

HERE ARE THE DETAILS

POLLUTION - Dangerous cargoes (e.g. fertilisers)
Dusty cargoes (tapioca, soya meal, coal, grain)

As a result of many complaints from organisations and individuals extensive monitoring was carried out by the Chief Environmental Health Officer into the pollution caused by inadequate handling of dusty cargoes at Wivenhoe, Rowhedge and the Hythe, and this has been reported to the Borough Council Health Committee. Loading and unloading by 'grab' into lorries from ships and warehouses has caused windblown dust to cover houses, people, cars, boats and the river.

On 5 November 1982 a Notice was served on the port operators prohibiting the recurrence of this nuisance and requiring them to install a suitable pneumatic or mechanical discharge and off-loading system for such dusty cargoes. They were given 6 months, from the date of receipt of the notice, to do this, or to cease handling such cargoes.

The storage of a fertilizer containing Ammonium Nitrate by Wivenhoe Port Ltd has been reported to H.M. Inspector of Factories, who has assured us that the firm have now been informed of the correct method of storage.

NOISE

The Health Committee has asked the Chief Environmental Health Officer to continue to monitor the noise emanating from the Port and decided that the port operators should be asked to give a formal undertaking to ensure that work should be restricted to the hours between 7 am and 10 pm with no work on Sundays, except in emergencies. Also that all such working in unsocial hours should be notified in advance to the Chief Environmental Health Officer. Traffic noise on the spinal route is already intolerable and is being monitored.

RIVER COLNE AND MARSHES

The pollutant load of the river Colne is already unacceptably heavy and must not be increased. Wind-blown residue of dirty cargoes, bilge and engine-room waste and rubbish tipped into the river from the wharfs now cause great concern. The adverse effect of this pollution and the increase in the amount of shipping already impedes the recreational use of the Colne and further endangers its wildlife and character, including the character of the 25 acres of Wivenhoe Saltings. The Wivenhoe Sailing Club, other organisations and individuals have complained to the Borough Council, as Harbour Authority, and to the Anglian Water Authority.

OVERALL PLAN FOR THE COLNE ESTUARY

A Colne Estuary Liaison Committee has been set up consisting of 13 local councils who are concerned about environmental problems arising from the increase in commercial shipping in the Colne Estuary. A Colne Estuary Study is being prepared by the County Planner and it is expected that the first four of seven or eight Issues Reports will be ready for consultation early in January 1983. The Liaison Committee will consider these reports. However, they will be for guidance only and not binding on the Colchester Borough or Tendring District Councils.

Storage of Coal - Property Associates Ltd (for Wivenhoe Port Ltd)
on the 10 acres - A on the Map

Colchester Borough Council served an Enforcement Notice requiring this firm to cease the storage of coal and to remove the coal already there. There is only permission to store timber and timber products on these 10 acres. Property Associates Ltd appealed to the Department of the Environment. The Department's Inspector upheld the Enforcement Notice and required the storage of coal to cease by 21 October 1982. Property Associates Ltd are now contesting this decision in an appeal to the High Court, on various points of law. The Department of the Environment's decision must now be held in abeyance pending the hearing of this Appeal. So the coal is still there!

Proposed 40,000 sq ft Warehouse on 10 acre site - Property Associates
Ltd (for Wivenhoe Port Ltd) - B on the Map

Colchester Borough Council refused to accept an application for approval of the details of a warehouse relating to a permission granted in 1966, as they contended there was no outline planning consent. The firm appealed to the High Court on this legal point and their appeal was rejected. The firm would not accept the Judge's ruling and are now appealing to the Court of Appeal.

In the meantime they submitted a fresh application (COL/953/82) for the erection of a warehouse on this site which the Borough Council rejected.

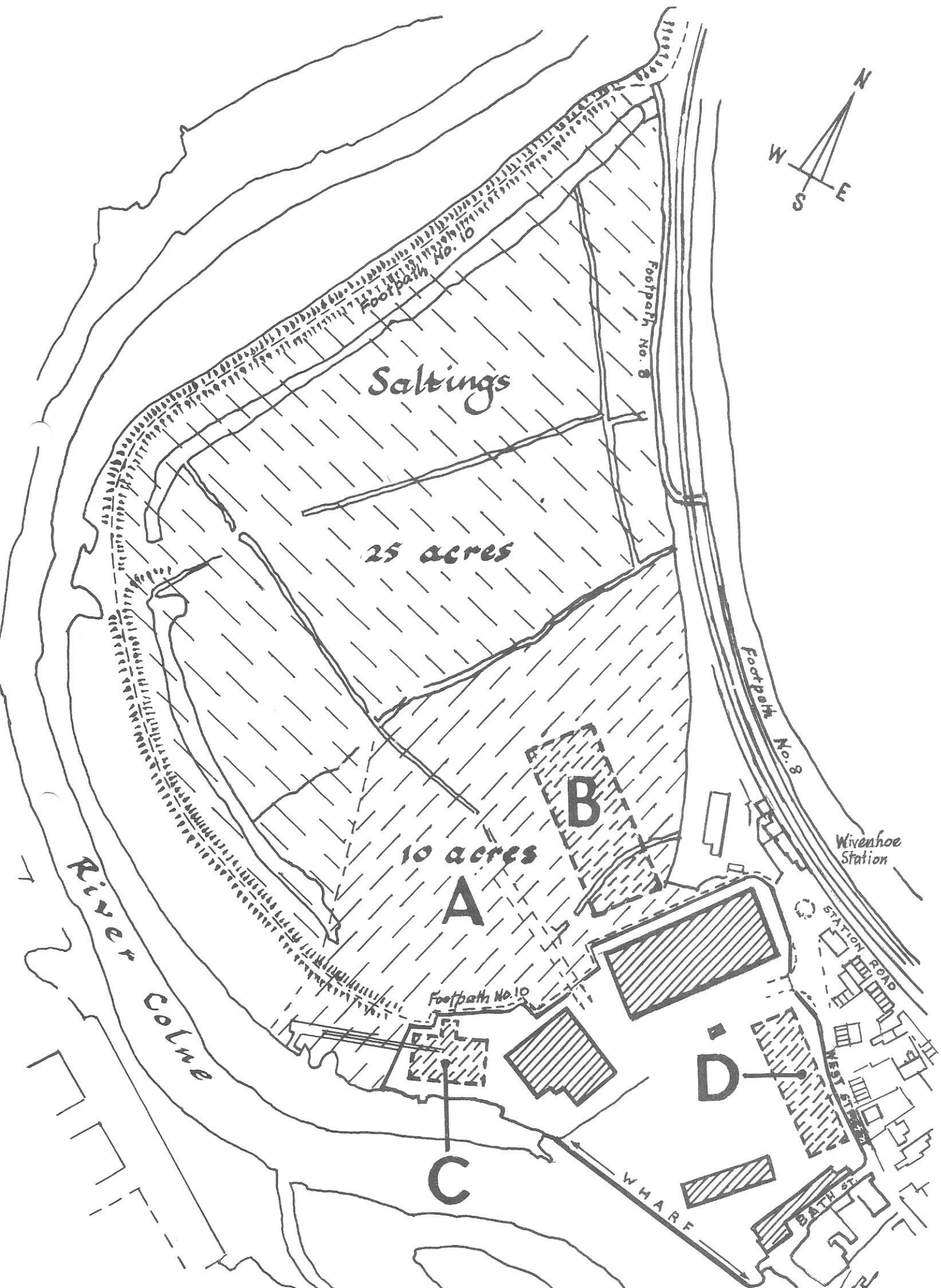
Proposed 12,500 sq ft Warehouse - Chelmer Cargo Services Ltd - C on the Map

