**Highways report April 2024 – Cllr Doug Bown**

**On the busses**

More than £30 million is to be invested in safer, greener, and healthier travel in Basildon.

The Department for Transport (DfT) has confirmed the town will be one of several areas across the south-east of England to receive funding for electric buses.

Essex County Council and First Bus were successful in securing £4.8 million from the Government’s Zero Emission Bus Regional Areas (ZEBRA) 2 scheme. This will fund 55 electric buses in Basildon.

First Bus is additionally investing £25.8 million into the scheme, which will also include upgrading the Basildon bus depot.

The buses are expected to be in place in late 2025, and are expected to service Basildon, as well as routes between the town and neighbouring areas such as Chelmsford, Lakeside, and Southend.

Essex County Council have opened a review of the bus network, and the first stage is now underway. We have also launched a consultation on our Supported Local Bus Services 2024-2028.

We would encourage people to complete the survey online by visiting the web site <https://consultations.essex.gov.uk/iptu/2023>

As soon as we can review the existing network we will liaise with local Parish and Town Councils, and we will keep the information that is provided on file to assist with our work.

**On the Roads**

I am continuing to report the same potholes which are getting worse, I will continue to plug away at this.

The new no waiting restrictions come into effect on 22nd April as per the below table.

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| **Road**  | **Description**  |
| **B1021 Station Road, Burnham-on-Crouch**  | **Southeast Side:** From a point 10 metres northeast of its junction with Queens Road, south-westwards to a point 12 metres southwest of the junction. TILE: TQ945 960 Rev. 0 to Rev. 1  |
| **Queens Road, Burnham-on- Crouch**  | **Both Sides:** From its junction with B1021 Station Road, south-eastwards for 10 metres. **Both Sides:** From its junction with Albert Road, north-westwards for 10 metres. TILES: TQ945 960 Rev. 0 to Rev. 1, TQ950 957 Rev. 0 to Rev. 1, TQ950 960 Rev. 1 to Rev. 2.  |
| **Albert Road, Burnham-on-Crouch**  | **Northwest Side:** From a point 10 metres northeast of its junction with Queens Road, south-westwards to a point 10 metres southwest of the junction. TILES: TQ950 960 Rev. 1 to Rev. 2, TQ950 957 Rev. 0 to Rev. 1  |

**Paving the way**

I have been to Maldon District council with regards to the seating on the pavement and they have assured me they will be carrying out further investigation and enforcement where necessary.