, Witham, Essex	North	Single-storey rear extension
21/01271/FUL	Olivers Farm House, Maldon Road, Witham	South	Erection of single-storey unit to be used for storage (Class B8).
21/01728/HH	20 Flemming Way, Witham, Essex	North	Erection of single-storey log cabin
21/01873/FUL	The Old School House, 41 Maldon Road, Witham	Central	Demolition of existing single-storey store room and rebuild on a like-for-like basis

PART 2

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERS' DEBATE

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21/01984/FUL	Units 1-5, Waterside Business Park, Eastways	Central	Change of Use from Use Class E (Commercial, Business and Service) and B8 (Storage or distribution), to allow a flexible use under Use Classes E (Commercial, Business and Service), B2 (General industrial) or B8 (Storage or distribution).
21/01932/FUL & 21/001933/LBC	66B Newland Street, Witham, Essex	Central	Change of Use from Funeral Directors (Class E) to a Skin Clinic (Sui Generis) with associated internal alterations
21/01974/FUL	132 Newland Street, Witham, Essex	Central	Change of use from auction house (Sui Generis) to 1 x 1 bed residential apartment (C3).

Witham Town Council – Planning Application Report

Application No:- 21/01984/FUL

Address:- Units 1-5, Waterside Business Park, Eastways

Ward:- Central

Proposal:- Change of Use from Use Class E (Commercial, Business and Service) and B8 (Storage or distribution), to allow a flexible use under Use Classes E (Commercial, Business and Service), B2 (General industrial) or B8 (Storage or distribution).

Relevant Site History:-

Representations:-

Summary:- The Change of Use relates to five terraced units on the Waterside Business Park totalling a floor area of 3,663 sqm. Currently the units are covered by B8 or E classes and the applicant wishes Change of Use for all five units to B2, B8 and E to allow for more varied use rather than premises remain empty.

Recommendation:- At Item 10 on the Agenda, are the new Classes adopted by the District Council on 1st September 2020. Class E is varied and covers inter alia retail, sale of food, financial service, indoor sport and nursery provision. The Town Council would wish to see vibrant Business Parks rather than empty units. Recommend approval.

Policy References:-

Witham Town Council – Planning Application Report

Application No:- 21/01932/FUL & 21/001933/LBC

Address:- 66B Newland Street, Witham, Essex

Ward:- Central

Proposal:- Change of Use from Funeral Directors (Class E) to a Skin Clinic (Sui Generis) with associated internal alterations

Relevant Site History:-

Representations:-

Summary:- This application is for Change of Use and internal alterations. A number of years ago the Cooperative Society met with Members of the Town Council to explain their plans to move the 'Tan Stand' to allow for larger, improved accommodation for the funeral directors and to develop to the rear of the premises along Kings Chase.

Recommendation:- Would recommend no objection to the Change of Use and the internal alterations but explain that Members would ask for the applicant to be made aware of the sensitive nature of the Conservation Area when designing the shop front in readiness for the next application.

Policy References:-

Witham Town Council – Planning Application Report

Application No:- 21/01974/FUL

Address:- 132 Newland Street, Witham, Essex

Ward:- Central

Proposal:- Change of use from auction house (Sui Generis) to 1 x 1 bed residential apartment (C3).

Relevant Site History:-

Representations:- W & C S have commented on the need to conform to conservation area guidelines and use of materials

Summary:- This is for the old auction house behind Tommy Tuckers at the corner of Mill Lane. The proposal is for a change of use for a one bedroom apartment. The existing doors and windows will be retained but to allow additional light six conservation rooflights will be installed. The premises are in a flood area and as a result mitigation including the raising of floor level and extra high electrical sockets will be installed.

Recommendation:- The Town Council has always promoted residential units above shops to add vibrancy to the town centre. The conversion to residential use should be welcomed and will smarten up this area. There will be one parking space allocated and whilst there would be no amenity space the River Walk is opposite.

