

## Michael Carran

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**From:** Ian Davis <Ian.Davis@msauk.org>  
**Sent:** 04 October 2017 17:23  
**To:** Michael Carran  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** RE: Chelmsford Motor Club; Tendring & Clacton Stage Rally 22nd April 2018

Dear Mr Carran

Thank you for responding positively to the my email, and for being the first consultee to do so under the new legislation.

We will keep you informed of progress when the other consultees have responded.

Kind regards

Ian



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**Ian R Davis**

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Kind Regards,

Mike Carran  
Head of Sport and Leisure  
Operational Services  
Tendring District Council  
Tel: 01255 686689

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**Sent:** 08 September 2017 16:16  
**To:** Michael Carran

**Cc:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** Chelmsford Motor Club; Tendring & Clacton Stage Rally 22nd April 2018

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**Section 73**

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**Tendring & Clacton Stage Rally**  
**22nd April 2018**

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We look forward to hearing from you and if I or any of my colleagues can assist please don't hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

*Ian R Davis*



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**Paul Price**

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**From:** Cllr. Robert Bucke  
**Sent:** 20 February 2018 12:54  
**To:**  
**Cc:** Cllr. Mike Bush; cllr.andy.erskine@essex.gov.uk; Cllr Mark Platt, Member CC (Cllr.Mark.Platt@essex.gov.uk); Paul Price  
**Subject:** RE: Tendring Motor Rally

Thank you      Sounds like ECC have approved the ROUTE, but not the event, which is controlled by MSA. There is still hope, so will MSA speak with or to us? Robert

Councillor Robert J. Bucke  
Tendring First Independent  
Tendring District Council  
[www.tendringdc.gov.uk](http://www.tendringdc.gov.uk)

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**From:**  
**Sent:** 20 February 2018 07:36  
**To:** Cllr. Robert Bucke  
**Subject:** Fw: Tendring Motor Rally

Dear Cllr Bucke,

I just received the email below from the reporter of the last double page article in the Gazette. I was shocked after being told yet again a few days ago by the Rallies Assistant at the MSA Stuart Haviland that it certainly had *not been approved*. I only rang him again a few days ago and well after the article was published.

Kind Regards

----- Forwarded Message -----

**From:** Rebecca Jones <[rebecca.jones@newsquest.co.uk](mailto:rebecca.jones@newsquest.co.uk)>  
**To:** I  
**Sent:** Monday, 19 February 2018, 13:42  
**Subject:** RE: Tendring Motor Rally

Dear Mary,

Thanks for your email, however an Essex County Council press officer did confirm the route has been approved by Essex Highways and it is therefore not 'fake news' before I wrote that article.

I was holding the article until it was confirmed by the organiser Tony Clements and by Essex Highways/ Essex County Council. They were both in agreeance that full approval has been given so we published it to inform residents about the event.

I understand residents have mixed views on the rally and our newspaper has covered both sides in many previous articles.

Regards,  
**Rebecca Jones**  
Reporter

@HarwichStandard

**From:**  
**Sent:** 19 February 2018 13:17  
**To:** Rebecca Jones <[rebecca.jones@newsquest.co.uk](mailto:rebecca.jones@newsquest.co.uk)>  
**Subject:** Tendring Motor Rally

Dear Rebecca Jones,

Why are you putting out fake news?

In your first paragraph you state '***which has now been approved by Essex Highways.***' Tell me where you got that false statement from? It was not from Essex County Council.

On February 9th 2018 you did a double page article on the proposed five stages of the Tendring Motor Rally which is in dispute by numerous protestors, note the article on the front page of your December edition in which Senior Councillors object strongly to this ludicrous Rally on our beautiful quiet country lanes, saying it is disrespectful to the families of the people killed on the blackspots.

This article has made a great many people angry and you really should do your research before printing it. Your newspaper has already been told that approval has not been given for the Rally to go ahead but you ignore these facts.

The majority of residents are wholly sick of seeing articles from Corbeau and Chelmsford Motor Club which are not 'approved.' They cannot go ahead with their Rally without approval. Check with the MSA who are Chelmsford's governing body. They will tell you the Rally has not been approved.

It seems Tony Clements the Director thinks if he goes ahead making people think it is on he can, 'fake it until he makes it.'

This is a ridiculous affair and residents have been kept in the dark because he knew they would object. Our tourist industry relies on the peace and quiet of our peninsula not Motor cars racing at speed all day up and down our quiet lanes. We will not stand for it. Protests have been organised and Parish meetings are being held to stop this farce. Have they gone mad? Desecrating Constable country?

No we will not be having a Motor Rally here in this peninsula with 45 miles of closed off roads and 120 noisy cars streaming around here all day.

Regards

(on their red route)

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## Paul Price

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**From:** Tony Clements <tony\_clements@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** 31 August 2017 17:10  
**To:** phil.harrison@essex.gov.uk; Michael Carran; Paul Price; Nigel Brown; Andy Champ; Cllr N. Stock  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Tendring & Clacton Stage Rally Update  
**Attachments:** CMC Rally 2018 Residents Update September 2017 V1.docx; CRS 2018 Stage 1 Map.pdf; CRS 2018 Stage 2 Map.pdf; CRS 2018 Stage 3 Map.pdf; Resident Access Times V1 09-17.xlsx

Hi All,

Following the summer break, please see below and attached a summary of the huge amount of work that has been taking place to progress our event.

1. Following resident and Parish Council consultations, significant changes have been made to the proposed routes of the stages. We are now avoiding the areas where there is significant objections from residents. Although a minority, we think it is better to avoid these areas in year 1, enable the event to establish itself and then revisit our options in the future. Having personally spoken to almost all the residents on the proposed route (the remaining few I hope to speak to in the next week), there are now only approximately half a dozen objectors on the closed roads. I have a detailed log of all properties, residents, resident contact details and visits made. The revised stage routes are attached.
2. Chelmsford Motor Club (CMC) has applied for and received special dispensation from the Motor Sport Association (MSA, the governing body of motorsport in the UK) to run the competing cars at 30 second gaps, rather than one-minute gaps. This halves the amount of time it will take to run the competitive sections and increases the amount of time available for resident access.
3. The MSA Safety Delegate and H&S Director conducted a route survey on the 31<sup>st</sup> July and are happy with the proposed route.
4. CMC have applied to the MSA for an event permit and hope to receive this during September.
5. Upon receipt of an MSA permit, CMC will apply to Essex Highways for a Motor Race Order (MRO).
6. Draft operation and safety plans have been produced and will be supplied with the MRO application.

In conclusion, we have been through the, as expected, most difficult phase of initial organisation. Introducing a new concept has not been easy and although there have been a few vociferous objectors the overwhelming majority of residents have been positive and encouraging. I personally have received several unsolicited offers to help with the running of the event from residents, much to my surprise and delight. If the will is still there from Essex and Tendring to proceed, we have a viable route with the full backing of the MSA and the majority of the local community. I understand Tendring Council have been exceptionally busy with the Airshow and Tour of Britain recently. With these out of the way I hope we can quickly move to the next stage of the process.

Thanks,  
Tony Clements,  
Event Director.







## **TENDRING & CLACTON STAGE RALLY**

### **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018**

Following the recent consultation process, this letter is an update on progress for the above event, being issued to residents on the roads that may be closed or residents adjacent to the proposed route.

Having listened carefully to all parties involved in the consultation, Chelmsford Motor Club has made a number of changes to the original proposal.

The routes of the 'Special Stages' (the closed public road competitive sections) have been amended to reflect the input received from residents.

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Attached to this letter is a map showing the route of the special stage that passes or goes near your property. The highlighted red route is the section of road that will be closed.

Also attached is a provisional time schedule for the special stage that goes past or near your property, showing approximately when the competition will run and when local resident access should be available.

Following input from residents, Chelmsford Motor Club can confirm that the following charities will be supported. The amounts shown are the minimum guaranteed from the organising club and will be supplemented by collections taking place around the rally itself.

Essex Air Ambulance	£2000
Royal National Lifeboat Institution	£2000
Riding for the Disabled Association	£1000

A few other questions have come up during the consultation process and hopefully I can answer these below.

Spectators will only be allowed at designated spectator viewing areas. There will be approximately 3 of these along the route and casual spectators will be directed there. There will be security stewards at all other access points to the 'special stages' preventing spectator access.

Chelmsford Motor Club has a membership that covers all of East Anglia and further afield. We are a non-profit making sports club that has events organised for its members, by its members. This event is being run by unpaid volunteers, just like most other local sporting events that run such as football, cricket, horse shows etc.

Updates on the progress of the rally will be reported on the Chelmsford Motor Club website ([www.chelmsfordmc.co.uk](http://www.chelmsfordmc.co.uk)) and elsewhere in the media.

If you have any further questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Tony Clements, Event Director, 07846 604929 [eventdirector@chelmsfordmc.co.uk](mailto:eventdirector@chelmsfordmc.co.uk)  
09/17



## Paul Price

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**From:** >  
**Sent:** 20 December 2017 17:23  
**To:** Paul Price  
**Subject:** Rally In Tendring

Paul,

I'd like to get involved with they rally taking place next year because I'm a huge Motorsport fan.

I was a member of Chelmsford motor club but swapped over to West Suffolk Motor club to take part in targa rallies and autosolo.

However I was going to rejoin CMC and having seen that this rally is taking place I'm toying with getting my rally licence and taking part.

So if there is anything I can do to be involved please let me know.

Kind regards



## Paul Price

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**From:** Cllr T. Ferguson  
**Sent:** 24 July 2017 20:24  
**To:** Paul Price; Michael Carran  
**Subject:** Fw: Tendring Road Rally 2018  
**Attachments:** Tendring Rally April 2018.pdf

Dear Both

At last, a sensible letter from an affected resident.

I have already sent a thank you email.

Regards  
Tanya

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**From:**  
**Sent:** 24 July 2017 16:39  
**To:** [cllr.tferguson@tendringdc.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.tferguson@tendringdc.gov.uk)  
**Subject:** FW: Tendring Road Rally 2018

Dear Tanya

Please see my attached comments regarding the parish council meeting held at Great Oakley last Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July.

Kindest regards

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**Tendring Stage Rally 2018**  
**Meeting, Great Oakley Parish Council Meeting**  
**18<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

Dear Tanya

I attended the parish council meeting last Tuesday to further understand the implications of the rally through Stones Green, more particularly as the proposed route passed my property.

Let me say from the outset that my wife and I were not, in principle, against the rally taking place.

From the letter dated Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July issued from the parish council, it was clear that the parish council was against the idea. As the meeting progressed it became equally clear most of the people in the meeting were against the idea, even those unaffected by the route! Clearly the chairman was against it, shown by the way he handled the meeting, so that any sensible discussion was futile and facile.

I must say that the presentation by the guys from Chelmsford Motor Club did not help their case. They should have announced the change of route right at the beginning of their presentation, which would have taken a lot of the anger out of the meeting. The fact that the revised route appeared to almost slip into the discussion, when it should have been a main part of their presentation, was a major error on their part.

