



FOCUS ON MILE END

EXCLUSIVE NEWS AND UPDATES FOR MILE END RESIDENTS September 2016

Your Liberal Democrat Team

Latest Development news in Mile End

Northern Gateway

Work continues on the Northern Gateway and both planning applications for the initial facilities which includes a state of the art Cinema, Hotel, car parking, restaurants, a wind tunnel, climbing wall and other sporting facilities which will be heard by the Planning Committee before the end of this year.

Work also continues on the next phase of the sporting facilities where a major part will see the relocation of the Rugby Club from Mill Road.

There is a separate major piece of work currently underway to look at the shape of the sporting facilities north of the A12 which will see the move of the Rugby Club to a new purpose built home. Many stakeholders, sporting bodies and local sporting groups are involved with the steering group in order to try and deliver a world class and multi-use sports facility we can all be proud of. We will keep you up to date on progress regarding this major project.

New Housing Developments

We continue to work on dealing with the various issues raised by residents on the **Northfields** and **Rosewood** developments. We are liaising with the developers as well as the management companies who are responsible for dealing with the majority of issues raised by residents.

We also wish to welcome all new residents on these developments including those who have moved into the Mersea Homes **Chesterwell** site.

Ford's Lane play area revamp

Currently plans are out for consultation for local children to choose the new design for the play area on the Mile End playing fields (where the Myland fete is held every year) which is being revamped.

We have contacted all local schools so they can ensure their pupils take part.

To view the details please visit our website www.mileendlibdems.org/fordslane.

Feedback on the plans closed 19th September.

LIONEL RITCHIE CONCERT

It was fantastic to see Lionel Ritchie performing at the Weston Homes Community Stadium recently. The event was well attended and feedback was excellent. Any comments we gathered from the car parking or other issues has been fed back to the Community Stadium Board, so improvements can be made.

The Community Stadium Board are looking to repeat the success and are hopeful a household name will perform at the Community Stadium next summer.



Is there anyone you would like to see there? Let us know!

BUS AND TRAIN LATEST

— Bus Timetables and new train franchise —



East Anglia Franchise



The East Anglia Franchise has been awarded to Abellio East Anglia, beginning in October 2016. We receive this news with caution as customer satisfaction has been at all time lows under Abellio's recent control.

We await the finer detail of the successful bid but Abellio have announced £1.4billion investment in the service including promises of new trains, free Wifi, automatic delay repay for season and advance purchase tickets and a host of new ticketing initiatives, starting in October 2017, which include offers for part time users.

Whilst we await full details, the Mile End Focus Team have campaigned for more flexible tickets for part time workers and welcome the recognition by Abellio of this important group of people.



Cllr Phil Coleman has asked Colchester Council and the Scrutiny Committee to question the Boroughs bus companies regarding their current services, ticket prices, information dissemination and plans for additional services to new developments, particularly in North Colchester.

Phil reported back that: "I firmly believe, as do many other Councillors and residents, that the current services, prices and information leaves a lot to be desired and must improve to serve Mile End and the rest of the town".

If you have specific stories regarding poor services please let us know.



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Waste consultation

Colchester Borough Council undertook a wide ranging consultation into waste and recycling in the Spring. The results are being carefully assessed.

We expect there will be an announcement about planned changes to kerbside collections in late September. It is likely there will be changes to the service and we will keep you up to date, as usual.

CARING 4 MILE END

Rugby Club Dog walkers

Changes will shortly be made where a bylaw will be passed to stop dogs being walked on the Rugby Club pitches. Unfortunately due to dog mess issues in the area and potential health risks to users of the Rugby club pitches this major decision has been taken. It's a shame a small minority of dog owners who do not clear up after their pets have allowed for this to happen.

Overgrown bushes

With an exceptional growing season our Zone Wardens and The Landscape Company have done a fine job cutting back hedges, trees and grass to stay on top of the growth to keep the ward looking smart. Please be reminded that it is the landowners responsibility to look after their areas and to ensure reasonable steps are taken to prevent overhanging trees, brambles and hedges do not obstruct roads and paths. Please report any areas that you feel need cutting back.