Policy References:-

Application & Address	Proposal	BDC Decision	WTC Decision	Agenda Item 9
21/01618/TPO - 17 Armiger Way Witham Essex CM8 2UY	Notice of intent to carry out works to trees protected by Tree Preservation Order 5/75 - Crown reduce Sycamore tree to reduce all branches all around by 4 metres to clear any dead wood, prevent any damage to building and significant cross of boundaries.	Application Permitted	No objection subject to a maximum of three metre pruning and the advice of the District Council's Landscape Officer	
21/01240/FUL - Units 1-5 Waterside Business Park Eastways Witham Essex	Change of Use from Use Class E (Commercial, Business and Service) and B8 (Storage or distribution), to allow a flexible use under Use Classes E (Commercial, Business and Service), B2 (General industrial) or B8 (Storage or distribution).	Application Permitted	No objection	
21/01196/TPO - Holly Trees Montessori Nursery Newland Street Witham Essex CM8 2BQ	Notification of trees protected by Tree Preservation Order 3/2020 - Tree species: Mature Cedar Trees x 2 Works required: Crown reduction by 4 meters, Crown lift by 4 meters, Reduce limbs by 2 meters Trees very overgrown and obstructing light and signage - limbs intruding on building gutters	Part Granted Part Refused	Recommended refusal on the grounds that the work is excessive and the branches appear not to be intruding on the gutters; and subject to the advice of the District Council's Landscape Officer	

21/01069/HH - Rivendell Chalks Road Witham Essex CM8 2BT	First floor rear extension, and alterations to existing dwelling	Application Refused	Received and noted
21/00761/LBC - 66 Newland Street Witham Essex CM8 1AH	Maintenance repairs to the exterior: reproofing rear mansard, minor brickwork and timber repairs, redecoration and works to gutters and downpipes.	Application Permitted	No objection subject to the advice of the Listed Buildings Officer.
21/00318/FUL - Land Rear Of 59 Bridge Street Witham Essex	Erection of a single-storey two bedroomed detached dwellinghouse.	Application Permitted	Recommended refusal on the grounds of a poor narrow access directly past someone's front door and that the siting of any dwelling should be centrally sited away from the neighbouring property contrary to RLP2
21/00074/FUL - Witham Town Football And Social Club Spa Road Witham Essex CM8 1UN	Construction of an artificial grass football pitch with fenced enclosure and floodlights	Application Permitted	No objection subject to the hours being in keeping with those existing and the brightness of the floodlights being acceptable to the planners.

21/01333/HH - Cedar Gables Hatfield Road Witham Essex CM8 1EN	Conversion of integral garage to habitable accommodation, rendering to front elevation and relocation of front door.	Application Permitted	No objection
21/01307/HH - 31 Armond Road Witham Essex CM8 2HD	Erection of fencing to rear and side garden	Application Refused	Recommended refusal on the grounds of adverse impact on the street scene contray to RLP25 and an unacceptable impact on the amenities of adjoining residential properties contrary to LPP38d.
21/01260/HH - 23 Bluebell Close Witham Essex CM8 2YP	Single-storey rear extension.	Application Permitted	No objection
21/01224/HH - 23 St Nicholas Road Witham Essex CM8 2JE	Single-storey side/rear extension	Application Permitted	No objection

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Agenda Item 10

Changes to Use Classes from 1 September 2020

Based on amendments to the Use Classes, it is important to read the notes associated with each class below.

Generally:

- From 1 September 2020, for purposes of Use Class, A1/2/3 & B1 to be treated as Class E
- For any planning applications submitted before 1 September 2020, the Use Classes in effect when the application was submitted will be used to determine the application.
- For any reference to Permitted Development rights, and for restrictions to them or applications for Prior Approval, the Use Classes in effect prior to 1 September 2020 will be the ones used until the end of July 2021 (this is defined as the 'material period' in legislation so may be referred to as such).

However, it is advised that you confirm the specifics of any such situation with the relevant Local Planning Authority.

Class A

Class A is revoked from 1 September 2020.

- Class A 1/2/3 are effectively replaced with the new Class E(a,b,c)
- A4/5 uses are not covered by the new Class E and become defined as 'Sui Generis'

It is included here for reference and use in specific situations where it remains valid (as detailed above).

