Agenda Item Report SSC/09/10

Meeting Safer and Stronger Communities Policy & Scrutiny Committee

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Introduction

Members are invited to convene at the Waltham Abbey Town Hall by 09.15 am. There will then be a short tour around the local area. At the suggestion of Councillor Mrs Elizabeth Webster, the local Member, this will include the Abbey, the TIC, Church Yard, King Harold Tomb, Market Square, Sun Street, Museum and back to the Town Hall.

The meeting will then start at 10.00 am.

Discussion

A full report of the discussion on 19 March is set out in the minutes of that meeting. Since then, further written evidence has been obtained and the following evidence is attached:-

- (A) English Heritage booklet 'Heritage at Risk Conservation Areas'.
- (B) Essex Brown and White tourism signs policy and guidance notes.
- (C) Comments from Feering Parish Council.
- (D) Extract from Elmbridge Borough Council website (authority mentioned at last meeting).
- (E) Extract from Chichester District Council website (authority mentioned at last meeting).
- (F) Comments from Chelmsford Borough Council in response to a query made at the last meeting.
- (G) Comments from Silver End Parish Council, re listed buildings and conservation area.
- (H) Comments from Epping Town council regarding damage to the war memorial.

Also attached are (I) comments from Loughton Town Council (held back until this meeting) and (J) a list of contributors as at 8 April.

Invitations to attend today's meeting have been passed to the following organisations:

Epping Forest District Council.

- Loughton and Waltham Abbey Town Councils.
- Royal Gunpowder Mills.
- Waltham Abbey Historical Society.
- Essex Tourism.
- Lee Valley Regional Park Authority.
- Copped Hall Trust, Epping.

There is also the facility for individuals to 'drop in' and comment. For this reason, no time slots have been allocated.

At the end of today's meeting, and subject to the Committee's agreement, the Governance Officer will liaise with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman to start to pull together the Committee's thoughts and ideas into a final report for discussion at a future meeting.