Chelmer Cargo Services Ltd are forwarding agents. The firm use large juggernauts which may soon be replaced by 38-ton five-axle monsters. The Borough Council's decision to grant permission to operate such an unsuitable business in Wivenhoe has resulted in an application (COL/20/82) for an additional high security warehouse 52ft high (twice the height of the existing building). The Borough Council refused planning permission. A similar application (COL/906/82) for a building of a lesser height was also refused. The firm lodged an appeal against both these refusals with the Department of the Environment. A PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO BOTH THESE APPLICATIONS WILL START AT 10.00AM ON TUESDAY 1 FEBRUARY 1983 AT THE TOWN HALL, COLCHESTER.

Proposed 20,000 sq ft Bulk Grain Store - Property Associates Ltd
(for Broad Oak Ltd) - D on the Map

This application (COL/960/81) to build a huge grain store backing on to West Street, thus obscuring the view of houses along that street was rejected by the Borough Council. Property Associates Ltd (for Broad Oak Ltd) appealed to the Department of the Environment against this rejection, but subsequently asked that this appeal be held in abeyance until the High Court's decision on the 10 acre site was known.

The Borough Council's grounds for refusal of planning permission for the above proposals B, C and D related to increased vehicular traffic and highway dangers, increased nuisance from dust, smell, pollution, noise and general disturbance, also the adverse effect on visual amenity and the open character of the riverside area.



INFORMATION

This is what you should do about particular issues

On Planning Applications for the expansion of the 'Port'

- a Before any such application is considered by the Colchester Borough Planning Committee write to the Chairman of the Planning Committee at the Town Hall, High Street, Colchester.
- b Also write to The Borough Planner, Lexden Grange, 127 Lexden Road, Colchester, and request that your letter be placed before the Committee.
- c When such an application is reported to the Planning Committee, attend the Committee meeting at the Town Hall, Colchester, as observers, to show the Committee the extent of public concern.

On Appeals to the Department of the Environment against refusals of planning permission given by Colchester Borough Council

- a Write, supporting the Council's decision to refuse planning permission, to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Tollgate House, Houlton Street, Bristol, BS2 9DJ. Also forward a copy of your letter to the Borough Planner.
- b If the appeal goes to a Public Inquiry, do your utmost to attend the Inquiry. If you wish to give verbal evidence you will probably have to give notice of this. We will advise you as to the procedure.

On Appeals to the High Court against decisions of the Department of the Environment

- a Write to the Secretary of State for the Environment, 2 Marsham Street, London SW1P 3EB and to your MPs, Sir Julian Ridsdale and Mr. Antony Buck, at the House of Commons, London, SW1AA 0AA.
Urge the Department of the Environment to defend their decisions and ask the MPs to use their influence in the matter.
- b If you are in doubt as to the correct procedure get in touch with us.

On Reporting Specific Incidents

We would like to collate information on specific incidents e.g. traffic offences such as lorries mounting pavements, driving too fast or impeding the passage of other vehicles (especially buses), exhaust fumes, noise, pollution, danger or general disturbance; also any incidents on the river and evidence of pollution. Please write on such matters to any of the undermentioned. Such reports are essential to help us, the Borough Planner and the Chief Environmental Health Officer, the Borough Engineer and others to build up a picture of their effect on us.

If you can help individually or as an organisation and have any suggestions or need further information please contact any of the following:

John Potts	Hon. Secretary, Wivenhoe Port Co-ordinating Committee, Council Offices, High Street, Wivenhoe. Tel 2864
Lalla Hughes	Wivenhoe Society, 26 Belle Vue Road, Wivenhoe. Tel 3199
Walter Evans	Wivenhoe Port Action Group, Malting House, Malting Yard, Wivenhoe. Tel 4877

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