- **A1 Shops** - Shops, retail warehouses, hairdressers, undertakers, travel and ticket agencies, post offices, pet shops, sandwich bars, showrooms, domestic hire shops, dry cleaners, funeral directors and internet cafes
- **A2 Financial and professional services** - Financial services such as banks and building societies, professional services (other than health and medical services) and including estate and employment agencies. It does not include betting offices or pay day loan shops - these are now classed as "sui generis" uses (see below)
- **A3 Restaurants and cafés** - For the sale of food and drink for consumption on the premises - restaurants, snack bars and cafes
- **A4 Drinking establishments** - Public houses, wine bars or other drinking establishments (but not night clubs) including drinking establishments with expanded food provision
- **A5 Hot food takeaways** - For the sale of hot food for consumption off the premises.

Class B

B1 Business is revoked from 1 September 2020. It is effectively replaced with the new Class E(g).

It is included here for reference and use in specific situations where it remains valid (as detailed above).

- **B1 Business** – Uses which can be carried out in a residential area without detriment to its amenity. **This class is formed of three parts:**
 - B1(a) Offices - Other than a use within Class A2 (see above)
 - B1(b) Research and development of products or processes
 - B1(c) Industrial processes

Uses B2 and B8 remain valid.

- **B2 General industrial** - Use for industrial process other than one falling within class E(g) (*previously class B1*) (excluding incineration purposes, chemical treatment or landfill or hazardous waste)
- **B8 Storage or distribution** - This class includes open air storage.

Class C

Class C is not affected by the 1 September 2020 changes.

- **C1 Hotels** - Hotels, boarding and guest houses where no significant element of care is provided (excludes hostels)
- **C2 Residential institutions** - Residential care homes, hospitals, nursing homes, boarding schools, residential colleges and training centres
- **C2A Secure Residential Institution** - Use for a provision of secure residential accommodation, including use as a prison, young offenders institution, detention centre, secure training centre, custody centre, short term holding centre, secure hospital, secure local authority accommodation or use as a military barracks
- **C3 Dwellinghouses** - This class is formed of three parts
 - C3(a) covers use by a single person or a family (a couple whether married or not, a person related to one another with members of the family of one of the couple to be treated as members of the family of the other), an employer and certain domestic employees (such as an au pair, nanny, nurse, governess, servant, chauffeur, gardener, secretary and personal assistant), a carer and the person receiving the care and a foster parent and foster child
 - C3(b) covers up to six people living together as a single household and receiving care e.g. supported housing schemes such as those for people with learning disabilities or mental health problems
 - C3(c) allows for groups of people (up to six) living together as a single household. This allows for those groupings that do not fall within the C4 HMO definition, but which fell within the previous C3 use class, to be provided for i.e. a small religious community may fall into this section as could a homeowner who is living with a lodger

- **C4 Houses in multiple occupation** - Small shared houses occupied by between three and six unrelated individuals, as their only or main residence, who share basic amenities such as a kitchen or bathroom.

Class D

Class D is revoked from 1 September 2020.

- D1 is split out and replaced by the new Classes E(e-f) and F1
- D2 is split out and replaced by the new Classes E(d) and F2(c-d) as well as several newly defined 'Sui Generis' uses.

It is included here for reference and use in specific situations where it remains valid (as detailed above).

- **D1 Non-residential institutions** - Clinics, health centres, crèches, day nurseries, day centres, schools, art galleries (other than for sale or hire), museums, libraries, halls, places of worship, church halls, law court. Non-residential education and training centres
- **D2 Assembly and leisure** - Cinemas, music and concert halls, bingo and dance halls (but not night clubs), swimming baths, skating rinks, gymnasiums or area for indoor or outdoor sports and recreations (except for motor sports, or where firearms are used).

Class E - Commercial, Business and Service

Class E is introduced from 1 September 2020.

In 11 parts, Class E more broadly covers uses previously defined in the revoked Classes A1/2/3, B1, D1(a-b) and 'indoor sport' from D2(e):

- **E(a)** Display or retail sale of goods, other than hot food
- **E(b)** Sale of food and drink for consumption (mostly) on the premises
- **E(c)** Provision of:
 - **E(c)(i)** Financial services,
 - **E(c)(ii)** Professional services (other than health or medical services), or
 - **E(c)(iii)** Other appropriate services in a commercial, business or service locality
- **E(d)** Indoor sport, recreation or fitness (not involving motorised vehicles or firearms)
- **E(e)** Provision of medical or health services (except the use of premises attached to the residence of the consultant or practitioner)
- **E(f)** Creche, day nursery or day centre (not including a residential use)
- **E(g)** Uses which can be carried out in a residential area without detriment to its amenity:
 - **E(g)(i)** Offices to carry out any operational or administrative functions,
 - **E(g)(ii)** Research and development of products or processes
 - **E(g)(iii)** Industrial processes

Class F - Local Community and Learning

Class F is introduced from 1 September 2020.