They made it worse by not addressing the fears of the residents affected, nor answering the objections they did get adequately. This let the meeting descend into farce with questions such as "How many people have been killed on this type of rally", "you don't care do you?" or "horses will break their legs if they get scared and run!"

At this point my wife and I decided that we didn't want to waste any more time listening to what amounted to a whipping of the rally organisers and yourself, and clearly there was not going to be any sensible rational discussion on the subject that evening, so we left the meeting.

As you pointed out during the meeting recent legislation regarding the holding of rallies on closed public roads means that this rally can go ahead without the need for consent from the parish council.

Of course, the rally will bring great touristic benefits to Clacton, but for the residents along the route will be, at best, marginal. But the inconvenience quite substantial, but solvable I would think.

I attended the meeting to try and understand how the rally would be controlled, what safety measures would be in place and how they would be implemented. I also wanted to understand how the organisers would handle the restitution of any damage caused during the event to road edges and property.

## **Tendring Stage Rally 2018**

But to no avail!

As I stated at the beginning of this note, in principle, we are not against the event taking place, but need confirmation of the points we have concern over.

I understand that the event safety from TDC's and the SAG committee should cover most of the safety requirements, but we ask that the points I have raised are considered very carefully, also from the resident's point of view.

I wish you every success in overcoming the emotional hurdles that lay ahead and that the event does in fact take place. I hope that the residents directly, and indirectly, affected by this event will be kept up-to-date of all news, in a factual and non-emotional way.

Kindest regards

July 2017



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The routes are based in the following areas;

1. Tendring
2. Braintree
3. Great Dunmow
4. Brentwood

with Tendring, based in Clacton, being the preferred option for the potential first rally.

It would now be useful to take advantage of your experience and knowledge to identify the most appropriate people to contact, in the first instance, in the relevant district councils.

I am available pretty much all day today and tomorrow.

Thanks,

Tony Clements,

Vice Chairman

Chelmsford Motor Club

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## Paul Price

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**From:** Ian Davidson  
**Sent:** 27 November 2014 09:59  
**To:** Paul Price  
**Subject:** Fw: Fwd: Chelmsford Motor Club Closed Road Rally

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**From:** Cllr M. PageEssex  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 26, 2014 06:54 PM GMT Standard Time  
**To:** Ian Davidson  
**Subject:** Fwd: Chelmsford Motor Club Closed Road Rally

Will talk to you fri .this will not cost us any money and it would be in October I said I would set up a meeting with Paul . And us from bikes to cars.next space ships

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Cllr Rodney L Bass, Member CC" <[cllr.Rodney.Bass@essex.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.Rodney.Bass@essex.gov.uk)>  
**Date:** 26 November 2014 09:27:00 GMT  
**To:** Tony Clements  
**Cc:** "[liz.burr@essexhighway.org](mailto:liz.burr@essexhighway.org)" <[liz.burr@essexhighway.org](mailto:liz.burr@essexhighway.org)>, "[andy.champ@essexhighway.org](mailto:andy.champ@essexhighway.org)" <[andy.champ@essexhighway.org](mailto:andy.champ@essexhighway.org)>, "Cllr Mick Page, Member CC" <[cllr.Mick.Page@essex.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.Mick.Page@essex.gov.uk)>, "Cllr Carlo Guglielmi, Member CC" <[cllr.Carlo.Guglielmi@essex.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.Carlo.Guglielmi@essex.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Re: Chelmsford Motor Club Closed Road Rally

Thank you for the update. I recommend that you speak to the Leader of Tending DC, Cllr Mick Page and also Cllr Carlo Guglielmi in the first instance (to both of whom I have sent a copy of this Email). You can indicate to both of them that the initiative has my full support. Liz Burr can advise you as to the appropriate Officers and also the relevant local County Member when you have selected a specific location.

Please contact me again when you have taken matters a little further.

Regards

Rodney L Bass CC  
Essex County Councillor  
Cabinet Member for Highways & Transportation

On 26 Nov 2014, at 09:00, "Tony Clements"

wrote:

Good morning Cllr Bass,  
Following our conversation yesterday, I thought it might be easier if I give you my contact numbers and, if convenient, you can ring me when possible. I have identified 4 potential routes which have been viewed by ,  
and  
Andy is in the process of setting up a meeting with other colleagues to move the process on to the next step.

## Paul Price

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**From:** Michael Carran  
**Sent:** 26 March 2015 09:50  
**To:** 'Tony Clements'  
**Cc:** Paul Price; Mark Andrews  
**Subject:** RE: Chelmsford Motor Club Closed Road Rally

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Thanks Tony.

It was good to catch up earlier and very exciting to hear about developments.

Bear with me and I will make the necessary arrangements.

Many thanks,

Mike

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**From:** Tony Clements  
**Sent:** 26 March 2015 09:37  
**To:** Michael Carran  
**Cc:** Paul Price; Mark Andrews  
**Subject:** Chelmsford Motor Club Closed Road Rally

Hi Mike,

Good to catch up earlier, thanks for your time.

The closed road stage routes go through the following parishes;

Tendring

Great Oakley

Wix

Bradfield

Mistley

Lawford

Ardleigh

Great Bromley

Little Bromley

Great Bentley

St Osyth

As we discussed, it would be good if you could arrange for us to attend the next round of parish council meetings starting after the May elections.

Thanks,

Tony.





## Paul Price

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**From:** Paul Price  
**Sent:** 20 December 2017 12:15  
**To:** Cllr. Mike Bush  
**Cc:** Cllr. Mick Skeels (Snr), Cabinet Member for Leisure and Tourism  
**Subject:** Rally event

Hi Mike – good to meet you and chat on Friday.

As promised I have been checking where the rally is at in terms of agreements and as far as we are currently aware the MSA has approved the event but the Highways Authority is yet to issue an approval. The event is also still going through the process of meeting the requirements of the Safety Advisory Group and as suggested on Friday I think that it is almost certain that Police Gold will require counter terrorism measures for the event as they have done so for the Airshow and Cycling event - but we have nothing formal as yet.

I hope this helps.

Best wishes and have a great Xmas and a Happy New Year

Paul Price  
Corporate Director  
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## Paul Price

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**From:** Paul Price  
**Sent:** 20 December 2017 12:10  
**To:** 'bernard.jenkin.mp@parliament.uk'  
**Cc:** Ian Davidson; ; 'fairweathert@parliament.uk'  
(fairweathert@parliament.uk); Cllr Andy Erskine Member CC  
(cllr.Andy.Erskine@essex.gov.uk); 'michael.mcdonnell@parliament.uk'; Michael  
Carran; Cllr. Mick Skeels (Snr), Cabinet Member for Leisure and Tourism  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting Today MSA Motor Rally

Dear Bernard

Ian has asked me to respond to your e-mail as he is tied up in meetings all day.

We have not as yet fully considered how we will gather feedback and how this will input into any views on future events as until the Highways Authority grants permission for the event to run and the Safety Advisory Group is satisfied that satisfactory controls and measures are in place there is no certainty that the event will run next year let alone run in future years. Albeit that I know that CMC are "enthusiastic" about future events I think that they need to deliver a safe, well run event in the first year in order to satisfy the MSA and Highways Authority that future events are a viable proposition, so I think that they need to walk before they can run, if you will excuse the pun!

I agree that you are absolutely right that before we consider supporting or not any further events we would be looking at how the event operated and whether any potential impact on communities and residents was mitigated and I think that the Portfolio Holder would want to see an evaluation of the event before considering any future support. I would also think that CMC would also want to obtain feedback to evidence how they have mitigated any impact before attempting to garner any future support from TDC.

Whilst there is unlikely to be anything as sophisticated as is in place for the Cycling events or Airshow, I can assure you that when we have confirmation that the Rally event is confirmed we will put in place a feedback mechanism, which I am sure will include obtaining responses from elected Members, TDALC etc. and responses from individual residents.

I'm sorry that I can't give you a definitive, "this is what we will do", but I am sure that you will appreciate that until the event is confirmed we have other pressing issues to deal with but I will ensure that you are kept up to date with progress.

Best wishes and I hope you have a great Xmas and a happy New Year

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From: [JENKIN, Bernard](#)

Sent: 20/12/2017 11:05

To: [Ian Davidson](#)

Cc: [\[redacted\].com](#); [FAIRWEATHER, Thomas](#); [Andy Erskine \(cllr.Andy.Erskine@essex.gov.uk\)](#);

Subject: FW: Meeting Today MSA Motor Rally

Dear Ian

I had a meeting with [redacted] (below) along with CC Andy Erskine and parish councillor, Steve Huk, and the event organiser, Tony Clements, about the above, on Friday.

Tony Clements agreed to a complete a wildlife impact assessment (even though they are not required to do so); to liaise with the police about concerns raised concerning security of premises unoccupied along the route, which may be left unattended all day; and to ensure that leaflets are distributed to spectators about road safety and the law, to discourage unauthorised road racing by younger spectators.

We also discussed how feedback after the event would be gathered. Will there be a public consultation to gather feedback, to see if there is public reaction against or in favour of holding the event again in future years?

All best wishes

Yours

Bernard

**Bernard Jenkin MP** (Harwich and North Essex)

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Subject: Meeting Today MSA Motor Rally

Dear Mr Jenkin

Thank you for the time you gave in coming to the meeting here today. Your presence and input adds much weight to concerns we have regarding this first 2018 motor rally event and no doubt others to follow in the future.

I hope the event director, Tony Clements, acts with integrity on your proposals today. It is unfortunate Tendring DC leaves one with the feeling of being treated with contempt; perhaps this is par for the course but they should be reminded their purpose is to serve all residents of the district, not just those who fall in line or who approve of their methods.

Thanks again and I trust that back improves post haste. Thanks also to your colleague Michael.

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**Sent:** 28 January 2015 14:57  
**To:** 'Steve Box'; phil.pidgeon@essex-fire.gov.uk; Cc: (bob.mearns@eastamb.nhs.uk)  
**Cc:** Paul Price; Michael Carran  
**Subject:** Stage/ Route Map (Clacton Rally)  
**Attachments:** Essex Highways Clacton Stages 2015 Route V1.pdf

Good Afternoon

Please find attached the map received from Tony Clements. I have added the starts and finish location and stage numbers.

Regards

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**Cc:** Paul Price; Michael Carran  
**Subject:** Rally Routes  
**Attachments:** Stage Rally Event Routes 2.xlsx

Hi

Please find attached an updated route information sheet, they are now in the correct order.

