

# TDC Update – Manningtree – October 2017

## **WORK CONTINUES TO REDUCE LITTER FROM FAST FOOD OUTLETS IN TENDRING**

Work is continuing in a bid to reduce the amount of litter generated from fast food outlets around Tendring.

Concern has been raised about the issue and Councillors are keen to investigate what measures can be taken to tackle the problem.

Tendring District Council (TDC) officers already work closely with a number of the larger outlets such as McDonalds, KFC and Domino's Pizza who make an effort to keep the areas around their premises as clean and tidy as possible.

However, one of the major gripes is about customers who discard their bags and wrappings out of cars further down the road.

TDC's Service Development and Delivery Committee discussed the situation at the meeting on Monday and came up with a number of ideas.

They want firms in the fast food industry to consider sponsoring litter picks as one way forward.

There is also a call for more education in schools and colleges as well as increasing the number of litter bins in laybys along main routes such as the A120.

The Councillors also want to look into what conditions could be put into a planning approval for a new outlet to get them to take more responsibility for litter generated by their business.

John Fox, TDC's Head of Environmental Services, said the committee was clear that it wants something done to get to grips with the problem.

"It is an on-going issue across Tendring and we have a better relationship with some outlets compared to others," he said.

"Obviously it is easier for them to deal with the litter close to their premises but not so easy when it is thrown out of a car two or three miles down the road.

"That is about the personal responsibility of the customer and that is where education comes in."

The measures put forward by the committee will be investigated.

Michael Talbot, TDC's Cabinet Member for Environment, said that would be keen to support any proportionate action which could be taken to reduce rubbish around Tendring's roads.

## **MORE PARKING SPACES FOR COMMUTERS**

New plans to create extra parking spaces for commuters in Lawford have been given the green light.

William Sunnucks at Little Green Self Storage wants to provide 45 spaces on land at the back of the firm's units in Station Road.

The site is surplus to the needs of the business and will be rented out on a contract basis.

Little Green Self Storage provides facilities for both companies and individuals and has enough parking for its own customers to the front of its premises.

The nearby railway station car park is almost always full and the extra spaces would offer a secure and guaranteed facility for commuters within easy walking distance.

The tarmac hardstanding is already in place as if the fencing and gate and the project would require no external changes.

Tendring District Council (TDC) has approved the scheme for the period that the self storage company is operating from the site.

Lawford Parish Council had no objections and nor did Essex County Council as the highways authority.

There were no other representations received by TDC.

## **RESIDENTS ASKED TO MOVE OUT OF HONEYCROFT DUE TO RISK OF LEGIONELLA**

Twelve residents have been asked to move out of a sheltered housing scheme in Lawford due to a potential risk of legionella at the site.

Honeycroft in Waldegrave Way is run by Tendring District Council (TDC) and staff met with residents this morning to discuss the situation.

The decision to relocate was taken by the Council following advice from specialist consultants and the residents will be provided with temporary Council-owned accommodation.

The consultants have taken away water samples to be analysed.

Paul Honeywood, TDC's Cabinet Member for Housing, said that the move is a precautionary measure at this stage.

"Legionella has not been positively identified in the water system at the site but we have been told there is a high risk as the right conditions for legionella growth to develop have been identified," he said.

"We are talking about vulnerable members of the community who need to be properly protected and we feel we need to take these steps now, rather than wait for the test results to come back.

"I wish to emphasise that legionella has not been found - and no one has become ill."

The risk involves the main building at Honeycroft and the bungalows are not affected as they are on a different water supply.

Routine tests carried out by the Council showed that hot water was cooler than it should be, and the cold water is warmer than it should be, providing the conditions in which the legionella bacteria can grow.

The age of the building – it was built in 1961 - means that it has design issues which make it difficult to control water temperatures at a safe level to minimise that bacteria growth which is naturally present in all mains water supplies.

“All the residents involved will be supported on a one to one basis by a Council officer and given the opportunity to move to alternative Council accommodation within the District,” added Cllr Honeywood.

“Officers will continue to work with the specialists to find a solution to the problem.”

TDC has recently updated all its legionella risk assessments for all its Council-owned housing blocks and regularly undertakes water temperature tests at sites.

Cllr Honeywood said that the fact that the issue over the temperatures had been identified showed that the improved measures and testing introduced were working.

