



EXCLUSIVE news and updates for Mile End residents

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FOCUS ON MILE END

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Thank you for your support and re electing me as your Mile End and Highwoods County Councillor. Thank you to all those residents who helped me and the team achieve this in May, without your help we couldn't have done it.

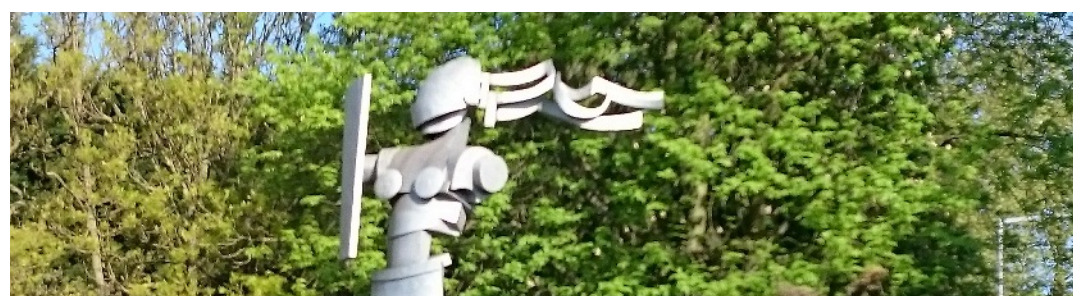
Your votes has enabled the Mile End Focus Team to stay together and strong and we will continue to represent you at both Councils.

At Essex County Council I am now the Deputy of the Liberal Democrat Group and I will be serving on the Audit Committee and I will be involved in the Corporate Scrutiny Committee. My Group at ECC will continue to challenge and hold to account the Conservative Administration at Essex County Council.

The Infrastructure Cabinet Member at ECC is working on a plan to improve transport and reduce congestion in Colchester as a whole. Our area is a major part of the plan and I have already been speaking to him about our issues. I have already spoken to him and highways about the ludicrous situation when ECC highways does not oppose new planning applications for housing in our area. As you all know Mile End and Highwoods is already one of the most congested areas in Colchester. ECC highways has to stop approving any more housing applications.

Finally once again I want to thank you for supporting me in such large numbers I am humbled by your support.

Anne



North Station congestion

Thank you to the 830 people who signed our online petition concerning dealing with congestion at North Station. This petition has been handed to Cllr Kevin Bentley at Essex County Council. Kevin is in charge of infrastructure.

Here are some of the proposals and ideas collected from residents that could help alleviate the congestion at North Station. We have submitted all the Essex County Council related ones to them for consideration. Where they are the responsibility of other parties e.g bus companies we will pass on the ideas and follow up.

- Essex County Council to fully implement Park and Ride proposals to further utilise the service with cheaper fares, longer running times and family friendly pricing.
- A complete re-design of the North Station roundabout area.
- Hopper bus service for Mile End to link with services into the town.
- Shuttle bus service from North Station ticket office to town.
- More trains from Colchester North to Colchester Town stations.
- Cheaper and more regular bus services from Mile End to Station and town centre.
- Immediate re-phasing of all traffic lights to solve current issues around the North Station area.
- Enforce yellow box junctions with cameras.
- Build a footbridge over the road from the station on South side down to bus stops by Wickes.
- Remove pedestrian lights crossing at Wickes or re-phase to allow better flow of traffic.
- Build a flyover over the roundabout North to South at Colnebank/Avenue of Remembrance
- Improve the signage from North Station station to NAR to take traffic away North to A12.
- Forward funding from Mersea Homes of £4million to start road improvements at North Station as soon as possible.
- Ask Essex County Council to apply for government funding from the £690million congestion busting pot to pay for improvements as soon as possible.

We will keep you informed as discussions continue with Essex County Council.

ROAD RESURFACING IN MILE END

Mill Road from the Northern Approach Road junction to Myland School end is being resurfaced in August.

Turner Road will be getting partial resurfacing later this year to deal with the continually sinking road.

Spring Lane and part of Bakers Lane is going to be resurfaced later this year.

We are still pushing for resurfacing to occur on Bergholt Road, Three Crowns Road and Kingswood Road (off Turner Road).

Where to collect your recycling containers?



If you require a food caddy, a green box for glass/tins or clear bags for paper/card please collect them from the Myland Community Council offices at 101 Nayland Road, CO4 5EN from 8am - 1pm weekdays.

If you have any issues with waste collections please let us know and also visit www.colchester.gov.uk/recycling



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ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

We are getting lots of complaints from residents of dog fouling, littering, speeding and some low level anti-social behaviour. We have reported all of your reports to our zone wardens and they have increased their patrols in the areas.

The fines for dog fouling have been increased to £100. Please keep reporting any issues as we are looking at making Mile End an even better place to live!

TURNER ROAD JUNCTION ACCIDENTS

Whilst the vast majority of drivers are considerate and follow the speed limits we have had reports of some drivers speeding and driving in a way that endangers other residents, therefore we have asked the police to target the area with extra patrols and at times when residents have reported such poor driving.

Following the recent nasty accidents at the junction with NAR/Turner Road we have asked Essex Highways to review the junction and we have also submitted a request to the Local Highways Panel for safety improvements.