In two main parts, Class F covers uses previously defined in the revoked classes D1, 'outdoor sport', 'swimming pools' and 'skating rinks' from D2(e), as well as newly defined local community uses.

- **F1 Learning and non-residential institutions** – Use (not including residential use) defined in 7 parts:
 - **F1(a)** Provision of education
 - **F1(b)** Display of works of art (otherwise than for sale or hire)
 - **F1(c)** Museums
 - **F1(d)** Public libraries or public reading rooms
 - **F1(e)** Public halls or exhibition halls
 - **F1(f)** Public worship or religious instruction (or in connection with such use)
 - **F1(g)** Law courts
- **F2 Local community** – Use as defined in 4 parts:
 - **F2(a)** Shops (mostly) selling essential goods, including food, where the shop's premises do not exceed 280 square metres and there is no other such facility within 1000 metres
 - **F2(b)** Halls or meeting places for the principal use of the local community
 - **F2(c)** Areas or places for outdoor sport or recreation (not involving motorised vehicles or firearms)
 - **F2(d)** Indoor or outdoor swimming pools or skating rinks

Sui Generis

'Sui generis' is a Latin term that, in this context, means 'in a class of its own'.

Certain uses are specifically defined and excluded from classification by legislation, and therefore become 'sui generis'. These are:

- theatres
- amusement arcades/centres or funfairs
- laundrettes
- fuel stations
- hiring, selling and/or displaying motor vehicles
- taxi businesses
- scrap yards, or a yard for the storage/distribution of minerals and/or the breaking of motor vehicles
- 'Alkali work' (any work registerable under the Alkali, etc. Works Regulation Act 1906 (as amended))
- hostels (providing no significant element of care)
- waste disposal installations for the incineration, chemical treatment or landfill of hazardous waste
- retail warehouse clubs
- nightclubs

- casinos
- betting offices/shops
- pay day loan shops
- public houses, wine bars, or drinking establishments – from 1 September 2020, previously Class A4
- drinking establishments with expanded food provision – from 1 September 2020, previously Class A4
- hot food takeaways (for the sale of hot food where consumption of that food is mostly undertaken off the premises) – from 1 September 2020, previously Class A5
- venues for live music performance – newly defined as ‘Sui Generis’ use from 1 September 2020
- cinemas – from 1 September 2020, previously Class D2(a)
- concert halls – from 1 September 2020, previously Class D2(b)
- bingo halls – from 1 September 2020, previously Class D2(c)
- dance halls – from 1 September 2020, previously Class D2(d)

Other uses become ‘sui generis’ where they fall outside the defined limits of any other use class.

For example, C4 (Houses in multiple occupation) is limited to houses with no more than six residents. Therefore, houses in multiple occupation with more than six residents become a ‘sui generis’ use.

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A Boards Newland Street Witham

In mid-June a blind gentleman on his way to Boots the Chemist, had negotiated the Tea Rooms tables using his white stick. He was almost past when he walked into their A Board, hurting his leg.

On investigating the guidelines (attached) about A boards on streets I discovered that they were all in a conservation zone and therefore needed permission from the County Council to be there.

Out of interest, I walked Newlands Street and found there were:

40 A Boards

This excludes the precincts.

Most fell within the guidelines but these did not:

Gadget Club

Aka

GK Bikes

GK Graphics

Cafe in Newlands Precinct and the Butchers both have A boards at the entrance, nowhere near their shops and maybe a hazard.

Haart Estate Agents

Bixby Jewellers has 2 and do not comply with the guidelines.

Holts the Butcher has two

On the corner of Guithavon Street on one side there are boards for The Vape Shop, The Well coffee shop and on the other corner there are 3 for Oh La La Hairdressers.

The Tea Rooms no longer have an A board outside but this may be because they had only just opened when I went past.