Regards

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## Essex County Highways Stage Rally (Sunday 4 October 2015)

### Stage Information

Situated along each Stage								
	Approx. Distance	Approx. Time	Houses	Farms	Businesses	Church	Cons/ work	
1	Tendring Grn to White House Farm (Gt Oakley)	5.0m	10mins	68	8	0	1	0
2	Wix Abbey to Heath Rd (Mistley)	4.0m	8mins	38	4	4	1	0
3	Grange Farm to Stone Road (Gt Bromley)	6.0m	14mins	25	11	3	1	0
4	Holly Bush Hill to Frowick Farm (St Osyth)	6.5m	15mins	64	6	5	0	1
Total			195	29	12	3	1	

### Roads to be used.

1	Chapel Lane, Wolves Hall Lane, (Merges into) Stone Hall Lane Colchester Rd, Stones Green Rd, The Avenue, Oakley Rd,
2	Spinneys Lane, Spinneys Hill (Merges into) Longbarn Hill (Merges into) Harwich rd, Station Rd (Merges into) Brickmans Hill (Merges into) Harwich Rd, Heath Rd
3	Grange Rd, Little Bromley Rd, Waterhouse Lane, Back Rd (Merges into) Briars Rd, Carrington Rd, Little Bromley Rd (Merges into) Barlon Rd, Spatts Lane, Badley Hall Rd, Hillards Rd, Honey Pot Lane, Stone Rd
4	Dead Lane, South Heath Rd, Straight Rd, Wick Rd, Aingers Green Rd, St Marys Rd, Lovers Lane, The Tye Rd, Bentley Rd, Highbirch Rd, Frowick Lane



## Paul Price

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**From:** Tony Clements <tony\_clements@hotmail.com>  
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**To:** Michael Carran; Paul Price; Nigel Brown; phil.harrison@essex.gov.uk; vic@corbeau-seats.com; ;  
**Subject:** Chelmsford Motor Club Corbeau Seats Rally Tendring & Clacton 2018 Press Release  
**Attachments:** CSRTC 2018 Press Release 8-11-17.pdf



# PRESS RELEASE

Embargoed until 9.00 am Wednesday 8th November 2018.

Chelmsford Motor Club is proud to announce preliminary details of its first closed road stage event, the Corbeau Seats Rally, which takes place on Sunday 22nd April 2018.

The club is pleased to welcome Corbeau Seats as the title sponsor of the rally, which will be the first to make use of new legislation facilitating closed-road motorsport in England.

Vic Lee, Managing Director of Corbeau Seats said, "We are very excited to be involved with such a pioneering project. Chelmsford Motor Club have achieved something very special and we are proud to be part of what we all hope will be the first of many closed road motorsport events. With Corbeau Seats being the first motorsport seat manufacturer in the world and still going strong, we hope that this event can enjoy the longevity and growth we have experienced over the last 55 years".

More than 3 years of behind the scenes work from a small but determined team has led to this point. Chelmsford Motor Club could not have got this far without the help of fellow rally experts from around the UK. Essex County Council, Tendring District Council and the Motor Sport Association (MSA) have all been pivotal to the progress.

Chelmsford Motor Club's Tony Clements, Event Director, said: "Not surprisingly, there have been many challenges! Following extensive local consultation, we have made a few changes to the route. The special stages are a good mix of technical and challenging country lanes and we hope that a successful first running will allow the rally to grow in subsequent years. This is the beginning of a huge new chapter for motorsport and particularly rallying in the UK and I would personally like to thank everybody for their help and support.

The rally will be based on the Western Esplanade in Clacton with the special stages spread across the Tendring peninsula. There will be three loops of five different stages, 15 stages altogether, totalling approximately 45 stage miles and 100 road 'link' miles.

As part of the authorisation process the MSA, governing body of UK motorsport, has issued an Event Organising Permit. A Motor Race Order application has subsequently been made to Essex County Council Highways Authority.

There is a lot of work ahead to ensure a safe and successful event and Chelmsford Motor Club will be relying on help from across the motorsport and local communities to make it happen.

To be added to the media mailing list or for further information please contact Brian Hemmings, Media Manager, at [mediamanager@corbeauseatsrally.co.uk](mailto:mediamanager@corbeauseatsrally.co.uk)



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## Background Information

### What is a 'stage rally'?

It's a competition for road legal cars with safety and performance modifications. Experienced drivers, licenced by the Motor Sport Association are started one at a time, at 30 second or one minute intervals and are timed over the course. The competition takes place over a number of tests called 'special stages'. The 'special stages' can be on roads or tracks closed especially for the purpose. The winner is the car with the least combined time on the 'special stages'.

### Motor Sport Association and Insurance

The Motor Sport Association (MSA), is the governing body for motorsport in the UK and is responsible for authorising and administering motorsport in the UK. The MSA arranges third party liability insurance cover for all events, cover being up to £65 million per claim.

### Chelmsford Motor Club

Chelmsford Motor Club is a non-profit making sports club that has events organised for its members, by its members. We have a membership that covers all of East Anglia and further afield. This event is being run by unpaid volunteers, just like most other local sporting events that run such as football, cricket, horse shows etc.

### What is pre-event 'scrutineering' and the rally car 'service area'?

Before the rally the competing cars undergo a series of safety and technical checks called scrutineering. During the rally, after each 'loop' of stages, the competing cars return to a central 'service area' for maintenance and refuelling. This creates its own 'rally village' area, which is interesting to view and normally attracts a significant amount of spectators.

### What type of cars can take part?

The competing cars start as normal road cars but then undergo safety modifications and have to be registered and approved by the MSA. A wide range of vehicles from historic Ford Escorts up to the latest World Rally cars will be taking part. There will be 120 competing cars starting at 30 second intervals.

### How will the closed roads be policed?

Using a combination of event marshals, security stewards and Essex Police.

### Spectating on the special stages

Spectators will only be allowed at designated spectator viewing areas. There will be approximately three of these along the competitive route and casual spectators will be directed to these. There will be security stewards at all other access points to the 'special stages' preventing spectator access. Viewing details will be available closer to the event.

### Charities

Following input from residents, Chelmsford Motor Club can confirm that the following charities will be supported. The amounts shown are the minimum guaranteed from the organising club and will be supplemented by collections taking place around the rally itself.

Essex Air Ambulance  
Royal National Lifeboat Institution  
Riding for the Disabled Association

£2000

£2000

£1000



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**From:** Tony Clements <tony\_clements@hotmail.com>  
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**To:** Michael Carran; Paul Price; Tim Sutton; Andy Champ; Catherine Boyer-Besant; ; chris.lane@essexhighways.org; Nigel Brown; 'Julia Finch T/INSP 42000812'; Ian Davis; NICKY MOFFITT;

**Subject:** Department for Transport/Secondary Legislation/ Statutory Instrument

Hi All,

Following my most recent conversation with the Department for Transport, it would be appropriate for me to update you on the latest position.

Progress with the secondary legislation for the 'Motor Racing on the Public Highway' section of the Deregulation Act is as follows.

1. The Statutory Instrument has been written.
2. The explanatory notes have been written.
3. Both these have been sent to other departments for comment.
4. When (if) any comments are received a date will be set for publishing the Statutory Instrument.
5. This date is expected to be early in 2017.
6. There is now no prospect of the date being set before the 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2017, the cut off date for our Motor Race Order application to Essex Highways Department, for our proposed event to proceed on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2017.
7. We must reluctantly accept that we need to re schedule our proposed event to 2018.
8. The proposed new date is Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2018.
9. We will continue with our preparations as before, working towards our new date.

Although somewhat disappointing, this does allow us to run at our preferred time of year and avoid a potentially busy summer weekend and will give us slightly more time to prepare all our documentation and undertake a thorough consultation process.

Thanks for your continuing help and support,

Tony Clements.

Event Director.



## Paul Price

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**From:** Tony Clements <tony\_clements@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** 09 March 2015 14:04  
**To:** Paul Price; Michael Carran  
**Cc:** Rodney Bass; Andy Champ; Cllr M. PageEssex; Tim Sutton; Ian Davidson  
**Subject:** Chelmsford Motor Club Closed Road Stage Rally  
**Attachments:** Essex Highways Tending Stages 2015 Route V2 Conf.pdf

Paul/Mike,

Attached is an updated version of the rally route map. If you think it would be useful to forward this to the meeting attendees, please do so.

See you tomorrow,

Thanks,

Tony.



	Public Road Closure	Safety & Officials			Completion
<b>Stones Green 1</b>	07:00	07:55	-	08:55	09:00
<b>Stones Green 2</b>		11:45	-	12:45	12:50
<b>Stones Green 3</b>		15:20	-	16:20	16:25
	Public Road Closure	Safety & Officials			Completion
<b>Bradfield 1</b>	07:00	08:10	-	09:10	09:15
<b>Bradfield 2</b>		12:05	-	13:05	13:10
<b>Bradfield 3</b>		15:40	-	16:40	16:45
	Public Road Closure	Safety & Officials			Completion
<b>Burnt Heath 1</b>	07:00	08:35	-	09:35	09:40
<b>Burnt Heath 2</b>		12:25	-	13:25	13:30
<b>Burnt Heath 3</b>		16:00	-	17:00	17:05
	Public Road Closure	Safety & Officials			Completion
<b>Great Bromley 1</b>	07:00	09:00	-	10:00	10:05
<b>Great Bromley 2</b>		12:50	-	13:50	13:55
<b>Great Bromley 3</b>		16:25	-	17:25	17:30
	Public Road Closure	Safety & Officials			Completion
<b>Aingers Green 1</b>	07:00	09:30	-	10:30	10:35
<b>Aingers Green 2</b>		13:20	-	14:20	14:25
<b>Aingers Green 3</b>		16:55	-	17:55	18:00

Waiting Cars		Residents Access Period	
-	10:15	07:00	- 07:55
-	14:05	10:15	- 11:45
-	17:40	14:05	- 15:20
		17:40	

Waiting Cars		Residents Access Period	
-	10:30	07:00	- 08:10
-	14:25	10:30	- 12:05
-	18:00	14:25	- 15:40
		18:00	

Waiting Cars		Residents Access Period	
-	10:55	07:00	- 08:35
-	14:45	10:55	- 12:25
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		18:20	

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		18:45	

Waiting Cars		Residents Access Period	
-	11:50	07:00	- 09:30
-	15:40	11:50	- 13:20
-	19:15	15:40	- 16:55
		19:15	

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**To:** Paul Price; Michael Carran  
**Cc:** Rodney Bass; Andy Champ; Cllr M. PageEssex; Tim Sutton; Ian Davidson  
**Subject:** Chelmsford Motor Club Closed Road Stage Rally  
**Attachments:** Essex Highways Tendring Stages Consultation Draft V2.pdf

Paul/Mike,

Mark and I attended a meeting at Motorsport House on Friday with the head of the rallies executive, Ian Davis, with a view to ascertaining exactly where the legislation is and what a realistic time schedule for implementation will be.

As we suspected and as you may be aware, there have been delays in the report stage of the bill in the House of Lords, due to the number of amendments to the bill, and it is now looking unlikely that the legislation will receive Royal assent much before the end of March.

