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EXCLUSIVE NEWS from your local Lib Dem team Cllr Martin Goss (your Parliamentary Spokesperson), Anne Turrell (your County Councillor) and your Borough Councillors David King and Phil Coleman.

GREAT NEWS AT LAST!

NORTHERN GATEWAY: THE NEW COLCHESTER SPORTS HUB IS FINALLY UNDERWAY



• How the new rugby club will look

Phil Coleman checking out construction of the new Sports Centre that will host cricket, badminton, fitness and a coffee shop.

After years of hard work and determination to get the best for Mile End, your ward councillors are delighted that construction has commenced.

Your councillors recently visited the site and development is progressing well and is on schedule to be handed over to Colchester Borough Council in early May 2020.

Both the new rugby club and sports centre buildings are taking shape with the cycle track and other ground works in place.

The all weather 4G pitches are being laid and the grass pitches are complete and looking green and in great condition. We are due to visit again in late autumn and will provide further updates and pictures of this great facility.

The Southern Gateway site for leisure facilities (opposite David Lloyd and at the back of the stadium) has planning permission and is marked for a cinema, hotel, indoor climbing and restaurants.

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SUCCESS FOR OUR CAMPAIGN FOR A NEW CROSSING IN NORTHERN APPROACH ROAD

We are pleased to say that the crossing we campaigned for on the Northern Approach Road from the Wallace Road junction has been approved and funded via the Local Highways Panel.

This will make a significant difference to the road safety of those using the area as well as making it easier for drivers to exit and enter Wallace Road from the Northern Approach Road by further regulating traffic flow.

The traffic regulation orders for the crossing are currently being advertised. The crossing will still be some time away from implementation, but the good news is it will happen without question.

Martin Goss said "This is good news for those crossing to Queen Boudica School and also for local residents who use that way to walk to Highwoods Country Park and other local amenities such as Asda. We will publish detailed timelines once we know them."

More local news on Facebook at :
[Martin-Goss-Liberal-Parliamentary-Spokesperson-for-Colchester](#)

DON'T MISS SCHOOL PLACE

School places advice and Secondary School update

If you're applying for a secondary school place please ensure you put down 6 choices and visit all schools. It will affect any appeal if you don't.

Trinity School is progressing. Essex Council Council have agreed the ground earth works. There's still detailed design going with the acoustic fence and decibel levels. A fresh report has been submitted by Mersea Homes to Essex County Council giving further detailed design.

Gilbert School is moving forwards with the Admission criteria for the new school. Expect to see a draft end of the year - it's likely to be a simplified version of the Gilbert one i.e. No music scholarship.

School opening date is still September 2021.

Local Lib Dems - working hard all year round

HOSPITAL DEVELOPING FOR THE FUTURE

• Finally, our Hospital has the investment to build

As we have reported previously the hospital is undergoing significant investment and change.

There is a new cancer centre nearing completion which will help improve the services offered locally. The front of the hospital is also completely changing with a new reception, A&E and integration of the walk-in-centre.

There will also be new retail facilities included with a new M&S food store and Costa coffee shop.

The shop and vital services offered by the Hospital League of Friends remains.

Martin was invited to meet with Chief Executive Nick Hulme to tour the Cancer unit whilst it was under construction and in-fact he visited before our MP was even invited!



Martin Goss with hospital Chief Executive Nick Hulme and staff

Martin has been visiting and representing your concerns with staff at Colchester Hospital for many more years than the Conservative MP has lived in Colchester.

We are fed up...

ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL HAVE STILL NOT RESOLVED ISSUES IN MILL ROAD

As you may recall Essex County Council were supposed to be delivering traffic calming for Mill Road in the Thomas Wakley area.

They are still working on trying to engineer a solution to allow for the delivery of a scheme in that area to try and only have local traffic using the road and to push the main traffic along Axial Way and VUR. *Essex County Council will be writing to local residents in Mill Road in due course with an update.*

Residents also fed back to the idea of trialling a 20mph limit on Mill Road from Brinkley Grove Road to the NAR. From the residents who responded over 60% were in favour. Essex County Council are considering this.

We have also requested that a mini roundabout at Bedford Road is considered to help with the flow of local traffic which will also help with traffic calming and speed control.

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I would like to help the local Lib Dem team:

- I will deliver leaflets in my street each month.
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LOCAL NEWS ROUNDUP

Enforcement Notice Issued at Northfields

Following a long battle to get the development to a completed state, Colchester Borough Council have issued an enforcement notice against Linden Homes to ensure they comply with planning permission regarding the landscaping on the site. They need to submit fresh plans and get agreement with Colchester on the work required to complete the landscaping so it can be adopted. This covers all landscaped areas and both open spaces.

Failure to comply will mean they will be taken to court in due course.

Putting your money to good use

Your three ward councillors each receive a Locality Budget to be used for good causes, charities or to support other initiatives in Mile End Ward or within Colchester.

In the past we have provided funds for- new benches, primary school playground equipment, Headway charity, Colchester Foodbank, Colchester Night Shelter and Dancing with Parkinsons.

Please let us know of good causes that we may be able to support.

Please note that Cty Cllr Anne Turrell does not receive any allocation as this is a Colchester Borough Council initiative which Essex County Council do not contribute to.

Development on former Rugby Club site

With the move of the Rugby Club, the site will be repurposed. The front part of the site by Mill Road will become a village green which will end up being looked after by Myland Community Council. This will be approximately 12 hectares of the site. There will be 300 houses built on the site towards the middle of the site and there will be a healthcare centre built at the rear of the site which will offer a range of onsite residential age related health facilities.

There's also discussions as to what happens with the existing Rugby Club community building on the site.

We have ensured that no traffic will be dispensed onto Mill Road for the future housing and the health centre and all entry and exit for the facilities will be from Axial Way.

Development of the housing is likely to be 2020 once all planning permission has been granted.

WARNING: Dog fouling

The whole of the borough of Colchester is covered by a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) to ensure dog owners pick up their dogs fouling. It is a £100 fine for anyone caught, with court action for non payment. Please report any regularly fouled areas with details to 01206 282222 and our zone wardens will attend to enforce the PSPO.