I appreciate that businesses need to draw in customers but would ask that each premise is issued with a copy of the guidelines to ensure safe placing of these boards.

Report by Councillor Susan Ager
24/06/2021



ITEM NO:

Officer Report: Advertising Boards in the Conservation Area

Issue:

The issue of advertising boards was due to be discussed at the Environment Committee meeting of 24th March 2020 following a request from Councillor J. C. Goodman to investigate addressing issues with advertising boards in the conservation area and a draft letter was prepared to go to all businesses. Due to the announcement of lockdown, the meeting did not take place and as part of delegated decisions the proposed A-frame enforcement of businesses in the conservation area has been held in abeyance.

The attached Essex County Council policy for the placement of advertising boards on the publicly maintainable highway confirms the rules for advertising boards outside businesses. The various rules include that advertising boards will not be permitted in conservation areas except with the written agreement of the borough/district council, there should be only one advertising board per business and a minimum of 2 metres of unobstructed footway width must be maintained between the edge of the carriageway and the advertising board. It appears that not all businesses are meeting these requirements.

As the town centre of Witham is a conservation area, all businesses within it will need to apply to Braintree District Council for permission to have A-frame advertising boards displayed, including the Town Hall, at a cost of £132 per application. They will also need to comply with Essex County Council's policy.

As a Town Council we can send a letter to all businesses in the conservation area but do not have any enforcement powers to ensure that the rules in the policy are being adhered to. Members may wish to therefore consider whether a review is necessary and liaison with both the District and County Council is required to resolve the matter of improper advertising boards.

Advice:

- To consider approving the draft letter to be sent to all businesses in the conservation area
- To consider a review of the conservation area with regarding to permitted advertising by liaison with the District and County Council



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Dear Sirs,

Placement of 'A' Boards on pavements in Witham

Witham Town Council often receives complaints regarding the number of advertising 'A' boards in the town centre, particularly those that cause pedestrians difficulties on the pavement. Councillors recognise the importance of advertising for businesses but acknowledge the importance of protecting the safety of pedestrians.

Please find enclosed the Essex County Council policy for the placement of advertising boards on the publicly maintainable highway. This policy clearly provides details of the acceptable placement of advertising boards with regards to size, position on the pavement and the number permitted per business. Witham Town Council recognises that a large number of businesses are already compliant but would like to draw your attention to the policy to ensure that you are meeting the accepted requirements.

Within the policy it states that advertising boards will not be permitted in conservation areas except with the written agreement of the district council. As Witham town centre is within the conservation area, please ensure that you have the required written agreement. If you have not already done so, you will need to apply for advertising consent through Braintree District Council's planning portal at https://ecab.planningportal.co.uk/uploads/appPDF/Z1510Form012_england_en.pdf. Further information can be obtained from Braintree District Council's planning department, planningportal.co.uk or please do not hesitate to contact me if you require assistance.

Councillors would be grateful if you own advertising boards are fully compliant by XX XX XXXX. Please note that Witham Town Council are not an enforcing authority with regards to this matter but would appreciate your co-operation.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hayley Andrews'.