HOSPITAL MEETING

We recently had a very positive meeting with Colchester Hospital to discuss how they plan to grow the site in order to accommodate the closure of the Essex County Hospital on Lexden Road.

A positive plan is in place where additional staff car parking and other improvements will be made to the hospital over the next 24 months. The hospital wants to have an even closer working relationship with local residents as they are an important part of our local community.



HIGHWAY MATTERS FOR MILE END

Keeping Mile End residents informed of the latest highway updates in and around Mile End.

● Mile End Road cycle lane - progress at last

Mile End Road cycle lane has now been completed and thanks for collaborative effort of residents and our team we have managed to get some extra repairs carried out where Essex County Council were originally going to ignore them! Thanks in particular go to local resident Tony Bland. Replacement tree planting is still due to be completed.

- MILL ROAD pot holes – we have reported all the pot holes between Nayland Road and Via Urbis Romanae (formally the NAR) junction. Anne has requested that this part of Mill Road be considered for resurfacing as the road continues to deteriorate. The whole of Mill Road is due to be inspected during September.
- MILL ROAD Traffic calming is still being looked at by ECC. This includes a possible 20mph zone along the whole length including outside Myland School which may be completed first.
- MILE END ROAD AND NAYLAND ROAD is being looked at for a possible 20mph zone which was requested by residents.
- TUFNELL WAY/ BERGHOLT ROAD /Junction – The request for a smaller Pedestrian Refuge is in validated at ECC Highways.
- WALLACE ROAD AND DICKENSON ROAD junction on the NAR – a new request for better signage showing entrance to 20mph zone has been submitted.
- Path from PROPELAIR WAY to Station – A request for new drainage is in with ECC for approval.
- WALLACE ROAD/ NORTHERN APPROACH ROAD– a pedestrian crossing request for safer access to the school – a feasibility study has been commissioned.
- MYLAND footpath 41 – 400 metres of the resurfacing of this public footpath is in the design stage.
- BRINKLEY GROVE/MILL ROAD Juntion – To improve access we are waiting for trial holes to be done. The request for a crossing for school children in that area is also being validated by ECC.
- TURNER ROAD – work has been done to scan the road to look at the subsidence issues. Repairs have been made so let's hope they now last longer than the previous ones!
- BAKERS LANE was closed on – 5th September for 5 days worth of patching. Anne had requested ECC carry out complete resurfacing.
- BERGHOLT ROAD – Some repairs have been made but again we have asked for resurfacing as the road surface is awful. We have been told some resurfacing should happen in the 2017/18 financial year.
- BRAISWICK is no longer in Mile End Ward but it is still covered in the Mile End and Highwoods ECC Division. Mile End Residents may be interested that Fernlea Estate (the exit from Braiswick school is through Fernlea) has been validated for a 20mph zone and this request will be going to the Local Highways Panel Committee in March 2017 to get funding from the 2017/2018 budget.
- Also in BRAISWICK – a new request has been sent to Local Highways Panel for some speed calming on Braiswick around Westwood Hill junction
- The J28 A12 JUNCTION currently has problems at rush hour and with football fans leaving the stadium where congestion is appalling. We have reported these issues to Essex County Council and Highways Agency who look after the A12. We are awaiting feedback.

NORTHFIELDS

20mph ZONE CONSULTATION

Essex County Council are currently consulting on the proposed 20 MPH zone for Northfields. As the development is still not completed some traffic calming measures still need to be built by Linden Homes and extra traffic calming may be added if speeds are still found to be too high.

We have also raised objections about proposals to make McCluskey's Street two way.

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A concern or issue?

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

Given the cuts to front line policing and PCSO's it is now even more important that residents and communities are vigilant as to what is going on in their area. Please secure your homes, garages, sheds and cars.

You can sign up to your Neighbourhood Watch scheme with regular local crime updates, information and support your local area. If you see anything suspicious please call 999 if you believe it to be an emergency or call 101 to report a crime or any non-emergency issues.

If you have anything to report and wish to remain anonymous eg drugs related or or gangs please call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Crime and Neighbourhood Watch