

HIGHWAY UPDATES

A134 Diversion

As you may have seen changes are being made to the A134 near the new Mersea Homes Chesterwell development. The changes were approved by Essex County Council Highways as part of the original planning application.

Latest details are:

- ◆ 07/03/16 - Electric diversion and commence northern tie in
- ◆ 10/03/16 - BT diversions and commence Fords Lane roundabout tie in
- ◆ 24/03/16 - Diverted A134 open to traffic. Fords Lane and old Nayland Road closed
- ◆ 29/03/16 - Permanent closure works to Fords Lane and old Nayland Road
- ◆ 20/04/16 - Resurfacing of Fords Lane roundabout

Turner Road sinking

We have escalated the current state of Turner Road which has just been patched again by Essex County Council.

The road seems to have some major issues as resurfacing works were only carried out in 2015 and within months some of the road was sinking!

We await a response to what ECC plan to do long term with the road surface issues.

Phil Coleman said "I am shocked at how road repairs seems to crumble within months of them being completed. This is a poor use of public money and rest assured we are on the case with Tory controlled Essex County Council."

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A concern or issue?

Please let us know below and we will pursue on your behalf.

FOCUS ON Mile End



EARLY SPRING 2016

£4,000 for Mile End - How you voted!



£2,000

For tree planting in Mile End which will be managed via Colchester Borough Council.



£1,500

For new play equipment in Mile End.



£500

For new sports equipment which has been split equally between Queen Boudica School and Braiswick Academy.



Martin and Dominic want to thank all the residents who voted for their favourite projects in Mile End.

Over 400 people submitted their voting preference online and based on the votes we have awarded the following funding to the top 3 projects listed in the panel on the left.

Dominic Graham said "We are overwhelmed by the response and are delighted to see your top 3 projects funded."

Locations are being agreed for the new tree planting.

A Merry Roundabout (right) and 'What time is it' play panel (left) have been purchased by Colchester Council for installation in the Mile End playground off Fords Lane.



Rubbish Collection survey

Colchester Council is currently running a consultation to look at potential improvements you may wish to see made to the current waste and recycling collections across Colchester.

In order to respond to the survey online please visit www.colchester.gov.uk/recyclingsurvey
The survey will run from March 7th to 5th June.

Dominic Graham said "I urge all residents to visit the website and take part in this survey, to ensure we can help shape the future service to be even more effective".



Your Lib Dem Team in action inside.....





Queues of Traffic at the hospital

We have been in touch with Colchester Hospital about the continued queues on Turner Road. We have asked for the barriers to be removed at the hospital car park as this seems to be part of the problem.

The Hospital responded with:

"We are working through a range of parking improvements this year and had already planned to amend the entry barrier layout. We have changed the entrance barrier arrangements so that there are two entry barriers and two exit barriers (previously there was one entry and three exits).

"This should go some way to improving the situation with further improvements to come later in the year."

Please let us know...

If this is an issue that is of concern to you and you would like us to pass on your views and/or suggestions then please contact us.

LATEST on Mile End developments

Northern Gateway

The detailed planning applications for the Cinema, Hotel, car park, road infrastructure, first phase leisure buildings and restaurants are due to be submitted by March 20th.

Longer terms plans for the other sporting facilities such as the move of the Rugby Club, new cycling facilities and other open space leisure facilities are also moving forwards as the plans start to firm up.

- Cinema.
- Hotel
- Sport facilities
- Climbing wall
- Wind Tunnel
- Restaurants

Severalls Phase 2

The Severalls Phase 2 development detailed planning application will be heard at the planning meeting on March 17th at the Town Hall. We will be in attendance to ensure all the points raised by us are covered.

We have made extensive representations on the detailed plans and these comments can be seen at:

www.mileendlibdems.org/severalls

We have also met with the consortium of developers to go through each point to ensure they are understood and taken on board.

Northfields

The minutes from the January Resident's meeting with Trinity Estates which was chaired by Martin Goss have now finally been published by Trinity Estates.

If you haven't seen these you can view them on our website at:

www.mileendlibdems.org/northfields

A full programme of works for completion of the development will shortly be published by Linden Homes which we will happily share with all residents.

Schools

Work on building the Camulos Academy Primary School is progressing well and the school building can be seen from the new Northern Approach Road opposite the Rosewood development (Crest Nicholson).

The school will open in September 2016 and will bring more much needed school places to our area.

The school website is:

www.camulosacademy.co.uk

We are still chasing Essex County Council to get the outstanding snags on the Braiswick School landscaping and signage resolved too.

Clean for the Queen with Asda



"Thank you to everyone who helped."

Martin Goss & Phil Coleman along with other residents took part in the Clean for the Queen event with Asda staff.

12 bags of rubbish were collected and the North Station and Turner Road areas got a spring clean.

Martin Goss said "People know my passion for clean streets so initiatives like this only help improve Mile End. Thank you to everyone who took part."

Northern Approaches parking



We will keep everyone informed as this project progresses

Residents have suggested what changes they might like to see to the current parking restrictions on the Northern Approaches Development.

We have asked the North Essex Parking Partnership to look at the suggestions but the key point to note is if changes are to be made they do need to be agreed by around 80% of all residents.



Mile End Cycle lane

As many of you will be aware Essex County Council started work on the Mile End Road cycle lane which nobody requested. We have along with other local residents been in discussions with ECC about the many issues identified about this project especially around safety and the pinch point to the south of Mile End Road.

The latest plans we received are on our website at:

www.mileendlibdems.org/cyclelane

But we still await further detail of the design for how the pinch point at the bottom of Mile End Road will be dealt with.

Phil Coleman said: "We have made it clear to ECC we are totally shocked that the project commenced without even the full design being agreed before spades went into the ground."



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