This in itself isn't a problem, however, the Department for Transport then has to prepare a 'Statutory Instrument' with the detailed implementation regulations which will have to then be approved by Parliament. We understand the initial drafting of the Statutory Instrument has taken place, but there will not be any time left in this parliament for it to be enacted. With the likelihood of a new Minister being appointed, whatever the outcome of the General Election, and the summer recess shortly after the new government is formed, the earliest the Statutory Instrument is likely to be put before Parliament is the autumn and with a 12 week consultation period required, the bill is unlikely to be implemented before 2016.

I think we must therefore accept that our reserve provisional date of Sunday April 17th 2016 is now the first realistic opportunity to run the rally.

There have been a few other developments as well. Following conversations with Cllr Rodney Bass and potential event sponsors, we have concluded that the rally title would be better as the 'Essex Highways Tendring Stages' in association with Ringway Jacobs and 'Essex Sunshine Coast, Clacton'. We may want to discuss the 'in association' part and 'tidy it up'.

Attached is a revised 'Initial Consultation Draft', which if you are happy with it, I would suggest forwarding to all the attendees of the meeting on the 10th March.

I look forward to seeing you next Tuesday.

Thanks,

Tony.







**Tendring**  
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**2016**

## **ESSEX HIGHWAYS TENDRING STAGES**

In association with



and Essex Sunshine Coast, Clacton

### **WHAT'S IT ABOUT – YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED**

Following on from the success of the 2012 Olympics and the 2014 Tour De France, Essex would like to welcome the motorsport community to the county for the first ever closed road stage rally in England.

The forthcoming change in legislation contained in the deregulation bill currently going through parliament will allow Essex County Council Highways to close public roads and lift the restrictions of the Road Traffic Act for this landmark event.

A number of routes are under consideration and this consultation is to advise you how you may be affected and how you can participate in this exciting opportunity.

### **THE PROPOSAL**

To close a number of minor roads in Essex, totalling around 20 miles, to facilitate the running of a 'stage rally', fully authorised by the county and local councils, the police and emergency services and the Motor Sport Association (MSA), the governing body, tasked by parliament to administer such events.

### **QUESTIONS ANSWERED**

#### **When will it happen?**

Provisionally, Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2016

#### **How long will the roads be closed?**

For one day only, approximately 8am until 6pm.

#### **Will I be able to gain vehicular access while the road is closed?**

No, whilst the competition is running it will not be safe to allow other vehicles on the closed roads.

#### **What happens if I have an emergency?**

In the event of a fire, medical emergency or similar, the rally will be suspended and emergency services will be allowed full access to the route.

#### **How will I notify the organisers/emergency services in the event of an emergency?**

There will be stewards and course marshals along the route who will be in radio contact with the event organisers and emergency services. Emergency calls to 999 will be handled in the usual way and normal response times will not be affected.

**What is a 'stage rally'?**

It's a competition for road legal cars with safety and performance modifications. Competitors are started one at a time, at one minute intervals and timed to the nearest second. The competition takes place over a number of tests called 'special stages'. The 'special stages' can be on roads or tracks closed especially for the purpose. The winner is the car with the least combined time on the 'special stages'.

**How much will it cost to watch the rally?**

It is free, there will be no spectator admission charges.

**Who is paying for this to happen?**

The organising club, Chelmsford Motor Club, is responsible for all costs involved in running the rally, there will be no financial impact on Council Tax or other local services.

**Can I set up my own concession and/or parking?**

Yes, one of the main driving forces behind the whole idea is to bring more business and business opportunities to Essex.

**How many competing cars will there be?**

Approximately 120 at one minute intervals.

**How many times will the rally come past my property?**

Three times.

**Will I be able to see the rally car 'service area' and pre event 'scrutineering'?**

Yes, it will be based in the centre of a nearby town. Before the rally the competing cars undergo a series of safety and technical checks called scrutineering. During the rally, after each 'loop' of stages, the competing cars return to a central 'service area' for maintenance and refuelling. This creates its own 'rally village' area, which is interesting to view and normally attracts a significant amount of spectators.

**How will the closed roads be policed?**

Using a combination of event marshals, stewards and Essex Police.

**Why Essex?**

Because Essex County Council realises the financial and social benefits of being at the forefront of sporting innovation.

**Why now?**

Because the law is only now being changed to allow it.

**CHARITIES.**

The event is committed to raising a significant amount of money for charity and intends to raise enough in order to make a substantial four figure donation to the Essex Air Ambulance, whom Chelmsford Motor Club regularly supports through existing events. Chelmsford Motor Club would also like to make a contribution to local good causes and would appreciate being guided by the Parishes to the most deserving local causes within the area. The club will endeavour to support as many local charities through the Essex Highways Tending Stages as possible.

## Paul Price

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**From:** Tony Clements <tony\_clements@hotmail.com>  
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mcarron@tendringdc.gov.uk  
**Subject:** Re: Chelmsford Motor Club Closed Road Rally

Hi Andy,

That's good news, hopefully it will stay that way after Thursday!

The legislation is currently at the report stage having been through the committee stage in both the Commons and Lords.

If you want to keep up to date with progress you can subscribe to an email link for updates here (right hand column) <http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2014-15/deregulation/documents.html>

Yesterday I had a very productive meeting at Clacton Town Hall with members and officers from Tendring District Council.

They are very keen to progress the concept and we will be meeting again early in the new year.

I suggest we talk again in the new year, there will be lots of details to work on!

Have a good Christmas,

Thanks,

Tony.

**From:** [Andy Champ](#)  
**Sent:** Friday, December 12, 2014 8:04 AM  
**To:** [Tony Clements](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Chelmsford Motor Club Closed Road Rally

Hi Tony,

Sorry for the delay in getting back to you. All is positive with our Traffic Manager, I've just got our corporate communications people left who I am meeting with on the 18<sup>th</sup>. I don't think there will be any objections to the event taking place (from Highways at least) it will be all about your planning and communications that will need to satisfy our Safety Advisory Group.

Is there any news on the legislation at all because I think that's all that's holding anything up at this stage.

Cheers

Andy.

**Andy Champ**  
**Network Operations Manager**  
**Network and Safety | Essex Highways**  
**Telephone No: 01245 342891**  
**Mobile No: 07717 867001**

**From:** Tony Clements  
**Sent:** 09 December 2014 08:50

**To:** Andy Champ  
**Subject:** Re: Chelmsford Motor Club Closed Road Rally

How as the meeting Andy?

**From:** [Andy Champ](#)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 03, 2014 7:33 AM  
**To:** [Tony Clements](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Chelmsford Motor Club Closed Road Rally

Hi Tony,

I've not been able to co-ordinate everyone I need to speak to for a meeting at the same time so I'm meeting them at different times, however I have a meeting on Friday to further discuss the proposals with our Traffic Manager, I'll feedback to you after that meeting. I'm sure everything will be positive, especially as Cllr Bass is supportive of the event.

Cheers

Andy.

**Andy Champ**  
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**From:** Tony Clements  
**Sent:** 02 December 2014 17:10  
**To:** Andy Champ  
**Subject:** Re: Chelmsford Motor Club Closed Road Rally

Hi Andy,  
Just wondering if there has been any progress since our last conversation.  
Thanks,  
Tony.

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**Paul Price**

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**From:** Tony Clements  
**Sent:** 27 November 2014 10:45  
**To:** Paul Price  
**Subject:** Fw: Chelmsford Motor Club Closed Road Rally

**From:** [Tony Clements](#)  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 27, 2014 8:19 AM  
**To:** [Mick Page](#)  
**Cc:** [Rodney Bass](#)  
**Subject:** Chelmsford Motor Club Closed Road Rally

Good Morning Mick,  
Thanks for your time yesterday and the opportunity to explain the concept of a closed road rally in Essex.  
I thought it might be useful to summarise our proposal so I have copied below an early draft of a document we are preparing.  
If you need any more information, please let me know.

## 2015 ESSEX COUNTY HIGHWAYS STAGE RALLY

### WHAT'S IT ABOUT – YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Following on from the success of the 2012 Olympics and the 2014 Tour De France, Essex would like to welcome the motorsport community to the county for the first ever closed road stage rally in England.

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A number of routes are under consideration and this consultation is to advise you how you may be affected and how you can participate in this exciting opportunity.

### THE PROPOSAL

To close a number of minor roads in Essex, totalling around 20 miles, to facilitate the running of a 'stage rally', fully authorised by the county and local councils, the police and emergency services and the Motor Sport Association (MSA), the governing body, tasked by parliament to administer such events.

### QUESTIONS ANSWERED

When will it happen?  
On Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

How long will the road be closed?  
For one day only, approximately 8am until 6pm.



Will I be able to gain vehicular access while the road is closed?

No, whilst the competition is running it will not be safe to allow other vehicles on the closed roads.

What happens if I have an emergency?

In the event of a fire, medical emergency or similar, the rally will be suspended and emergency services access will be allowed.

How will I notify the organisers/emergency services in the event of an emergency?

There will be stewards and course marshals along the route who will be in radio contact with the event organisers and emergency services.

How much will it cost to watch the rally?

It is free, there will be no spectator admission charges.

Who is paying for this to happen?

The organising club, Chelmsford Motor Club, is responsible for all costs involved in running the rally, there will be no financial impact on Council Tax or other local services.

Can I set up my own concession and/or parking?

Yes, one of the main driving forces behind the whole idea is to bring more business and business opportunities to Essex.

How many competing cars will there be?

Approximately 120 at one minute intervals.

How many times will the rally come past my property?

3 times.

Will I be able to see the technical checks and service area?

Yes, it will be based in the centre of a nearby town.

How will the closed roads be policed?

Using a combination of event marshals and stewards and Essex Police.

Why Essex?

Because Essex County Council realises the financial and social benefits of being at the forefront of sporting innovation.

Why now?

Because the law has only just been changed to allow it.

What is a 'stage rally'?

A competition for road legal cars with safety and performance modifications. Competitors are started one at a time, at one minute intervals and timed to the nearest second. The competition takes place over a number of 'tests' called 'special stages'. The 'special stages' can be on roads or tracks closed especially for the purpose. The winner is the car with the least combined time on the 'special stages'.

I look forward to hearing from Mike Cavanagh.

Thanks,

Tony Clements,

Vice Chairman

Chelmsford Motor Club

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## Paul Price

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Who will undertake and pay for repairs to the public highway, where damage occurs?

Whilst it is difficult to envisage damage being caused through normal road tyres being used both by vehicles engaged in and supporting the event, in the case of damage being caused this would be a matter to be resolved between the event organisers and the Highways Authority.

Why do you take a restrictive view on which residents are 'directly affected', when it is clear that we are ALL affected, whether Tendring residents or visitors?