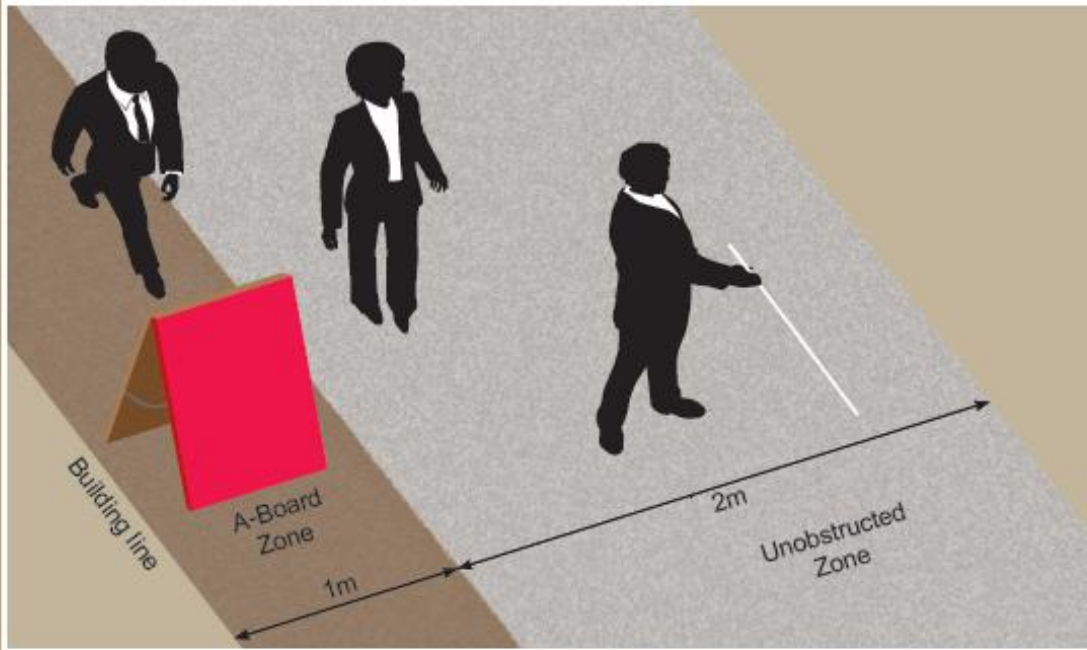
Hayley Andrews
Assistant Proper Officer



Essex County Council policy
for the placement of advertising boards
on the publicly maintainable highway

An advertising board will be no larger than the standard A1 size (637x1100x800 mm) and normally two sided, however this does not prevent the use of new forms of mobile facilities. Any mobile facility must be of sufficient weight or design so as to prevent it being blown over in the wind and not creating a hazard to other highway users and be portable in case removal or re-siting is required.

A minimum of 2 metres unobstructed footway width **must** be maintained between the edge of carriageway and the advertising board. In exceptional circumstances, with the agreement of the borough/district or city council responsible for the location and following discussions with the appropriate access mobility groups a minimum clearance of 1.8 metres will be considered.



If a business has its own private forecourt adjacent to the highway the advertising board should be placed fully within the confines of the forecourt.

The advertising board must be positioned within the curtilage of the property to which it relates.

Only one advertising board per business will be allowed.



Advertising boards will not be permitted in conservation areas except with the written agreement of the borough/district or city council.

Sufficient public liability insurance should be in place.

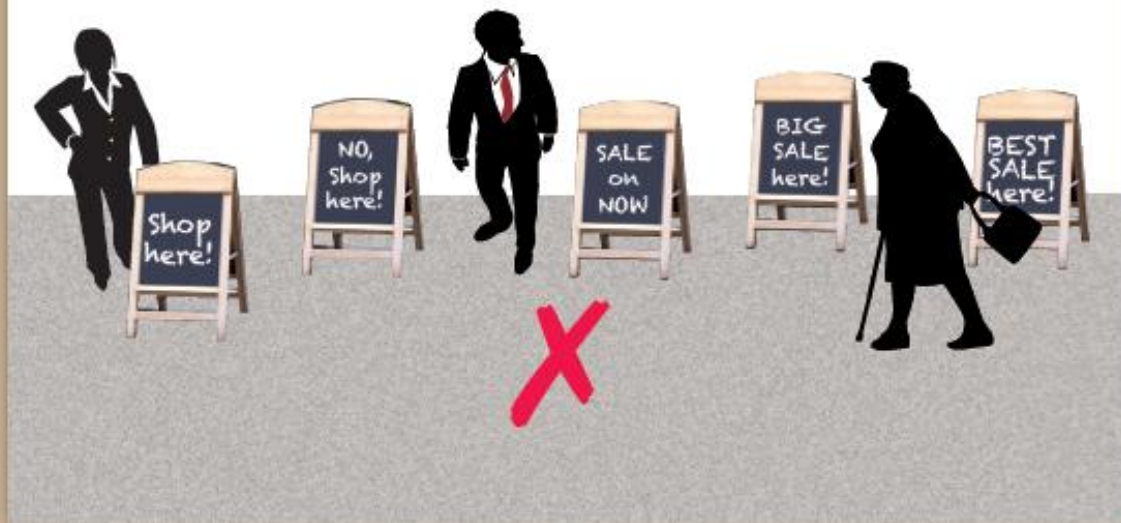
The advertising boards will not:

- obstruct access to bus stops, taxi ranks or other frontages
- obstruct access to any service covers or apparatus
- be placed on or near to tactile paving or dropped kerbs
- obscure the visibility of highway users on or near a junction
- obscure any traffic signs or road markings

The advertising board will be kept clean and tidy, in good condition and appear professionally made with no content likely to cause offence.