Park and Ride update

Following both Cllr Coleman and Cllr Turrell's meetings with Essex County Council leaders and officers over further utilisation of the Park and Ride service, including earlier start and later finish, Sunday service, cheaper prices and family tickets they are still pushing these for consideration at County Hall via our County Councillor Anne.

MILL ROAD TRAFFIC CALMING

This is moving forwards and we hope to share an initial design shortly for residents to comment on which has been drafted by Essex County Council.

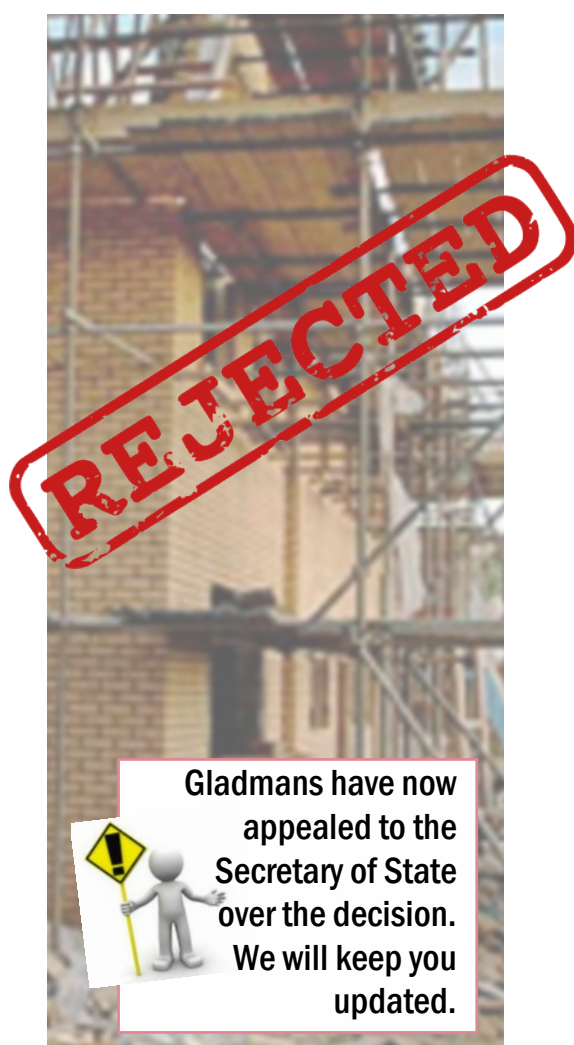


COMMUNITY PROJECT BUDGET

Each Colchester ward councillor received a Locality Budget to spend on projects as they see fit.

We have funding for this financial year between us so if you have any project ideas please email them to u2us@mileendlibdems.org and we will put the ideas out to the public vote later this year.

In previous years we have funded tree planting, a donation to the Homeless Night Shelter and also a new cycle rack at Mill Road park opposite Myland School.



Gladmans have now appealed to the Secretary of State over the decision. We will keep you updated.

POTHOLES

We are all well aware of the potholes in Mile End!!

We can assure you that every single one of them has been reported (on many occasions) Essex Highways have told us there will be lots of resurfacing coming up in Mile End this summer.

To date there have been over 11,200 claims to ECG for damage to cars from potholes, 945 have been successful so 91.5% fail. Please drive safely and slowly around these potholes to avoid both damage to your car and to avoid potential accidents.

WELCOME TO THE TEAM DAVID

We are pleased to welcome David King to our team working and supporting residents of Mile End.

David moved into Mile End, in the new Chesterwell development, in 2016, but with long standing family links, to Highwoods, Mile End and nearby Boxted.

He is married to Janet with 4 children and 8 grandchildren between them. He has had a long and varied career within the Senior Civil Service in the UK and abroad and is now a local parish councillor and a Chair of Colchester School Governing Bodies. He knows good governance is really

important. Councils need to consult and listen.

David wants to help make sure that your needs are heard by joining the Liberal Democrat Mile End and Highwoods team, to make the most of new developments in Colchester whilst keeping the best of what we have – including green space, paths and play areas – as our community grows and changes.

Contact David at 07738522641 or Davejan2002@aol.com



BAKERS LANE HOUSING APPLICATION REJECTED

Good news! The application for 122 houses in Bakers Lane was rejected following a strong campaign by your Mile End team ensuring a great number of objections were lodged.

The land was not zoned for housing and this played a big part in getting the application rejected.

Essex County Council Highways unfortunately did us no favours as they stated that the "application would cause no impact on the road network capacity in the area which includes Bergholt Road and North Station."

Martin Goss contacted Essex County Council and stated their response was "absolutely bonkers and perhaps you could point out where the road network capacity actually is?" No response was forthcoming.

We would like to thank all those residents who contacted us and supported us with our objections to stop yet more planned housing in Mile End.

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A concern or issue?

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

FREE to do in Colchester

Celebrating the 125th Anniversary of Colchester Castle with free tours from 28 July. To book a place visit the Rangers Station (bottom of Lower Castle Park, next to the children's playground).

Myland Craft and Gift Event Saturday 29 July, 11am-3pm, free entry. Craft and Gift items to browse.

Fun for the kids at High Woods Country Park - Summer Insects and Butterflies Saturday 5 August, 10am-1pm, free entry. Contact 01206 282920 for more information.

For more information on FREE events in Colchester visit: www.visitcolchester.com/things-to-do/free-days-out.aspx

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