

Re-Fit Coast Road Public Toilets

The much needed, and long awaited, re-fit of Coast Road public toilets will be well advanced by the time you are reading this article. The plans and illustrations show a complete re-fit of both the Ladies and the Gents; this will bring these facilities up to high standard that will be both Covid-secure and, at the same time, offer a much enhanced experience for residents and visitors alike.

Improvements will include hygienic laminate wall cladding and cubicles, new Wallgate touch-free hand washing facilities, new WCs with touch-free flushing, water-less urinals, LED lighting inside and out, a baby change unit in the Gents, a mother/child friendly WC and baby change cubicle in the Ladies, the drinking fountain to be brought back into use, repainted disabled unit with up-grades where needed, and general refurbishment internally and externally. Ventilation will be improved with new skylights and extractors that will help air circulation at all times of the year.

To yet further improve the user experience the Council has let a new contract for cleaning and maintenance of all four public toilets; this will provide for a greater cleaning regime at Coast Road and Willoughby during peak periods in the Spring and Summer seasons. The drains and outflow to the main sewer at Coast Road have been cleared by a specialist contractor, and Anglian Water, prior to the re-fit. A regular flushing and cleaning routine will be carried out at Coast Road under the new maintenance contract.

All this has come at a substantial cost to the Town Council, although we have been fortunate in receiving a most generous grant from Colchester Borough Council, for which we are most grateful.

There will be some disruption in the car park whilst the work is taking place; the nearest public toilets will be those in the library car park. Disabled bays are available on Coast Road alongside the car park. Please bear with us during this period – the wait will be worth it.