



The HTC Action Plan was last visited in 2019. Since that time some of the actions listed have been completed or have developed. In addition, there are new items which need to be considered. Items requiring updating, are shown in red, and new ones in blue. Items which are completed and can be removed are shown in purple. Councillors are encouraged to make further suggestions.

### Halstead Town Council Action Plan

No	Action	Priority	Who Involved	Action	
<b>Transport and Highways</b>					
1	Communicate the residents' desire for a bypass to Essex County Council and local MP	High	HTC, ECC, MP		
2	Meet with Sudbury Town Council to seek common ground in lobbying for a bypass.	Medium	HTC	Consulting with Essex Highways and Sudbury TC over strategic lorry routes	Complete
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	Remaining work to be completed underwater	
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	
<b>Housing and Development</b>					
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.	
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	
6	Upgrade and modernise car park payment systems	High	HTC	Card payments have been introduced on the car park machines.	

				The MiPermit part of this is still to be completed. This will allow payment by phone, and payment for permits through a portal
<b>Community Services</b>				
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	Complete . Now 3 specials working in Halstead.
4	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 This is becoming a more urgent problem
5	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.
6	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 2 blackspots for antisocial behaviour in the town
8	HTC volunteer force for shopping and prescriptions set up in 2020 and continuing	Med	HTC	Still collaborating with surgery and pharmacies. This service has been recognised by HTC. It should continue to be service provided to the community
<b>Environment, Conservation and Heritage</b>				

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	Liaising 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.

<b>Leisure and Recreation</b>				
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, BDC	The OSAP has been updated but BDC has been very slow to take action on the recommended improvements	
<b>Education and Young people</b>				

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.
<b>Local Economy and Tourism</b>			
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	
Work with BDC to understand their plans to support business development	Medium	HTC, BDC	
<b>Public information and communication</b>			
Review the current means of communication of council information and town events and make recommendations for improvement	Medium	HTC	HTC are considering a digital bulletin board
Encourage residents to engage with the council	Medium	HTC	
<b>Actions to counter climate change</b>			
Electric vehicle charging points	High	HTC	£2000 in budget for 22/23
Seeking further opportunities to counter climate change including the installation of solar panels, encouragement to cyclists and for electric vehicles, encouragement of reduction in waste.and recycling projects	High	HTC	