

Please see ECC Report:

Member Led Highway Defects

This is the new scheme where extra teams have been allocated and the County Cllr gets to determine the workload of the team for a week every 6 weeks.

So far, I have submitted 53 defects as sent to me by PCs and residents. These cover highway potholes, pavements, signs, kerbs, drains, - 32 have been completed.

In my opinion, this scheme is working very well and addresses the issues most raised by PCs and residents.

I have added further defects for Pleshey Road, west of Pleshey.

Bus Shelters

Essex County Council is launching a scheme to upgrade, maintain, and expand bus shelter infrastructure across Essex.

From what I can see, this has little impact on my rural parishes, where bus shelters tend to be owned by the Parish Councils (with some exceptions).

The most useful part of this exercise is interactive map which shows ECC ownership and plans.

<https://www.travelessex.co.uk/about-timetables-maps/essex-bus-shelters>

Woolmers Mead Drainage.

I previously reported that Essex Legal Services have been asked to review this case in relation to riparian responsibility for the ditch in question.

Drainage issue on Grange Road

I previously reported "Following further enquiries with Officers this issue will now be followed up by the Enforcement team as the land responsibility would not fall to Essex County Council. The Enforcement Officer will review both the jetting history on Map 16 and a look on site to offer his advice on the matter. It maybe that residents have filled in ditches and we have lost the once working drainage system here."

I frequently chase the responsible officer, and this is his statement as of 8th Oct 2024:

"I have been very busy over the past few months and had to put my time into more priority cases, but hopefully I have broken the back in this work so will be re engaging with my older cases.

Woolmers Mead I will be speaking with the enforcement officer about this and ask her thoughts on where we go with this case.

As for Grange Rd, I am visiting site with my colleague on Wednesday and one of us will make a start on that case. “

Proposed reforms to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

The NPPF consultation is seeking views on Govt's proposed approach to revising the NPPF which outlines the Government's ambition to deliver 1.5 million new homes over the next five years. The consultation closed 24 September 2024 and ECC responded including raising grave concerns about the impact on the lag of necessary infrastructure and investment to support the changes. I am pushing for ECC to make further representation to Govt in relation not only to its own services, but also other services that are already lagging behind current levels of housing growth. In particular, our concerns lie with ECC delivered services such as Highways, Education, Adult Social Care, but also other services such as primary care, hospitals, etc.

Primary healthcare

I continue to work with LW/Notley PPG and surgery to lobby our ICB to address the shortfalls in the area. We had a follow up meeting 24th Sept 2024, with MEHT ICB for our area which presented the housing growth in the area, followed by the ICB outlining the difficulties of arranging primary care provisions. My own view is that the ICB are not requesting enough S106 funds from the developers – e.g., in the Broomfield Bloor development, Highways have asked for £12M, Education £8M, and ICB £236K. I am pushing the ICB to get themselves in a position where they have such strategic plans that they can justify bigger demands.

LHP update:

The lamppost SID process is currently with the Cabinet member for Highways, for sign off.

RideLondon

RideLondon will not occur in May 2025.

The published reasons are:

- Organisers will take the opportunity to work on new concept for the event for future years
- Classique already cancelled due to UCI WorldTour date change

The route includes a few of my parishes.

Whilst I can't say that I wasn't entirely enthusiastic when it was first introduced (due to the impact of businesses that rely heavily on Sunday trade), it has been popular with residents and participants. Over the last few years, the organisers have improved in their management of the

event, but there were still issues in the 2024 event. I made sure that I was on the County Council steering group to best represent residents' and business's concerns. We have also had the benefit of improved maintenance on the route.

I understand that it is still planned for the event to take place in May 2026, but I do not know if it will take a different format.

Chelmsford City Council issues:

2024/2025 Tree Giveaway

Chelmsford City Council is continuing its successful tree giveaway program for 2024-2025 as part of our ongoing tree planting campaign. This year, they are we're offering 1,400 trees of four species (350 of each species): *Quercus ilex* (Holm Oak), *Corylus avellana* (Hazel), *Prunus avium* (Cherry), and *Carpinus betulus* (Hornbeam). The giveaway will start on **7 October 2024** and will continue until **7 November 2024** or until our supplies last. Details will be accessible at our [Love Your Chelmsford](https://loveyourchelmsford.co.uk/tree-giveaway/) website or by following this link: <https://loveyourchelmsford.co.uk/tree-giveaway/> from 7 October