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## **Details of e-mails received from County Councillor Peter Schwier, since the February PC meeting**

Regular e-mails have been received from County Councillor Peter Schwier since the last meeting. Please find below a list of each e-mail with brief details. If you have an interest in any particular e-mail listed (not already circulated) please let me know and I will forward the full document to you.

1. **ECC Recycling Centres Booking Process confirmed** - The booking process trialled across ECC recycling centres has been made permanent following positive feedback from residents (58% of respondents in favour of a booking system for cars). Received 28 February.
2. **Secondary school applications** - The total number of applications for September 2024 admissions, 17,039, is the highest number ECC has ever received. Of these, just under 97%, which is equivalent to more than 19 out of every 20 children, are being offered one of their named preferences of secondary school. Received 1 March.
3. **Replacement Essex Minerals Local Plan** – Reminder to take part in the consultation at [www.essex.gov.uk/minerals-review](http://www.essex.gov.uk/minerals-review). Received 7 March.
4. **Essex Minerals Local Plan** – Deadline for comments extended to 9 April. Received 13 March.
5. **£1.4 million Poppins Bursary to support training and qualifications in Early Years** – Applicable to new and existing staff to improve career opportunities. Received 14 March.
6. **Explore Essex Magazine** – Spring 2024. The digital edition can be downloaded here: [www.explore-essex.com/culture/essex-explorer](http://www.explore-essex.com/culture/essex-explorer) . Received 18 March.
7. **Highways Highlights** - Please follow this link to access the latest issue of Highways Highlights - [Highways Highlights - February - March 2024](#). Received 18 March.
8. **ECC Calling on landowners to cut back foliage from roadside ditches, trees and hedges** – Completing this work helps prevent flooding in wet conditions, and improves the visibility and usability of the road network. Received 4 April.