



Infrastructure Audit by Colchester City Council 2023

Priorities for Aldham Parish Council

Given the village is not identified for new housing in the current Local Plan the Parish Council recognise that only small-scale infill is ever likely, and therefore the only s106 infrastructure eligible under the City Council' Supplementary Planning Guidance would be for Community Facilities and Sport & Recreation.

- **Community Facilities/Sport & Recreation:**

The priority is for the replacement of the **playing fields and play equipment** when the current lease expires in June 2024. At present no suitable alternative site has been identified, but the options for the future are under review by the Parish and funding would be required for purchase/lease of a new site and potentially replacement and/or additional play equipment. No costings can be given at this stage but a budget in the order of £30,000 is suggested.

- **Replacement of two Parish Notice Boards - £3,000**

- **Preparation of Ecological Management Plan for Gallows Green - £2500**

Highways & Transport:

The village is affected by traffic using local roads for rat running, particularly to avoid holdups on eastbound A120 at Marks Tey. Volume and speed of traffic on Brook Road/North Lane has increased, especially following the completion of the new bridge, and Brook Road is too narrow for larger vehicles to pass safely north of the bridge. This makes the route dangerous for walkers and cyclists. The Parish Council would seek funding for a feasibility study to examine the potential for extending and improving the existing Public Right of Way (PRoW) from Aldham Hall to North Lane to create a **safe pedestrian/cycle route between the village and Marks Tey Station**, bus services and other facilities. A safer route could also assist in reducing the need for residents to travel by car to reach these facilities.

- **Repairs to footway on Ford St. Bridge - £10,000**

- **Public Right of Way (PRoW) repairs to signs, bridges etc reported in January 2021 - £3000**

- **Safety Equipment for Community Speed Watch team £650**

ALDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

9th May 2023