

WETHERSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
REPRESENTING WETHERSFIELD, BLACKMORE END & BEAZLEY END



STATEMENT FROM THE CHAIRMAN RELATING TO THE PROPOSED SIGN AT BEAZLEY END

I am making this statement as a matter of record with which I hope to allay the many concerns expressed by the wider parish as a whole, to the fact that funds were possibly being allocated to what was generally thought to be a hamlet sign derived from very parochial reasons.

The matter was fully discussed and resolved at the last meeting (March 2019) which was fully minuted, but the parish as a whole should be made aware that this Council was advised by Essex Highways that if the proposal was to install the sign on highway maintainable land, there would need to be a licence.

A full self explanatory statement was then provided by the Highway Liaison Officer from Braintree & Basildon Borough stating that:-

- (i) Licences are only issued to Councils, not private individuals.*
- (ii) If the Parish Council does not support a sign, then a licence will not be provided – that being on the basis that Councils are always there whereas individuals are not and Essex County Council and Essex Highways would be left with the maintenance.*
- (iii) A sign can be placed on private land but not on land belonging to the public highway as it would be deemed illegal and removable.*

I repeat that this statement is made for the avoidance of any doubt for the parish as a whole.

*A G Bowers
Chairman, Wethersfield Parish Council
10th April 2019*