I do not recall taking a "restrictive view" on affected or unaffected residents. I am merely stating what the position is and for the majority of residents who do not attend any of the stages it is likely that they will be unaware of the event taking place. I do not recall it ever being suggested that all residents across Tendring should be consulted on other localised events and quite frankly it would probably curtail our ability to generate events if wider consultation was required for every local event being held across Tendring. Indeed I can envisage considerable consternation and aggravation from event organisers if we were to put in place a mechanism whereby any event taking place should have wide-scale public consultation and accompanying Cabinet report before agreement by TDC (presumably with appropriate scrutiny arrangements based on your earlier question)

Where will 'a lot of visitors' be accommodated for viewing, parking, accessing and catered for during the event?

I understand that many people are already poised to make block bookings of hotel and B&B accommodation as soon as the event obtains a green light and I am sure that any facility worth its salt will want to use this opportunity to boost revenue in what is a comparatively quiet time of the year. The same will apply to catering outlets etc. I would yet again reiterate that this is not a TDC event and whilst we will work with the organisers and partners to access facilities which are used for other events such as the Air Show, Tour d'Tendring etc. we are not running it.

Who will prevent non-informed visitors and spectators from positioning themselves in non-'policed' areas?

The event will be marshalled by CMC and Essex Police will take a view on what resources, if any, they may want to deploy. Marshalling, spectator access etc. will be agreed at the SAG.

What will be the involvement and assessment by Essex Police to keep people safe, whether spectators or not?

Essex Police are members of the SAG as are all other Blue Light Services so they have been and will continue to be fully engaged in all assessments.

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Dear Robert

Your e-mail appears to be more rhetorical than requiring a response but whilst I agree with the thrust of what you say the reality is that CMC has met with all of the T&PC's and all of the residents who are directly affected by the proposed rally so it is difficult to gauge the additional value of further discussions with a wider audience. Contrary to what has been headlined in the press the only areas where rally cars will be exceeding the speed limits will be on the closed race stages and any vehicle exceeding speed limits elsewhere will, I understand, be automatically ejected from the race.

I agree that we don't know what the tourism and regeneration potential is and as this is a first in the country it would be a foolish person to provide any certainty around numbers but if we don't grasp such opportunities we will never know and given the interest such rally's already generate on private roads I think that it is fair bet that a lot of visitors will turn up.

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Thank you Paul. I for one can only get behind such a project if I am given all the relevant information to support a decision, and it would be wrong for any of us to support something which has not been communicated effectively to all those likely to be affected, or need to know. That is why I suggest a presentation and meeting with TDALC, where questions can be asked and answered, plus a TDC and Cabinet meeting for decision. Regeneration and tourism potential are by no means certain; neither are unknown and uncoded risks to our highways and countryside sufficiently detailed.

We are still in the garage in the pit lane. Robert

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Dear Robert

You do not say what it is you disagree with so I cannot respond to whatever it is you say you disagree with!

Of course there has been limited information about the event as there are so many hurdles to overcome with a first of its kind event. No one wanted to build up expectations which ultimately could be dashed by government and or the MSA and until the Highways authority approve the road closures there is still no certainty that the event can take place. Even then blue light services and our Safety Advisory Group will need to be satisfied that all necessary controls and measures are in place. Equally given the interest in staging the first rally from other area in England, preparations were kept under the radar.



CMC has consulted very widely with all those affected along the proposed routes and when there is some certainty that the event will gain all necessary consents and approvals information will be communicated to a wider audience.

CMC has already submitted a detailed event management plan to the Safety Advisory Group so you are incorrect in your assertion that they have not addressed the issues which need to be addressed. These details are not shared with a wider audience for fairly obvious security and safety reasons.

This event has the potential to open up a completely new and as yet untapped tourism market and I would expect all those with an interest in bringing economic prosperity to the area to get behind the Council in maximising the opportunities such events could bring. We are acutely aware of the difficulties of staging such events in a safe and controlled environment and that is why we work closely with the blue light services and our partners at ECC to ensure that such events can be hosted, staged or in some cases directly managed in Tendring or by Tendring District Council as we do for the Air Show, Sea and Beach festivals, Professional and Amateur cycling races, Beat the Streets etc.

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Thank you Paul, but sorry to say that I disagree with some of what you say here. I had a shortened telephone conversation with a CMC spokesman today, and he did not like what I said that I thought he needed to do to publicise the event throughout Tendring, including villages and communities not directly involved in the event. A TDALC meeting last evening confirmed that some communities were not aware of what was going on, and there certainly appears to be some long-term secrecy since we at TDC were first told of the proposals, and were told NOT to speak about it outside of that meeting.

Even now, we do not know whether ECC will give permission to close roads, with associated risks of damaging highways verges, and who will pay for repairs. Risk assessment and policing is also being questioned, but CMC have not answered questions.

Is there to be a Cabinet report and decision in due course, or will a delegated decision be made by the portfolio holder? Robert

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**Cc:** Catherine Boyer-Besant; Michael Carran  
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Dear Robert

Chelmsford Motor Club (CMC) approached TDC approx. two years ago having been supported by ECC to make contact with us about staging one of the first race based motor events on public roads in England on the basis that the deregulation order, allowing such races, would clear the Commons. I understand that CMC is one of the pre-eminent motor sport clubs in the UK and are involved in both racing and staging events on closed roads (generally Forestry commission or private estates) in the UK and is also involved with races across Europe. On this basis this was something we had to take seriously and explore.

To put things into context, tourism is a significant part of the economy for Tendring, generating c £374m a year and our role as a community leader is to support and enhance that economic opportunity for local businesses and attract new tourism opportunities to the area. As you will know It is for this reason that we run the Clacton air show, stage international cycling events, water sports events, beach festivals etc. The proposed rally is a further building block in establishing Tendring as a place to go for a varied and high quality tourism offer and taking tourism events away from the coast (albeit that the rally HQ is likely to be based in Clacton) exposes more of the district to the tourism potential, particularly as it is likely to provide an international television showcase for the fantastic rural countryside we have to offer.

The rally is for one day (22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018) (as currently proposed) and is operated by highly experienced organisers who have a track record of putting on events across closed roads in the UK and are involved in events across Europe. It has the potential to generate significant economic activity for struggling local rural businesses, particularly pubs and eateries, all of whom are currently missing out on the other mainly coastal based activities. The feedback we get from many of these local businesses is that whilst coastal activities do bring some passing trade, bringing a wider coverage would provide them with the opportunity to perhaps capture some of the wider tourism market. Interestingly I attended Great Bromley PC earlier this year to discuss concerns they had about the event. One of the members of GBPC owns a pub close to the originally proposed route who said that he could not see that the rally would generate any additional trade for him. Speaking to CMC they advised that they had already visited and eaten at that pub many times as they reconnoitred the route !!! so had already generated business for him....

I understand that before the event could be signed off by the governing body, the Motor Sport Association, it would need to ensure that the blue light services (Police, Fire and Ambulance) were confident about the event's safety and organisation, both for participants but more importantly for spectators and residents. It is my understanding that whilst roads are closed they cannot be shared with other users and are policed and marshalled throughout the periods that they are closed, but as is the case with any sporting event the organisers recognise that this is after all a sporting event and so emergencies etc. override any event and the race can be stopped via radio communication at any time. This means that there is no possibility of walkers or riders being put in danger as they would not be able to access the roads whilst the event was taking place. I also understand that residents have also now been provided with safe access times during stages so that they can leave safely during the day of the race.

Clearly, if Tendring is to develop its tourism economy for businesses across the District it is only right that all parts of the District play their part in helping to explore the potential rather than just expecting those on the coast to bear the minor inconvenience that sometimes occurs. I am aware that when this type of events occurs on the continent residents will engage with the event, inviting friends and family to view at close quarters the excitement that the event can generate and local businesses ensure that they gear their offer to make the most of the opportunities. Indeed some residents have already told us that they are making plans for friends and relatives to visit to see the event up close and if local businesses can't use the opportunity to generate trade they really shouldn't be in business!

Before any race could take place legislation had to change to allow temporary deregulation of sections of roads and this occurred earlier this year. CMC developed a race plan and consulted with Parish Councils affected and visited every household on the route. They also made early contact with TDC and all of the blue light services to gauge initial opinion, albeit that technically I am not sure that TDC could actually stop the event if the Highways Authority, emergency services and the Motor Sport Association (MSA) agreed to it – but that is a moot point really as CMC have said that they wouldn't want to stage it here if we didn't want it.

Following extensive consultation, CMC revised the route, taking on board issues raised, changed it from four stages to five shorter ones and re-consulted with Parish Council's and residents. Following this they submitted a bid to the MSA, who visited and drove the route and I understand have now sanctioned the event. I understand that the MSA are only going to sanction this event this year and so it will undoubtedly attract significant interest from the world of Motor sport. CMC have met several times with Blue Light services and have already submitted an event management plan, which has provided considerable confidence to both the Blue Light services and ourselves.

The next hurdle they will need to pass is that before any event can take place the Highways Authority will need to sanction it and I understand they are awaiting a response.

Other than the initial few objections when the first routes were proposed, we have seen no objections to the revised routes but I am sure that there will inevitably be a few residents who do not want it take place, much as we do for the air show, cycle events etc. every year.

The MSA appear to have significant confidence in CMC and I am sure will be keen to also make sure that this is a successful and safe event as the future of closed road races will very much depend upon this event going off smoothly and without a hitch. The Motor Sport world's eyes will be on Tendring and will expose us to a whole new potential tourism opportunity and is a significant compliment that given that the event could have been held anywhere else in England that it is being staged here – that is if it gets final approval!!! I understand that there are likely to be 120 teams taking part and CMC are already inundated with top teams wanting to be involved.

So to answer your final point it is not so much why a Chelmsford event is being held here but how gutted Chelmsford must be to see an England first being held in Tendring, staged by a Chelmsford based organisation!

I hope that helps – you may ask why we have not put much out about this yet but until the MSA approved it and the HA and Blue Light services sanctioned it we didn't want to get too excited!

Best wishes

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**To:** Martyn Knappett



**Cc:** Paul Price; Catherine Boyer-Besant  
**Subject:** RE: Chelmsford Motor Club Tendring Rally / Time Trials

We were 'consulted' through a meeting chaired by Catherine Boyer-Besant last year, with particular focus on concerns for community safety issues. Social media says they are proceeding, so how are our communities and residents to be protected, and what Police involvement during challenging times? Why Tendring for a Chelmsford club event? Robert

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**Sent:** 15 November 2017 16:58  
**To:** Cllr. Robert Bucke  
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I have passed this one to Paul Price Robert.  
I am pretty sure the position is that no permission is needed from TDC but I will allow Paul to explain.  
Martyn

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**Sent:** 15 November 2017 16:23  
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**Cc:** Tom Gardiner; Nigel Brown  
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## Paul Price

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**From:** Paul Price  
**Sent:** 03 February 2018 11:25  
**To:** Cllr. Robert Bucke; Ian Davidson; Claire Bryant  
**Subject:** RE: Chelmsford Motor Club Tendring Rally / Time Trials 22nd April 2018 - Freedom of Information request

Claire

Please register and treat this as an FOI request please.

