



Halstead Town Council Action Plan

No	Action	Priority	Who Involved	Budget	Action
Transport and Highways					
1	Communicate the residents' desire for a bypass to Essex County Council and local MP	High	HTC, ECC, MP		Consulting with Essex Highways and Sudbury TC over strategic lorry routes
2	Meet with Sudbury Town Council to seek common ground in lobbying for a bypass.	Medium	HTC		
3	Seek funding to repair and restore Riverside Bridge, bring it back into use and take ownership of the bridge for the future	Medium	HTC, ECC	£5000 in current budget for legal fees	BDC granted £2900 for technical report which has taken place. Repairs to be done within 6 months based on report. Crown will waive legal fees and HTC will take ownership
4	Inform residents of the Essex County Council procedures for reporting potholes, pavement issues, and other highways issues	Medium	HTC		This is a permanent feature on HTC website
Housing and Development					
1	HTC to continue to ensure that residents' comments are taken into account when reviewing planning applications at Council meetings	High	HTC		HTC is has resolved to explore the possibility of undertaking a Neighbourhood development plan, and this will be considered in the 2020/21 budget
2	Communicate residents' views to BDC planning committee, referring where necessary to the Local Plan.	High	HTC, BDC		
3	Seek boundary changes to include any developments adjoining Halstead that are outside of the town boundary.	Medium	HTC, BDC		Boundaries have recently been changed to include the new developments and thus ensure that precept comes to HTC
4	Constantly monitor the BDC rolling five year housing trajectory to understand the future population growth and the impact upon the town.	Medium	HTC, BDC		HTC councillors who are also BDC councillors monitor the housing supply constantly
Community Services					

1	Meet the Police and Crime Commissioner to seek measures to increase the police presence and support to Halstead.	High	HTC, Essex Police		Regular meetings held in Queens Hall with the community policing team. 2 Councillors appointed to work with the police as champions.
2	Investigate the use of "Specials" and implement if appropriate	High	HTC	£3000 for paying expenses of the specials	HTC has one special who has been working for almost all of 2019, and there are 2 further officers about to be appointed. This will remain a budget commitment.
3	Meet with Elizabeth Courtauld Surgery team and NHS to press for measures to increase surgery capacity to support housing growth	High	HTC, Surgery, NHS		2 councillors continue to work as champions for the provision of NHS services in Halstead
4	Work with H4C Trust to explore the potential provision of a new Community Centre	Medium	HTC, H4C		HTC has set up a working group which is meeting frequently to explore the feasibility of building a new Community Hub. They also hold regular meetings with the Community Trust.
5	Work with local organisations and authorities with the aim of reducing anti-social behaviour	Medium	HTC		HTC is working with local police and Neighbourhood watch, and is planning to install CCTV in probably 2 blackspots for antisocial behaviour in the town
Environment, Conservation and Heritage					
1	Ensure that Halstead heritage, conservation and environment areas are preserved and respected in the planning process	High	HTC, BDC, ECC		Planning committee is active in defending the environment and heritage in all applications.
2	Express residents' disgust concerning dog-fouling to Braintree District Council	Medium	HTC, BDC		
3	Identify to Essex County Council residents' concerns on inadequate street lighting and seek resolution	Medium	HTC, ECC		Lisaising with ECC on the replacement of the hard-fought-for heritage lamps by inappropriate modern lights.
4	Put forward appropriate green spaces for Local Green Space designation	High	HTC, BDC		

5	Promote and maintain the cleanliness and wild life habitat of the river, consulting local bodies	Medium	HTC		Local public meeting took place to energise action on the river. 2 councillors appointed to focus as champions on the state of the river. Liaison with the Environment Agency and the Riverclean group.
Leisure and Recreation					
	Work with Braintree District Council to deliver facility improvements to the Ramsey Road playing field site	Medium	HTC, BDC		BDC have taken over this project, as they own the land, but make regular updates to HTC through presentations
	Press the Environment Agency to make improvements to the aesthetic appearance of the river, particularly along the Causeway	High	HTC, EA		Environment Agency have been cooperative and have agreed for some action to improve the aesthetics of the river, but will not allow the level of water to rise, as this would be considered a flood risk.
	Monitor the implementation of the Open Spaces Action Plan	Medium	HTC		
Education and Young people					
	Monitor availability of school places to support the increasing population	Medium	HTC,ECC		2 councillors have been appointed as champions for education, and are in close touch with the 3 local primary schools, and the secondary school
	Work with front line youth services to assist in providing improved facilities for the youth of the town	Medium	HTC,ECC,BDC,NHS		The local youth group Halstead Action Promoting Positive Youth (HAPPY) has grown from the Youth Council established by Halstead Town Council. It is now an active force in the town, volunteering to help with events and involved with other local groups.

Work with local groups and organisations and to promote activities for young children	Medium	HTC		HTC provides free activities for Key stage 1 children on 4 Saturdays in the summer holidays.
Local Economy and Tourism				
Press Braintree District Council to deliver an appropriate town centre regeneration plan	Medium	HTC,BDC		HTC is liaising with BDC over tourism and town centre regeneration. It is increasing the number of events it provides in the town
Promote and support initiatives for improving tourism	Medium	HTC,BDC, CT	£17000 for events in town in current budget	
Work with BDC to understand their plans to support business development	Medium	HTC, BDC		
Public information and communication				
Review the current means of communication council information and town events and make recommendations for improvement	Medium	HTC	£500 in budget 20/21	HTC are considering a digital bulletin board in the budget for 2020/21
Encourage residents to engage with the council	Medium	HTC		