**BURNHAM ON CROUCH HIGHWAYS REPORT – MARCH 2024**

**LOCAL NEWS**

**FOOTPATH UPDATE**

Footpath 12 has been identified by the health and wellbeing team as being in the wrong place. Essex Footpaths/Highways are in negotiations with the landowners who are now applying to update the footpaths, however there is currently a waiting list for footpath diversion applications so this may take upward of 12 months to resolve.

PROW maps indicate the correct path, which is 30 meters south of the railway line, however a well-trodden path is now in situ and in use, albeit unpassable at stages.

Footpath 27 – There is vegetation and barbed wire blocking the way through, and the landowner has been asked to remove and clear.

**POTHOLE UPDATE**

All potholes within burnham have been reported, so I am in the process of chasing for updates. In particular
Queens Road,
Station Road,
Riverside Road sink hole (re appeared)
Ferry Road sink hole.
Belvedere
Petticrows Quays

**CREEKSEA FLOODING UPDATE**

The gullies under the railway bridge are attended by the ad-hoc jetting crew several times during the year. It was last attended in January 2024. Following a review of the flooding report, the gullies did not appear to be visually blocked however the ditches downstream appear to be high and holding water so we suspected this could have been the cause of the flooding experienced last week. Negotiations took place with the landowner and it may be necessary that further clearance works are required.

This location has been added for a further jetting visit soon and will also liaise with the to hopefully combine the visit with ditch clearance works.

**ROAD TRAFFIC UPDATE**

 **The Essex County Council (Maldon District) (Prohibition of Waiting, Loading and Stopping) and (On-Street Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement Area) (Amendment No.13) Order 202\***

**STATEMENT OF REASONS:**

The proposed development/junctions are opposite and within close proximity of a primary school.

Marsh Road varies in width but is generally approximately 5.5 metres wide as it passes the site. Opposite the site are the junctions with Glendale Road and The Leas, access to private properties and St. Marys Primary School on the south side of Marsh Road.

Marsh Road extends westward to form a ‘T’ junction with the B1021 Southminster Road and Church Road. This junction provides access to Burnham-on-Crouch and locations west of the town (via Church Road) and locations to the north (via Southminster Road).

There are three roads connected to Marsh Road in the vicinity of the site. Glebe Way and The Leas are both residential cul-de-sacs with ‘T’ junctions on the south side of Marsh Road.

Just to the south of Marsh Road/Church Road junction is a ‘zebra crossing’ providing pedestrian access to the west side of Church Road and Ormiston Rivers Academy.

The site frontage on the north side of Marsh Road is mainly verge or, to the west of the site, hedges, and private accesses to existing properties.

The reason for the implementation of this waiting restriction is to protect the entrance of the junctions of Thompson Avenue, The Leas, and Glendale Avenue from local and school traffic from parking too close to the junction, which could cause visibility issues.

This restriction will increase the road safety for all users, improve the local environment for vulnerable road users, and improve visibility and manoeuvrability.

**ESSEX NEWS**

**BYPASS in Chelmsford - UPDATE**

Essex County Council has gone out to tender for a contract to build the initial section of Chelmsford North East Bypass.
The bypass, together with the new railway station at Beaulieu Park, will provide important infrastructure to support planned housing and economic growth to the north of Chelmsford.
The first section of the bypass will connect with Beaulieu Parkway in the south, providing access to the A12 at Boreham Interchange via the recently opened Generals Lane Bridge.
To the north, it will join with a new link road, to be built by developers as part of the planned Chelmsford Garden Community, to the Wheelers Hill roundabout on the A131 Essex Regiment Way.

The bypass is funded through Homes England’s Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF), with funds secured because of plans for the new garden community.

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| **£12 million Essex Highways boost** |
| Enforcement, resurfacing and rural roads are just some of the areas benefitting from Essex Highways’ additional funds.An extra £12 million allocated to Essex Highways will fund several priority areas for residents.This includes but is not limited to:* **£8 million** for additional crews in each borough, city and district to prioritise repairs raised by local councillors.
* **£2 million** for Local Highways Panels to deliver large schemes, freeing up existing budgets for small schemes.
* **£350,000** to fund three months of defect repairs over the summer. This will expedite repairs in rural areas affected by flooding and winter damage.
* **£300,000** to enable winter-safe crews to deliver more maintenance and repairs over the next winter.
* **£100,000** to increase enforcement capabilities and hold landowners accountable for maintaining foliage.
* **£100,000** for additional highway resurfacing works across Essex.
* **£49,500** for additional communications resources, ensuring residents and members are better informed.

Councillor Tom Cunningham, Cabinet Member for Highways, Infrastructure and Sustainable Transport, said: “From enforcement to Local Highways Panels, Essex Highways is responsible for a wide variety of areas many people may not know about.“The £12 million is a significant boost to helps us look after and improve one of the largest road networks in the country. This includes getting more crews in each borough, city and district to prioritise repairs raised by local councillors.”The additional £12 million is set to be formally ratified by Essex County Council’s meeting of Cabinet Members on Tuesday, 27 February 2024.

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