Many thanks

Sent from my Windows Phone

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**From:** [Cllr. Robert Bucke](#)  
**Sent:** 02/02/2018 00:06  
**To:** [Paul Price](#); [Ian Davidson](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Chelmsford Motor Club Tendring Rally / Time Trials 22nd April 2018 - Freedom of Information request

Dear Paul and Ian, I request access to the file papers, including e-mails, relative to this event. Where and when can this be arranged please? Robert

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**Sent:** 01 February 2018 16:47  
**To:** Paul Price  
**Cc:** Cllr. Mike Bush  
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Will it be going to Cabinet for report and decision – when please? Robert

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Who will undertake and pay for repairs to the public highway, where damage occurs?

Whilst it is difficult to envisage damage being caused through normal road tyres being used both by vehicles engaged in and supporting the event, in the case of damage being caused this would be a matter to be resolved between the event organisers and the Highways Authority.

Why do you take a restrictive view on which residents are 'directly affected', when it is clear that we are ALL affected, whether Tendring residents or visitors?

I do not recall taking a "restrictive view" on affected or unaffected residents. I am merely stating what the position is and for the majority of residents who do not attend any of the stages it is likely that they will be unaware of the event taking place. I do not recall it ever being suggested that all residents across Tendring should be consulted on other localised events and quite frankly it would probably curtail our ability to generate events if wider consultation was required for every local event being held across Tendring. Indeed I can envisage considerable consternation and aggravation from event organisers if we were to put in place a mechanism whereby any event taking place should have wide-scale public consultation and accompanying Cabinet report before agreement by TDC (presumably with appropriate scrutiny arrangements based on your earlier question)

Where will 'a lot of visitors' be accommodated for viewing, parking, accessing and catered for during the event?

I understand that many people are already poised to make block bookings of hotel and B&B accommodation as soon as the event obtains a green light and I am sure that any facility worth its salt will want to use this opportunity to boost revenue in what is a comparatively quiet time of the year. The same will apply to catering outlets etc. I would yet again reiterate that this is not a TDC event and whilst we will work with the organisers and partners to access facilities which are used for other events such as the Air Show, Tour d'Tendring etc. we are not running it.

Who will prevent non-informed visitors and spectators from positioning themselves in non-'policed' areas?

The event will be marshalled by CMC and Essex Police will take a view on what resources, if any, they may want to deploy. Marshalling, spectator access etc. will be agreed at the SAG.

What will be the involvement and assessment by Essex Police to keep people safe, whether spectators or not?

Essex Police are members of the SAG as are all other Blue Light Services so they have been and will continue to be fully engaged in all assessments.

Councillor Robert J. Bucke  
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**From:** Paul Price  
**Sent:** 05 December 2017 15:03  
**To:** Cllr. Robert Bucke  
**Cc:** Catherine Boyer-Besant; Michael Carran; Martyn Knappett; [Cllr.Ian.Grundy@essex.gov.uk](mailto:Cllr.Ian.Grundy@essex.gov.uk); Cllr Mark Platt, Member CC ([Cllr.Mark.Platt@essex.gov.uk](mailto:Cllr.Mark.Platt@essex.gov.uk)); Cllr. Neil Stock OBE, Leader of the Council; Cllr. Mick Skeels (Snr), Cabinet Member for Leisure and Tourism; Ian Davidson  
**Subject:** RE: Chelmsford Motor Club Tendring Rally / Time Trials

Dear Robert

Your e-mail appears to be more rhetorical than requiring a response but whilst I agree with the thrust of what you say the reality is that CMC has met with all of the T&PC's and all of the residents who are directly affected by the proposed rally so it is difficult to gauge the additional value of further discussions with a wider audience. Contrary to what has been headlined in the press the only areas where rally cars will be exceeding the speed limits will be on the closed race stages and any vehicle exceeding speed limits elsewhere will, I understand, be automatically ejected from the race.

I agree that we don't know what the tourism and regeneration potential is and as this is a first in the country it would be a foolish person to provide any certainty around numbers but if we don't grasp such opportunities we will never know and given the interest such rally's already generate on private roads I think that it is fair bet that a lot of visitors will turn up.

Kind regards

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**From:** Cllr. Robert Bucke

**Sent:** 28 November 2017 16:42

**To:** Paul Price

**Cc:** Catherine Boyer-Besant; Michael Carran; Martyn Knappett; [Cllr.Ian.Grundy@essex.gov.uk](mailto:Cllr.Ian.Grundy@essex.gov.uk); Cllr Mark Platt, Member CC ([Cllr.Mark.Platt@essex.gov.uk](mailto:Cllr.Mark.Platt@essex.gov.uk)); Cllr. Neil Stock OBE, Leader of the Council; Cllr. Mick Skeels (Snr), Cabinet Member for Leisure and Tourism; Ian Davidson

**Subject:** RE: Chelmsford Motor Club Tendring Rally / Time Trials

Thank you Paul. I for one can only get behind such a project if I am given all the relevant information to support a decision, and it would be wrong for any of us to support something which has not been communicated effectively to all those likely to be affected, or need to know. That is why I suggest a presentation and meeting with TDALC, where questions can be asked and answered, plus a TDC and Cabinet meeting for decision. Regeneration and tourism potential are by no means certain; neither are unknown and uncosted risks to our highways and countryside sufficiently detailed.

We are still in the garage in the pit lane. Robert

Councillor Robert J. Bucke

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**Sent:** 28 November 2017 16:20

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**Subject:** RE: Chelmsford Motor Club Tendring Rally / Time Trials

Dear Robert

You do not say what it is you disagree with so I cannot respond to whatever it is you say you disagree with!

Of course there has been limited information about the event as there are so many hurdles to overcome with a first of its kind event. No one wanted to build up expectations which ultimately could be dashed by government and or the MSA and until the Highways authority approve the road closures there is still no certainty that the event can take place. Even then blue light services and our Safety Advisory Group will need to be satisfied that all necessary controls and measures are in place. Equally given the interest in staging the first rally from other area in England, preparations were kept under the radar.

CMC has consulted very widely with all those affected along the proposed routes and when there is some certainty that the event will gain all necessary consents and approvals information will be communicated to a wider audience.

CMC has already submitted a detailed event management plan to the Safety Advisory Group so you are incorrect in your assertion that they have not addressed the issues which need to be addressed. These details are not shared with a wider audience for fairly obvious security and safety reasons.

This event has the potential to open up a completely new and as yet untapped tourism market and I would expect all those with an interest in bringing economic prosperity to the area to get behind the Council in maximising the opportunities such events could bring. We are acutely aware of the difficulties of staging such events in a safe and controlled environment and that is why we work closely with the blue light services and our partners at ECC to ensure that such events can be hosted, staged or in some cases directly managed in Tendring or by Tendring District Council as we do for the Air Show, Sea and Beach festivals, Professional and Amateur cycling races, Beat the Streets etc.

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**From:** Cllr. Robert Bucke  
**Sent:** 23 November 2017 17:22  
**To:** Paul Price  
**Cc:** Catherine Boyer-Besant; Michael Carran; Martyn Knappett; [Cllr.Ian.Grundy@essex.gov.uk](mailto:Cllr.Ian.Grundy@essex.gov.uk); Cllr Mark Platt, Member CC ([Cllr.Mark.Platt@essex.gov.uk](mailto:Cllr.Mark.Platt@essex.gov.uk)); Cllr. Neil Stock OBE, Leader of the Council  
**Subject:** RE: Chelmsford Motor Club Tendring Rally / Time Trials

Thank you Paul, but sorry to say that I disagree with some of what you say here. I had a shortened telephone conversation with a CMC spokesman today, and he did not like what I said that I thought he needed to do to publicise the event throughout Tendring, including villages and communities not directly involved in the event. A TDALC meeting last evening confirmed that some communities were not aware of what was going on, and there certainly appears to be some long-term secrecy since we at TDC were first told of the proposals, and were told NOT to speak about it outside of that meeting.

Even now, we do not know whether ECC will give permission to close roads, with associated risks of damaging highways verges, and who will pay for repairs. Risk assessment and policing is also being questioned, but CMC have not answered questions.

Is there to be a Cabinet report and decision in due course, or will a delegated decision be made by the portfolio holder? Robert

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**From:** Paul Price  
**Sent:** 20 November 2017 09:19  
**To:** Cllr. Robert Bucke; Martyn Knappett  
**Cc:** Catherine Boyer-Besant; Michael Carran  
**Subject:** RE: Chelmsford Motor Club Tendring Rally / Time Trials

Dear Robert

Chelmsford Motor Club (CMC) approached TDC approx. two years ago having been supported by ECC to make contact with us about staging one of the first race based motor events on public roads in England on the basis that the deregulation order, allowing such races, would clear the Commons. I understand that CMC is one of the pre-eminent motor sport clubs in the UK and are involved in both racing and staging events on closed roads (generally Forestry commission or private estates) in the UK and is also involved with races across Europe. On this basis this was something we had to take seriously and explore.

To put things into context, tourism is a significant part of the economy for Tendring, generating c £374m a year and our role as a community leader is to support and enhance that economic opportunity for local businesses and attract new tourism opportunities to the area. As you will know it is for this reason that we run the Clacton air show, stage international cycling events, water sports events, beach festivals etc. The proposed rally is a further building block in establishing Tendring as a place to go for a varied and high quality tourism offer and taking tourism events away from the coast (albeit that the rally HQ is likely to be based in Clacton) exposes more of the district to the tourism potential, particularly as it is likely to provide an international television showcase for the fantastic rural countryside we have to offer.

The rally is for one day (22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018) (as currently proposed) and is operated by highly experienced organisers who have a track record of putting on events across closed roads in the UK and are involved in events across Europe. It has the potential to generate significant economic activity for struggling local rural businesses, particularly pubs and eateries, all of whom are currently missing out on the other mainly coastal based activities. The feedback we get from many of these local businesses is that whilst coastal activities do bring some passing trade, bringing a wider coverage would provide them with the opportunity to perhaps capture some of the wider tourism market. Interestingly I attended Great Bromley PC earlier this year to discuss concerns they had about the event. One of the members of GBPC owns a pub close to the originally proposed route who said that he could not see that the rally would generate any additional trade for him. Speaking to CMC they advised that they had already visited and eaten at that pub many times as they reconnoitred the route !!! so had already generated business for him....

I understand that before the event could be signed off by the governing body, the Motor Sport Association, it would need to ensure that the blue light services (Police, Fire and Ambulance) were confident about the event's safety and organisation, both for participants but more importantly for spectators and residents. It is my understanding that whilst roads are closed they cannot be shared with other users and are policed and marshalled throughout the periods that they are closed, but as is the case with any sporting event the organisers recognise that this is after all a sporting event and so emergencies etc. override any event and the race can be stopped via radio communication at any time. This means that there is no possibility of walkers or riders being put in danger as they would not be able to access the roads whilst the event was taking place. I also understand that residents have also now been provided with safe access times during stages so that they can leave safely during the day of the race.

