

Meeting on Strategic Lorry Routes 22/2/23

Cllr Steve Hall Sudbury Town Council

Cllr Jessie Carter Suffolk County Council, Sudbury Town Council

Cllr Chris Siddall Essex County Council

Cllr Jackie Pell Halstead Town Council

Cllr Peter Caulfield Halstead Town Council

Cllr Malcolm Fincken Halstead Town Council

Jodie Budd Deputy Town Clerk, Sudbury Town Council

Sarah Greateorex Town Clerk, Halstead Town Council

This meeting aimed to pick up from earlier meetings held in 2020, 2021 and 2022, between Halstead TC and Sudbury TC, which were interrupted heavily by the pandemic.

The main aim of the meetings is to address the heavy through traffic from south Essex through Halstead to Sudbury, and from Sudbury through Halstead, and the pinchpoints in both towns through which that traffic has to pass, and the resulting pollution.

It is now confirmed that traffic passing from the Boreham interchange is being redirected to continue up the A12 and then to take the A134 to Sudbury, thus avoiding Halstead.

Halstead Town Council had not been allowed to join the meeting held on 29 November between Sudbury Town Council and Suffolk County Council.

As there are no funds available, the main way of dealing with this problem is to change the signage, as has been done in Boreham.

Cllr Chris Siddall, who had not attended any previous meetings, said that he felt that this matter had to be tackled by the senior people at the top of both County Councils talking to each other. STC is also waiting for an update from the Head of Highways at SCC, Andrew Bramwell. Cllr Siddall said that he would work on talking to SCC.

Cllr Siddall and the Halstead Town Clerk agreed to work on a press release to raise public awareness.

It was agreed to hold another meeting at 17.30 on Wednesday 5 April via zoom.