

INDEPENDENT VIEW

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From the positive feedback I have had during the last year from you, the Constituents, I have made a **difference** to Shoeburyness Ward. I do not have to tell you what I have done for the Ward, as other Councillors like to do. However, Residents are testament to what I have done for them.

You may recall in my Autumn Newsletter I mentioned plans and consultations were going ahead in respect of the parking problems in the High Street and Village area. A consultation was carried out before Christmas. As a result the scheme was approved on the 12th February. Traffic Regulation Orders, which are usually printed in local newspapers, have been put on hold because of objections made by Residents and myself. I have cited that the consultation was flawed because main partners, namely c2c and bus companies etc, were not included. The Report stated that measures were required to establish a cycle route on the High Street. It categorically stated 'cycle route' not 'cycle lane'. Figures and information quoted in the consultation documents are very ambiguous. Therefore the leaflet most of you would have received from Mrs Anne Chalk is factual. On the 29th April, the Traffic Working Party will

discuss controlled parking zones for the whole of the Shoebury Village area. This will involve Residents parking permits, parking bays and restricted parking times and yellow lines. At the Environmental Scrutiny Meeting held on Thursday, the 9th April, the Portfolio Holder, Cllr Anna Waite, guaranteed no parking spaces would be lost in the area and that there would be statutory public consultations on these proposals.

You would have noticed that the old café site on East Beach has eventually been completely cleared of rubble as a result of my intervention after complaining about its appearance for most of last year. I also had the Ramparts completely cleared of weeds, which had not been cleared for many seasons. As a Ward Councillor and a Member of the New Hinguar School Project Board, I am pleased to inform you that funding has now been approved for the new Hinguar School, which hopefully will be built adjacent to The Garrison.

You will see on the reverse of this leaflet a provisional plan of what is envisaged for Shoebury East Beach this year. I will be pleased to receive your comments on this, for or against. My personal view is, that I will accept these proposals only if I am guaranteed permanent enforcement is introduced on the site.