Clearly, if Tendring is to develop its tourism economy for businesses across the District it is only right that all parts of the District play their part in helping to explore the potential rather than just expecting those on the coast to bear the minor inconvenience that sometimes occurs. I am aware that when this type of events occurs on the continent residents will engage with the event, inviting friends and family to view at close quarters the excitement that the event can generate and local businesses ensure that they gear their offer to make the most of the opportunities. Indeed some residents have already told us that they are making plans for friends and relatives to visit to see the event up close and if local businesses can't use the opportunity to generate trade they really shouldn't be in business!

Before any race could take place legislation had to change to allow temporary deregulation of sections of roads and this occurred earlier this year. CMC developed a race plan and consulted with Parish Councils affected and visited every household on the route. They also made early contact with TDC and all of the blue light services to gauge initial opinion, albeit that technically I am not sure that TDC could actually stop the event if the Highways Authority, emergency services and the Motor Sport Association (MSA) agreed to it – but that is a moot point really as CMC have said that they wouldn't want to stage it here if we didn't want it.



Following extensive consultation, CMC revised the route, taking on board issues raised, changed it from four stages to five shorter ones and re-consulted with Parish Council's and residents. Following this they submitted a bid to the MSA, who visited and drove the route and I understand have now sanctioned the event. I understand that the MSA are only going to sanction this event this year and so it will undoubtedly attract significant interest from the world of Motor sport. CMC have met several times with Blue Light services and have already submitted an event management plan, which has provided considerable confidence to both the Blue Light services and ourselves.

The next hurdle they will need to pass is that before any event can take place the Highways Authority will need to sanction it and I understand they are awaiting a response.

Other than the initial few objections when the first routes were proposed, we have seen no objections to the revised routes but I am sure that there will inevitably be a few residents who do not want it take place, much as we do for the air show, cycle events etc. every year.

The MSA appear to have significant confidence in CMC and I am sure will be keen to also make sure that this is a successful and safe event as the future of closed road races will very much depend upon this event going off smoothly and without a hitch. The Motor Sport world's eyes will be on Tendring and will expose us to a whole new potential tourism opportunity and is a significant compliment that given that the event could have been held anywhere else in England that it is being staged here – that is if it gets final approval!!! I understand that there are likely to be 120 teams taking part and CMC are already inundated with top teams wanting to be involved.

So to answer your final point it is not so much why a Chelmsford event is being held here but how gutted Chelmsford must be to see an England first being held in Tendring, staged by a Chelmsford based organisation!

I hope that helps – you may ask why we have not put much out about this yet but until the MSA approved it and the HA and Blue Light services sanctioned it we didn't want to get too excited!

Best wishes

Paul Price  
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**From:** Cllr. Robert Bucke  
**Sent:** 15 November 2017 17:10  
**To:** Martyn Knappett  
**Cc:** Paul Price; Catherine Boyer-Besant  
**Subject:** RE: Chelmsford Motor Club Tendring Rally / Time Trials

We were 'consulted' through a meeting chaired by Catherine Boyer-Besant last year, with particular focus on concerns for community safety issues. Social media says they are proceeding, so how are our communities and residents to be protected, and what Police involvement during challenging times? Why Tendring for a Chelmsford club event? Robert

Councillor Robert J. Bucke  
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**From:** Martyn Knappett  
**Sent:** 15 November 2017 16:58  
**To:** Cllr. Robert Bucke  
**Subject:** RE: Chelmsfrod Motor Club Tendring Rally / Time Trials

I have passed this one to Paul Price Robert.  
I am pretty sure the position is that no permission is needed from TDC but I will allow Paul to explain.  
Martyn

**Martyn Knappett**  
**Corporate Director**  
**(Corporate Services)**

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**From:** Cllr. Robert Bucke  
**Sent:** 15 November 2017 16:23  
**To:** Martyn Knappett  
**Cc:** Tom Gardiner; Nigel Brown  
**Subject:** Chelmsfrod Motor Club Tendring Rally / Time Trials

Dear Martyn, I am reading that this event has been given permission by TDC. Where is that decision please? Robert

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## Paul Price

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**From:** Paul Price  
**Sent:** 16 June 2017 12:24  
**To:** Cllr F. Nicholls  
**Cc:** Michael Carran  
**Subject:** RE: Motor Rally - Great Bromley

Great - shall I come over at 09.00 ish? Or is that too early

Kind regards

Paul Price

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Cllr F. Nicholls  
**Sent:** 16 June 2017 11:53  
**To:** Paul Price <[pprice@tendringdc.gov.uk](mailto:pprice@tendringdc.gov.uk)>  
**Cc:** Michael Carran <[mcarran@tendringdc.gov.uk](mailto:mcarran@tendringdc.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Re: Motor Rally - Great Bromley

Hi Paul  
Next Thursday am is fine by me you are welcome to come to me.

Regards  
Fred

Sent from my iPhone

> On 16 Jun 2017, at 10:49, Paul Price <[pprice@tendringdc.gov.uk](mailto:pprice@tendringdc.gov.uk)> wrote:  
>  
> Hi Fred  
>  
> I am currently able to meet next Thursday AM or anytime on Friday and can either come to you or we can meet in my office. Are either of these any good for you - if not we can look at the following week.  
>  
> Kind regards  
>  
> Paul Price  
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> Corporate Director  
> Tendring District Council  
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> From: Cllr F. Nicholls  
> Sent: 15 June 2017 15:24  
> To: Paul Price <[pprice@tendringdc.gov.uk](mailto:pprice@tendringdc.gov.uk)>  
> Subject: Re: Motor Rally - Great Bromley  
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> Thanks Paul  
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> Sent from my iPhone  
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>> On 15 Jun 2017, at 12:34, Paul Price <[pprice@tendringdc.gov.uk](mailto:pprice@tendringdc.gov.uk)> wrote:

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>> Hi Fred  
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>> Currently in London but more than happy to discuss - I'll make contact tomorrow if that is OK to arrange something  
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>> Sent from my Windows Phone  
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>> From: Cllr F. Nicholls<<mailto:fred@fryerning.net>>

>> Sent: 15/06/2017 10:49

>> To: Paul Price<<mailto:pprice@tendringdc.gov.uk>>; Michael Carran<<mailto:mcarran@tendringdc.gov.uk>>

>> Subject: Motor Rally - Great Bromley  
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>> Good morning gentlemen,  
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>> I attended Great Bromley Parish Council last evening (14.6.17) as a parish councillor and as the district councillor.  
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>> About 20 local residents were present as well as two gentlemen from an organisation that are intending to hold a car rally around the roads of Great Bromley and other locations later this year. During public question time it was very clear the local residents were very hostile to any suggestion that this rally should go ahead in this area.  
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>> Concern were raised about safety, there are a large number of people that are horse riders, cyclists and children along the route. The local residents were totally against this. Also that residents will be unable to leave their properties during the time the rally is taking place. The organisers stated they have been consulting with TDC who were very supportive.  
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>> I have been requested to raise this matter with you both.  
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>> I am happy to have a meeting with both or one of you to ascertain the position of TDC.  
>>

>> Best regards

>> Fred Nicholls  
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## Paul Price

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**From:** Paul Price  
**Sent:** 25 July 2017 08:41  
**To:** Cllr T. Ferguson; Michael Carran  
**Subject:** RE: Tendring Road Rally 2018

Yep – all sensible points which we would equally want addressed!

Paul Price  
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**From:** Cllr T. Ferguson  
**Sent:** 24 July 2017 20:24  
**To:** Paul Price; Michael Carran  
**Subject:** Fw: Tendring Road Rally 2018

Dear Both

At last, a sensible letter from an affected resident.

I have already sent a thank you email.

Regards  
Tanya

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**From:**  
**Sent:** 24 July 2017 16:39  
**To:** [cllr.tferguson@tendringdc.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.tferguson@tendringdc.gov.uk)  
**Subject:** FW: Tendring Road Rally 2018

Dear Tanya

Please see my attached comments regarding the parish council meeting held at Great Oakley last Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July.

Kindest regards

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## Paul Price

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**From:** Paul Price  
**Sent:** 23 July 2017 11:05  
**To:** Cllr T. Ferguson; Michael Carran  
**Subject:** RE: Motor event on 22 April 2018

Hi Tanya

If the event goes ahead next year we would have to evaluate the pros and cons of supporting it in subsequent years. Interestingly Martyn and I have been contemplating whether we could stop it even if we were minded to do so as if the MSA and highways authority approved it we have no say as we are not funding and it isn't on our land - they would be stupid to do it without our sanction but just saying

Paul

Sent from my Windows Phone

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**From:** [Cllr T. Ferguson](#)  
**Sent:** 21/07/2017 21:42  
**To:** [Michael Carran](#); [Paul Price](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Motor event on 22 April 2018

See below...

Do we have an answer please ?

Regards  
Tanya.

Sent from Samsung Mobile on O2

----- Original message -----

**From:** Anita Spall  
**Date:** 21/07/2017 10:34 (GMT+00:00)  
**To:** [cllr.tferguson@tendringdc.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.tferguson@tendringdc.gov.uk)  
**Subject:** Motor event on 22 April 2018

Good morning

I have a question regarding the motoring event planned next April around Little and Great Bromley. I understood at the Council meeting last night from the Organiser that if this is successful, that it will become a yearly event.

My question is - if other motoring groups in the Country apply to Tendring Council to hold their events around this area, might there be a number of these events each year run by different motoring organisations? Or will you only allow this 1 event per year ?

Thanks  
Anita Spall  
Councillor LB Parish Council



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**From:** Paul Price  
**Sent:** 13 December 2017 16:36  
**To:** Cllr. Robert Bucke  
**Cc:** Catherine Boyer-Besant; Michael Carran; Martyn Knappett; Cllr.Ian.Grundy@essex.gov.uk; Cllr Mark Platt, Member CC (Cllr.Mark.Platt@essex.gov.uk); Cllr. Neil Stock OBE, Leader of the Council; Cllr. Mick Skeels (Snr), Cabinet Member for Leisure and Tourism; Ian Davidson; Cllr. Mike Bush; Cllr. Mark Stephenson  
**Subject:** RE: Chelmsford Motor Club Tendring Rally / Time Trials

Dear Robert

I have addressed your questions within the body of your e-mail so as to make it easier to follow.

Kind regards

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**From:** Cllr. Robert Bucke  
**Sent:** 05 December 2017 19:49  
**To:** Paul Price  
**Cc:** Catherine Boyer-Besant; Michael Carran; Martyn Knappett; Cllr.Ian.Grundy@essex.gov.uk; Cllr Mark Platt, Member CC (Cllr.Mark.Platt@essex.gov.uk); Cllr. Neil Stock OBE, Leader of the Council; Cllr. Mick Skeels (Snr), Cabinet Member for Leisure and Tourism; Ian Davidson; Cllr. Mike Bush; Cllr. Mark Stephenson  
**Subject:** RE: Chelmsford Motor Club Tendring Rally / Time Trials  
**Importance:** High

Thank you Paul, but I remain astonishingly sceptical about such an event for which we have insufficient information; yet still you provide no answers to questions. Alongside those questions still unanswered;

When and where will there be a full officer report detailing every aspect of the proposal for members to assimilate and scrutinise?

