

# UPDATE ON WEST MERSEA TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIONS TO THE CITY COUNCIL

SPECIAL ONE-TO-ONE MEETING HELD WITH CITY PLANNERS  
ON 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026.

LETTER SENT ON 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH OUTLINING ISSUES AS BELOW.

“The areas suggested are not exhaustive but follow some of what we have put forward during the Regulation 18 consultation and also by residents. We feel this would be helpful to provide understandings on what is in the evidence base on the following:

- A) Access to West Mersea being by the causeway known as the Strood, periods that sea water flooding impacts on entry and exit on the sole road (B1025) to Mersea Island: impact by way of interruption to traffic on roads that adjoin the Strood. We strongly take the view that should be a comprehensive traffic survey undertaken in this whole area and we seek your support that such a survey is undertaken urgently. There is also the consideration of emergencies that will arise that will require immediate transfer of vehicle occupants. Requested that CCC reference evidence on all the above aspects.
- B) Climate warming, future impact on West Mersea and sea levels affecting the settlement and transport, employment, education, and health provision.
- C) Dawes Lane, West Mersea, with the significant volumes of traffic now using it with its narrow width and deteriorating surface. It being used frequently as a route for lorries and heavy goods vehicles.
- D) Consideration of the Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ) and assessment of cumulative wastewater impacts including those from existing or proposed development.
- E) Noting the health assessment provides no forecast data for the West Mersea, Surgery, current evidence about expansion of facilities and increase in the number of doctors.
- F) On the Water Recycling Centre (WRC), evidence that cumulative housing developments (both new and existing Local Plan), can be dealt with without environmental impact.
- G) Biodiversity and geo diversity, evidence relating to EN3 and an assessment on Mersea Island.
- H) Caravan Park, the basis for a removal of the conditions affecting solely Mersea Island and the base why a new plan cannot be introduced in accordance with the Neighbourhood Plan.
- I) Houseboats, the basis for a change of policy and being non-specific to West Mersea.
- J) Corrections and updates to documents already notified, whether there can be an update of those that can be agreed. “