### **GETTING READY FOR HALF TERM FUN AND ACTIVITIES IN TENDRING**

A whole week of fun and leisure activities for youngsters has been drawn up at sports centres and pools across Tendring for the coming half term.

An extensive programme of indoor and outdoor sessions has been organised by staff at sites run by Tendring District Council (TDC) in Brightlingsea, Clacton, Dovercourt, Harwich, Manningtree (Lawford) and Walton.

The activities include football, basketball, trampolining, tennis, netball, gymnastics, all day madness, soft play and cheerleading at Clacton Leisure Centre as well as pool fun, games and swimming courses.

There is a whole range of pool sessions organised for both Dovercourt Bay Lifestyles and Walton-on-the-Naze Lifestyles.

All Day Madness - with a range of games and activities – soccer stars, taster squash and cheerleading are all on offer at Harwich Sport Centre.

At Brightlingsea Sports Centre there are family racket sports, indoor football fun, children’s non-contact boxing, morning madness and bouncy castle.

Mick Skeels, TDC’s Cabinet Member for Leisure and Tourism, said the holiday programmes have been very popular for a number of years.

“It is all part of the Council’s efforts to promote healthier lifestyles and wellbeing amongst our residents,” he said.

“In most cases you only need to turn up at the right facility and register. Some of the more popular sessions have a limited capacity so it is always best to check and book in advance.”

Full details of the activities, venues, costs and timings are available from TDC's centres and on TDC's website, [www.tendringdc.gov.uk](http://www.tendringdc.gov.uk)

Information can also be found on Facebook under 'Tendring Leisure Centres'. Just click on 'Like' for updates.

### **PLEA FOR CONSIDERATE PARKING AROUND SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES**

An urgent plea is being made for people to park more considerately around schools and colleges in Tendring District.

There have been issues at a number of sites across the District in recent years and it is hoped that parents, grandparents, guardians – and anyone else taking youngsters in cars – will take heed.

The situation usually gets worse in the winter months when drivers try to get as close to schools as possible using every inch of space – legal or not.

They tend to park in areas which are either a danger to highway safety or in a way that obstructs other road users.

Fred Nicholls, Tendring District Council's (TDC) Cabinet Member for Corporate Enforcement, said that he is quietly optimistic that residents will have the common sense to park more considerately.

"This has become an all year round problem in the past few years but it is worse in the winter when the weather is often bad and it can be darker on both school runs," he said.

"It is in everyone's best interests that drivers just take a bit more care about where they park. I know time is precious but it is not as precious as lives which are often put at risk by poor parking habits.

"There is every chance that bad habits can lead to accidents and no one wants that.

"At the moment it is causing major headaches for schools, people living close to schools, other parents who are parking correctly."

Cllr Nicholls said that Tendring tries to be a car-friendly authority as much as possible but there are times when action needs to be taken.

"Enforcement Officers will be on daily patrols and they will give out Penalty Charge Notices where it is necessary to do so," he warned.

"Nobody wants a ticket and therefore I am asking drivers to think and be more considerate when they park close to schools and colleges – and it will benefit everyone."

## **LETTER TO PARISH & TOWN COUNCILS**

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Sent: Monday, 2 October 2017, 10:37  
Subject: Training opportunity - Essex Highways

Dear Members

Officers from Essex Highways have kindly offered to deliver a training session for district, town and parish councillors and clerks covering the following topics:-

- Understanding what the Local Highways Panel (LHP) delivers and how;
- What falls within the LHP remit;
- How to make a request and the validation process;
- The quarterly LHP meetings;
- Q & A session.

The purpose of the training is to include an overview of the LHP and will not include discussions of specific schemes and the LHP Tendring programme.

The training has been arranged for 2pm on **Tuesday 14th November 2017** and will take place in the Council Chamber at TDC Council Offices, Weeley, CO16 9AJ. It is envisaged that the session will last for approximately 2 hours.

Due to space restrictions, please let me know if you would like to attend.

If necessary we will look to arrange a second session, possibly on the same day.

**[A separate email has been sent to town and parish councillors and clerks.](#)**

### **General Information:**

**If anyone witnesses any fly tipping occurring please contact TDC's Waste Management Team on 01255 686768.**

**Dates for this year's Tendring Highways Panel meetings are:-**

➤ **Thursday 7 December**

**All meetings are held in the Council Chamber at Weeley, commencing at 5pm.**

Alan Coley & Carlo Guglielmi

