

Agenda Item No: 9.9 **Report No:** 9/16
Report Title: Ward Issues Raised by Councillors at Council
Report To: Cabinet **Date:** 7 January 2016
Cabinet Members: Councillors Nicholson and Smith
Ward(s) Affected: Newhaven Valley; Peacehaven West; Ouse Valley and Ringmer; and Peacehaven North
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Purpose of Report:

To respond to ward issues raised by councillors at Meetings of the Council.

Officers Recommendation(s):

To note and agree the officer action detailed in the Report.

Reasons for Recommendations

To ensure that appropriate follow up action is taken.

Information

- 1 The following Ward issues were raised at the Council meeting on 9 December 2015:

<u>Councillor/Ward</u>	<u>Ward Issue Concerning</u>	
Councillor Saunders – Newhaven Valley Ward	Some road improvements had recently been undertaken by East Sussex County Council at Valley Road, Newhaven which, Councillor Saunders had understood, were being performed in two phases, and in respect of which he had asked the Officer In-Charge if some passing places could be constructed on the south side of the road, adjacent to the ponds, as the grass verge was being damaged by cars as they converged on the narrow road	

<u>Councillor/Ward</u>	<u>Ward Issue Concerning</u>	
	<p>(which was caused by parked cars on the north side).</p> <p><u>Suggested action to be taken by the Council:</u> That the Council write to the Highways Department at East Sussex County Council in order to support the construction of two or three passing bays during the completion of the improvement works in spring 2016.</p>	DSD
<p><u>Comment by Chief Officer (Director of Service Delivery):</u> Gillian Marston, Director of Service Delivery, has written to East Sussex County Council for the attention of Rupert Clubb Director of Communities, Economy and Transport in relation to this matter.</p>		

Councillor Saunders – Newhaven Valley Ward	<p>Councillor Nicholson and the Council's Head of Property and Facilities had been helpful to residents and businesses in Newhaven with regard to car parking charges in that town. Councillor Saunders looked forward to working with them both in finding a long-term solution to the particular problems that were faced by the residents and businesses in Newhaven High Street.</p> <p><u>Suggested action to be taken by the Council:</u> That the Council and, in particular, Councillor Nicholson and the Council's Head of Property and Facilities, be thanked for their work as outlined above.</p>	DCS
<p><u>Comment by Chief Officer (Director of Corporate Services):</u> The Director of Corporate Services has written to Councillor Nicholson and Bee Lewis (Head of Property and Facilities) thanking them for their work in helping residents and businesses in Newhaven with regard to car parking charges in that town.</p>		

Councillor Neave – Peacehaven West Ward	<p>The most recent traffic survey that had been undertaken in Peacehaven was performed some time ago since which the town had experienced a huge increase in housing and a huge increase in traffic which used the A259 road which resulted in unacceptable gridlock conditions.</p>	
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	<p><u>Suggested action to be taken by the Council:</u> That the Council write to the Highways Department at East Sussex County Council on behalf of its residents, in order to request that another traffic survey be undertaken as a matter of urgency and that it be carried out during school term time.</p>	DBSD
<p><u>Comment by Chief Officer (Director of Business Strategy and Development):</u> We are writing to the Highways Department at East Sussex County Council and will provide a fuller response to Council in due course.</p>		

Councillor Gander – Ouse Valley and Ringmer Ward	<p>The footpath between Springett Avenue, Shelley Road and the main road in Ringmer required some maintenance as, according to some residents, significant repair work had not been performed since 1976.</p> <p><u>Suggested action to be taken by the Council:</u> In the event that the Council had adopted that footpath, could it arrange for the badly needed maintenance work to be undertaken?</p>	DSD
<p><u>Comment by Chief Officer (Director of Service Delivery):</u> Gillian Marston, Director of Service Delivery, has written to East Sussex County Council for the attention of Rupert Clubb Director of Communities, Economy and Transport in relation to this matter.</p>		

Councillor Loraine – Peacehaven North Ward	<p>Councillor Loraine was concerned at the impending closure of Foxhill Surgery in North Peacehaven.</p> <p><u>Suggested action to be taken by the Council:</u> That the Council write to East Sussex County Council and the appropriate Health Authority in order to determine the reasons for such closure.</p>	DBSD
<p><u>Comment by Chief Officer (Director of Business Strategy and Development):</u> We are writing to East Sussex County Council and the appropriate Health Authority and will provide a fuller response to Council in due course.</p>		

Financial Appraisal

2 None arising from this Report.

Legal Implications

3 None arising from this Report.

Risk Management Implications

4 I have not completed the Risk Management Checklist as there is no need to undertake a risk assessment.

Equality Screening

5 I have not completed the Equality Analysis checklist as this Report is free from the requirement to do so.

Background Papers

6 None

Appendices

7 None