

District Councillor's Report to Parish Councils January 2025

Cllr. Diana Garrod - Bumpstead Ward

Scheduled Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders & Roadworks

The closure of the Haverhill Rd, Steeple Bumpstead is scheduled from 13th January to 28th February 2025 when Anglian Water intends to continue their next phase for installation of new water pipes. Letters have been sent to residents and local parish councils continue to liaise with AW directly to reduce the anticipated disruption.

Contact: E: steeple@anglianwater.co.uk or call 03457 145 145 quoting reference number 61886011.

Intended closure of Camps Road, Helions Bumpstead on 19th January 2025 whilst UK Power Networks undertakes transformer upgrade works. <https://one.network/?tm=140672489>

Intended closure of Swan Street, Station Rd, Rectory Road, Sible Hedingham is scheduled for 20th January 2025 for 4 days whilst Essex County Council undertakes POP CWAY – surfacing.

<https://one.network/?tm=141644815>

Braintree Local Highways Panel

BLHP Minutes 29th August 2024 indicate that the following schemes are removed from their list as they do not meet the criteria:

LBRA222066 Re-location of 30mph sign, Finchingfield Road, Steeple Bumpstead.

LBRA222067 Speed reduction, Water Lane, Steeple Bumpstead.

BLHP Agenda 16th January 2025 states:

Scheme LBRA203002 New footway, Water Lane, Steeple Bumpstead. Comments: *Design only due to a number of factors, one being legalities. Scheme at risk of not being delivered. delay in start/land adoption. Currently in design.* Est. Completion: Q4. Est. Cost: £26,000

Dan Maclean – Highway Liaison Officer Team Leader (EH)

Jennifer Boxall – Highway Liaison Officer (EH)

Waste Consultation 6th January 2025 to 2nd March 2025

Braintree District Council's public consultation is now open, and residents are being invited to share their views to help shape the future of waste and recycling collection services in the district. Changes are proposed to improve recycling rates, reduce waste to landfill, ensure financial sustainability and compliance with the Environment Act 2021's, Simpler Recycling policy (from April 2026).

The consultation seeks the input of residents and stakeholders on how to improve services and understand any impact of the proposed changes.

The proposed preferred collection approach includes a:

- weekly food waste collection for all properties
- fortnightly paid for collection of garden waste (where requested)
- three-weekly collection of general waste
- alternate fortnightly collection of paper and card in one bin collected one fortnight
- alternate fortnightly collection of glass, metals, plastic and food and drink cartons in another bin collected the following fortnight

The proposal includes the provision of additional bins for recycling in place of clear sacks, where these can be accommodated.

The survey and more information can be accessed using a QR code on the council's printed material or via the council's new engagement portal at: www.braintree.gov.uk/wasteconsultation
Those without internet access are asked to call the council's Customer Service Centre on 01376 552525, who will be able to help with any queries and ensure that they have an opportunity to respond to the survey.

Proposed Collection Model

The consultation is seeking views on the future of waste collections in Braintree District.

As part of the work done so far, the collection model below has been identified for consideration and a final decision will be made in May 2025.

This consultation asks for feedback on the key assumptions used in proposing this model, as well as other driving forces for changing our collections.



N.B. Recycling bin colours shown are for example only.

Please complete the survey to provide your feedback and help shape the future of waste collections.

Take the survey: www.braintree.gov.uk/wasteconsultation

English Devolution White Paper

This was published on 16th December 2024. Essex County Council are holding an extraordinary Full Council meeting on Friday 10 January 2025 at 10am. Councillors will discuss whether they should take part in the Government's devolution priority programme. They will discuss whether they should commit to local government reorganisation.

The Government notified that if they wish to be part of the programme, they must write to confirm by 10 January. This would be a joint letter from Essex County Council, Southend-on-Sea City Council and Thurrock Council. The letter can also request permission to postpone ECC 2025 local elections.

All 75 Essex County Councillors are invited to take part in the debate. Our Leader, Councillor Kevin Bentley, will make the final decision for Essex County Council following this.

Councillor Bentley said:

"I have been very clear that there is a road to a better Essex for all who live here, and the way we will get there is through devolution. This presents us with an opportunity for growth and productivity across the county like no other. Linked to this is the proposed reorganisation of council structures which, as the White Paper sets out, is intended to drive greater efficiencies, help deliver better outcomes for people and strengthen accountability to the public.

This decision is a momentous point in our history and a once in a lifetime chance to improve outcomes for Essex. I look forward to discussing this in January and continuing to engage positively with our partners."

Southend-on-Sea City Council and Thurrock Council will hold their own meetings during w/c 06/01/25.

You can watch ECC's Full Council meeting live at 10am on 10 January on the 'ECC democracy' YouTube channel. I attach the agenda separately for your information.

Local Plan Sub-Committee Meetings

BDC's 'Call for Sites' has now taken place. Over 350 sites have been submitted for consideration which would be capable of provided housing and employment, as well as other uses. It should be noted that no sites were submitted for Gypsy and Traveller sites, however the Council would still need to provide for any identified need. Info at: <https://www.braintree.gov.uk/callforsites>

I provide herewith the new scheduled dates for the forthcoming LPSC meetings. Agendas and minutes can be found at: <https://braintree.cmis.uk.com> Meetings can be viewed on the council's YouTube Channel 12th February, 19th March, 15th May, 22nd May, 5th June, 12th June, 19th June, 25th June, 31st July, 24th September, 4th October, 2nd December, 11th December 2025.

What are the stages of creating a new Local Plan?

Milestone	Indicative date
Call for Sites	May – October 2024
Evidence Base	Ongoing as identified
Early engagement	July/August 2024
Issues and Options Consultation	January-March 2025
Consultation on the Draft Local Plan (Regulation 18) (known as 'Preferred Options')	October/November 2025
Amendments to the Local Plan to create the Submission Local Plan	Winter 2025/2026
Consultation on the Submission Local Plan (Regulation 19) (known as 'Pre-Submission')	Spring 2026
Preparing the Local Plan Submission to the Planning Inspectorate/Examination	June 2026
Examination of the Local Plan	6-9 process from submission date
Adoption of the Local Plan	Estimated December 2026-February 2027

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