I assume that you mean a Portfolio Holder report – that will be a matter for the Portfolio Holder to decide how and whether they wish to communicate details of the proposed event as it is not our event but until such time as all relevant matter are resolved and agreed it would be premature to consider how and when such matters would or should be communicated.

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Essex Police are members of the SAG as are all other Blue Light Services so they have been and will continue to be fully engaged in all assessments.

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Martyn

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**Cc:** Tom Gardiner; Nigel Brown  
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Dear Martyn, I am reading that this event has been given permission by TDC. Where is that decision please? Robert

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## Paul Price

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**From:** Paul Price  
**Sent:** 13 December 2017 08:16  
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There is a Safety Advisory Group meeting Friday where I suspect we will get an update on where ECC are with this event – at present we do not have any information either way

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**Sent:** 12 December 2017 20:31  
**To:** Paul Price <pprice@tendringdc.gov.uk>  
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Dear Paul, Has ECC granted a permit yet please? Robert

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I understand that before the event could be signed off by the governing body, the Motor Sport Association, it would need to ensure that the blue light services (Police, Fire and Ambulance) were confident about the event's safety and organisation, both for participants but more importantly for spectators and residents. It is my understanding that whilst roads are closed they cannot be shared with other users and are policed and marshalled throughout the periods that they are closed, but as is the case with any sporting event the organisers recognise that this is after all a sporting event and so emergencies etc. override any event and the race can be stopped via radio communication at any time. This means that there is no possibility of walkers or riders being put in danger as they would not be able to access the roads whilst the event was taking place. I also understand that residents have also now been provided with safe access times during stages so that they can leave safely during the day of the race.

Clearly, if Tendring is to develop its tourism economy for businesses across the District it is only right that all parts of the District play their part in helping to explore the potential rather than just expecting those on the coast to bear the minor inconvenience that sometimes occurs. I am aware that when this type of events occurs on the continent residents will engage with the event, inviting friends and family to view at close quarters the excitement that the event can generate and local businesses ensure that they gear their offer to make the most of the opportunities. Indeed some residents have already told us that they are making plans for friends and relatives to



visit to see the event up close and if local businesses can't use the opportunity to generate trade they really shouldn't be in business!

Before any race could take place legislation had to change to allow temporary deregulation of sections of roads and this occurred earlier this year. CMC developed a race plan and consulted with Parish Councils affected and visited every household on the route. They also made early contact with TDC and all of the blue light services to gauge initial opinion, albeit that technically I am not sure that TDC could actually stop the event if the Highways Authority, emergency services and the Motor Sport Association (MSA) agreed to it – but that is a moot point really as CMC have said that they wouldn't want to stage it here if we didn't want it.

Following extensive consultation, CMC revised the route, taking on board issues raised, changed it from four stages to five shorter ones and re-consulted with Parish Council's and residents. Following this they submitted a bid to the MSA, who visited and drove the route and I understand have now sanctioned the event. I understand that the MSA are only going to sanction this event this year and so it will undoubtedly attract significant interest from the world of Motor sport. CMC have met several times with Blue Light services and have already submitted an event management plan, which has provided considerable confidence to both the Blue Light services and ourselves.

The next hurdle they will need to pass is that before any event can take place the Highways Authority will need to sanction it and I understand they are awaiting a response.

Other than the initial few objections when the first routes were proposed, we have seen no objections to the revised routes but I am sure that there will inevitably be a few residents who do not want it take place, much as we do for the air show, cycle events etc. every year.

The MSA appear to have significant confidence in CMC and I am sure will be keen to also make sure that this is a successful and safe event as the future of closed road races will very much depend upon this event going off smoothly and without a hitch. The Motor Sport world's eyes will be on Tendring and will expose us to a whole new potential tourism opportunity and is a significant compliment that given that the event could have been held anywhere else in England that it is being staged here – that is if it gets final approval!!! I understand that there are likely to be 120 teams taking part and CMC are already inundated with top teams wanting to be involved.

So to answer your final point it is not so much why a Chelmsford event is being held here but how gutted Chelmsford must be to see an England first being held in Tendring, staged by a Chelmsford based organisation!

I hope that helps – you may ask why we have not put much out about this yet but until the MSA approved it and the HA and Blue Light services sanctioned it we didn't want to get too excited!

Best wishes

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**From:** Cllr. Robert Bucke  
**Sent:** 15 November 2017 17:10  
**To:** Martyn Knappett  
**Cc:** Paul Price; Catherine Boyer-Besant  
**Subject:** RE: Chelmsfrod Motor Club Tendring Rally / Time Trials

We were 'consulted' through a meeting chaired by Catherine Boyer-Besant last year, with particular focus on concerns for community safety issues. Social media says they are proceeding, so how are our communities and residents to be protected, and what Police involvement during challenging times? Why Tendring for a Chelmsford club event? Robert

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**From:** Martyn Knappett  
**Sent:** 15 November 2017 16:58  
**To:** Cllr. Robert Bucke  
**Subject:** RE: Chelmsfrod Motor Club Tendring Rally / Time Trials

I have passed this one to Paul Price Robert.  
I am pretty sure the position is that no permission is needed from TDC but I will allow Paul to explain.  
Martyn

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**From:** Cllr. Robert Bucke  
**Sent:** 15 November 2017 16:23  
**To:** Martyn Knappett  
**Cc:** Tom Gardiner; Nigel Brown  
**Subject:** Chelmsfrod Motor Club Tendring Rally / Time Trials

Dear Martyn, I am reading that this event has been given permission by TDC. Where is that decision please? Robert

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## Paul Price

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**From:** Paul Price  
**Sent:** 09 November 2017 09:52  
**To:** Cllr. Rosemary Heaney; 'Tony Clements'  
**Cc:** Ian Davidson  
**Subject:** RE: Chelmsford Motor Club Corbeau Seats Rally Tendring & Clacton 2018 Press Release

Dear Rosemary

Many thanks for copying me into your e-mail. Could you let me have the names and addresses of the residents on the route who are complaining so that we can work with CMC to see how we can address concerns and to also understand the responses which they may have provided to CMC if they are different. I understand that CMC have visited and had discussions with all but a couple of residents on the entire route of the 5 stages so it would be useful to understand if they are saying different things to CMC and your good self.

Kind regards

*Paul Price*

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**From:** Cllr. Rosemary Heaney  
**Sent:** 08 November 2017 19:27  
**To:** 'Tony Clements'  
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**Subject:** RE: Chelmsford Motor Club Corbeau Seats Rally Tendring & Clacton 2018 Press Release

Dear Mr Clements

Thank you for this information, and the date of the rally.

You should understand that your rally is unpopular in this area. I have been told that most people in the village of Gt. Bromley are totally disinterested in car rallies, which I believe. Also the people who will be unable to leave their homes on this Sunday are simply furious, and have complained angrily to me. People have said to me that they work all week, and if they want to go out on any Sunday they should be able to do so, and not be trapped in their houses. They hope you will not have another rally locally.

People have also complained that the roads that you are using are too narrow of this type of rally, and are worried about cars crashing into their gardens and houses. Whether this is likely or not that is the perception of your rally in the village I am afraid.

Yours Sincerely  
Rosemary Heaney

**From:** Tony Clement  
**Sent:** 07 November 2017 20:45  
**To:** Cllr. Rosemary Heaney  
**Subject:** FW: Chelmsford Motor Club Corbeau Seats Rally Tendring & Clacton 2018 Press Release

Dear Councillor Heaney,

I would like to bring you up to date with the latest information regarding our proposed new sporting event that it is hoped will pass through your ward next year.

A change in legislation means that it is now possible to close public roads for motorsport purposes and the first event to run under this legislation is being planned for the Tendring area on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018. Attached is a map of the proposed route through your ward, together with an approximate time schedule, an overview route map and a copy of our first press release.

I have conducted a detailed consultation with all residents on the proposed route and I would welcome any advice and help you could give to ensure the smooth running of the proposed rally.

If you would like any further information or would like to speak to me regarding the rally, please feel free to ring or email me using the contact details below.

Thanks for your help.

Tony Clements.

Event Director.

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## Paul Price

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**From:** Paul Price  
**Sent:** 02 March 2015 10:12  
**To:** 'Tony Clements'; Michael Carran  
**Cc:** Rodney Bass; Andy Champ; Cllr M. PageEssex; Tim Sutton; Ian Davidson  
**Subject:** RE: Chelmsford Motor Club Closed Road Stage Rally

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Hi Tony – many thanks for the update – disappointing but not unexpected given the closeness to the election. Initial consultation draft looks fine but suggest that we need to think about the stage title as it doesn't exactly flow at present!!

*Paul Price*

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**From:** Tony Clements [[mailto:tony\\_clements@hotmail.com](mailto:tony_clements@hotmail.com)]  
**Sent:** 02 March 2015 08:56  
**To:** Paul Price; Michael Carran  
**Cc:** Rodney Bass; Andy Champ; Cllr M. PageEssex; Tim Sutton; Ian Davidson  
**Subject:** Chelmsford Motor Club Closed Road Stage Rally

Paul/Mike,

Mark and I attended a meeting at Motorsport House on Friday with the head of the rallies executive, Ian Davis, with a view to ascertaining exactly where the legislation is and what a realistic time schedule for implementation will be.

As we suspected and as you may be aware, there have been delays in the report stage of the bill in the House of Lords, due to the number of amendments to the bill, and it is now looking unlikely that the legislation will receive Royal assent much before the end of March.

This in itself isn't a problem, however, the Department for Transport then has to prepare a 'Statutory Instrument' with the detailed implementation regulations which will have to then be approved by Parliament. We understand the initial drafting of the Statutory Instrument has taken place, but there will not be any time left in this parliament for it to be enacted. With the likelihood of a new Minister being appointed, whatever the outcome of the General Election, and the summer recess shortly after the new government is formed, the earliest the Statutory Instrument is likely to be put before Parliament is the autumn and with a 12 week consultation period required, the bill is unlikely to be implemented before 2016.

I think we must therefore accept that our reserve provisional date of Sunday April 17th 2016 is now the first realistic opportunity to run the rally.

There have been a few other developments as well. Following conversations with Cllr Rodney Bass and potential event sponsors, we have concluded that the rally title would be better as the 'Essex Highways Tending Stages' in association with Ringway Jacobs and 'Essex Sunshine Coast, Clacton'. We may want to discuss the 'in association' part and 'tidy it up'.

Attached is a revised 'Initial Consultation Draft', which if you are happy with it, I would suggest forwarding to all the attendees of the meeting on the 10th March.

I look forward to seeing you next Tuesday.

Thanks,

Tony.