The advertising board should be removed when the premises are closed.

If within a short distance a proliferation of advertising boards results in pedestrians finding it difficult to navigate, all owners will be asked to remove boards until agreement can be reached. (Essex County Council, borough/district and city councils).



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Witham Town Council Environment Committee: Parking & Highways Report.				
HIGHWAY / PARKING ISSUE	RAISED	FIRST RAISE	CURRENT STAGE	MIN. REF
Collingwood Road - Speed Survey	PA&T	2.9.2019	LHP request submitted 9.9.2019	92.2/9/2019
Avenue Road - Speed Survey	PA&T	2.9.2019	LHP request submitted 9.9.2019	92.2/9/2019
Pelly Avenue parking	PA&T	10.02.2020	Public consultation completed 27.03.2020. Liaison with Greenfields commenced	204.10/02/2020
Highfields Road parking and signage issues	FTC	06.07.2020	Photographic evidence required before LHP bid can be applied for. WTC Operations Team have cleared excess vegetation	142.06/07/2020
Guithavon Valley parking issue	PA&T	03.08.2020	LHP request for safety audit applied for	03.08.2020 delegated decision
Maltings Lane	P&T	1.6.2021	LHP request for 7.5 tonne weight limit applied for on the grounds of amenity	19.1.6.2021

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Agenda Item 14



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Our Ref: ZA70923

1 July 2021

Dear Mr Sheehy,

Road safety on Maldon Road

I have been contacted by a number of constituents who live along Maldon Road regarding road safety, concerns over risks to children and other pedestrians and speeding traffic.

I have raised these matters with Essex County Council on their behalf and have been advised that it is possible for Witham Town Council to consider installing Vehicular Activation Signs in the area. The full response I have received is attached for your information.

I would welcome the Town Council giving consideration to this matter so that I can update the residents who have raised this matter with me.

Yours sincerely,

With our good wishes,

Rt Hon Priti Patel
Member of Parliament for Witham

Putting the Witham Constituency, Essex and Britain first.

Dear Priti

Re: Road safety on Maldon Road, Witham, Essex, CM8 1HP

Thank you for your letter dated 2 June 2021 regarding road safety concerns on Maldon Road and the concerns raised by your constituent. Please accept my apologies for the delay in getting back to you on this matter.

Maldon Road is a B road and PR2 on the County's road network. It is therefore considered as one of Essex County Council's distributor roads, however in the case of Maldon Road it also has a weak structure and therefore a 7.5 tonne weight limit. This will reduce the number of HGV's using the route with only those under 7.5 tonne being permitted to travel along it. As a PR2 road on the County's network it will experience higher volumes of traffic than local residential roads and understandably not a suitable place for children unaccompanied.

When considering safety and where resources should be directed the Highway Authority investigates collision patterns, if any collisions have occurred on the network in a pattern which indicates speed may be a contributory factor the Road Safety Team will investigate suitable solutions to reduce the speeds. Maldon Road between the main road and Blue Mills traffic signals has experienced one personal injury collision in the last three years. Although all collisions are concerning it does not show a pattern of speed related safety problems along this section of road.

As the road is a B road any physical traffic calming features such as cushions or build outs would increase congestion and consequently pollution. Therefore the County Council does not install these unless there is a pattern of collisions which shows that speed is a contributory factor.

The policy of Vehicular Activated Signs (VAS) has recently been changed which would allow Witham Town Council to install, if they wish, a sign to alert any drivers who are breaking the speed limit. It is unlikely that the average speeds would meet the criteria for the Highway Authority to fund a VAS and the collision criteria does not indicate a proven issue.

I am sorry I cannot provide any further reassurance to the resident on this matter however I will highlight this with the Road Safety Team who can monitor the situation for any future concerns.

Thank you again for writing to me.

Kind Regards

Lee

Cllr Lee Scott

Portfolio Holder for Highways Maintenance and Sustainable Transport

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