

MILE END FOCUS

AUTUMN 2015

Edited by Ciarán McGonagle



Cllr.Martin Goss • Cllr.Dominic Graham • Ciarán McGonagle • Cty Cllr.Anne Turrell



350 RESIDENTS HAVE ALREADY
SUPPORTED OUR CAMPAIGN - If you
would like to help then please let us know.

MORE SAY ON YOUR £4,796...

THE ANNUAL COST OF
A TRAIN SEASON
TICKET TO LONDON

A significant number of residents in Mile End commute to work by train. Of these people, a great many work part-time or variable hours. Many with families now work flexibly allowing them to juggle work with childcare arrangements.

However, at the moment flexible workers must buy expensive one-off tickets, or season tickets which they then waste on the days they don't work or travel. Your local Liberal Democrat team in Mile End want to change this out-of-date system.

If you agree with us, please sign our petition today:

www.listentomileend.co.uk

We want to help commuters and families by getting the rail franchise holder (currently Abellio Greater Anglia) to

introduce Flexible Season Tickets. These tickets would give you the option to either pay only for the days on which you travel or to share your ticket with someone else.

The franchise is up for renewal this year, so there's never been a better time to make you voice heard.

We are also due to meet with Greater Anglia to discuss this initiative and also some other improvements we want to see as part of the franchise renewal.

Mill Road outdoor gym

Thank you to all
residents who
responded to our
consultation

Great news! The outdoor gym equipment at Mill Road open space, near Myland School, is now open and being well used. We delivered this scheme after consulting local residents on where they would like a new outdoor gym and what design they preferred.



Mile End Councillors Dominic and Anne trying out the new gym equipment.

Dominic
Graham said:

"This has
been an
exciting
project and
the end result
is something
we are really
proud of for
Mile End."

DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

LISTENING TO YOU, WORKING FOR YOU
AND KEEPING YOU INFORMED -
Your Mile End Lib Dem Team

Rosewood Development

The Rosewood development off Mill Road continues to grow and we have been working with estate residents - as well as existing Mile End residents - to deal with issues being highlighted.

A new camera has been installed at the Mill Road entrance of the development - as was always in the original plans - to deter people using it as a rat run through to the new Northern Approach Road extension.

Martin Goss said: "We will continue to support all residents with any issues they wish to highlight to us."

Severalls Phase 2

Talks are ongoing between the latest builders consortium interested in purchasing Severalls Phase 2 land. A deal should be announced shortly, but the important news to note is that less houses will be built on the site as the NHS are retaining more land than first envisaged.

Between Severalls Phase 1 and 2 only 1,000 houses will be built, a reduction of 500.

Get the latest updates or raise issues
direct by joining us on Social Media at:

[f mileendcolchester](https://www.facebook.com/mileendcolchester)

[@mileendnews](https://twitter.com/mileendnews)

Northfields update

Lib Dem Team Campaigner Ciarán McGonagle working in Mile End

The Mile End team have continued to enjoy working with all Northfields residents as their development continues towards completion. Issues that we have been involved with include:

- ✓ Dealing with the satellite breakdown where houses share communal satellite systems. This has been imposed by Linden Homes and is nothing to do with the planning policy or permission.
- ✓ Removal of Asda trolleys. We have been in touch with Asda HQ and the local store to ensure the local trolley system is upgraded. The Trolleywise initiative does not cover Asda as they don't have a direct contract for trolley collection for the Colchester store (and

won't be as we have asked), so all stray trolleys must be reported directly to Asda on 01206 543159.

- ✓ Chasing Linden Homes on outstanding light repairs, pavement repairs and estate completion. A follow up meeting will shortly be held with them.
- ✓ Dealing with recycling issues in some bin stores.

Ciarán McGonagle said: "I will continue to progress all outstanding issues for local residents until all matters are resolved."

A View from the Cabinet: By Cllr Dominic Graham

Colchester Borough Council is led by the Liberal Democrats, in coalition with Labour and the Independent group. Following the election in May 2015 the Cabinet is made up of 5 Liberal Democrat councillors, 2 Labour and 1 independent.

As a member of the Cabinet, I have specific responsibility for Street and Waste Services. This boils down to waste & recycling, car parking, and highways.

Each role has its own set of challenges which I'm relishing and have already got stuck into.

Waste & recycling is the only council service which is delivered to each and every resident.

Our staff currently have a remarkable success rate and missed collections are running at around just 0.03%. An incredible feat!

We're currently looking at ways to reduce waste going to landfill and increase recycling. A public consultation is expected in the New Year to ask residents for their thoughts, but if you have any ideas or suggestions, please feel free to contact me directly.

Car parking in Colchester is run by the North Essex Parking Partnership (the NEPP) – a partnership between Essex County Council along with Braintree, Epping Forest, Harlow, Tendring, and Uttlesford.

As part of the NEPP we are encouraging more residents to use

the MiPermit cashless and virtual permit scheme. Take up is increasing, which I'm very pleased about.

Highways (roads, pavements, footpaths etc) are generally the responsibility of Essex County Council, but my role is to liaise with Essex County Council to provide local knowledge and advise on proposed schemes.

I will continue to work with them to provide the best possible service for Mile End and Colchester's residents.



Councillor Dominic Graham reporting from inside Colchester Town Hall



HIGHWAY MATTERS

LISTENING TO YOU, WORKING FOR YOU AND KEEPING YOU INFORMED
Your Mile End Lib Dem Team

Road resurfacing

Mile End Road has now been resurfaced, which is good news for local residents. Those affected by the works complained to us about the poor communication from Essex County Council, which Anne Turrell took up with them directly. She has received a full apology they have promised communications with residents will improve in the future.

Meanwhile, major repair work to **Turner Road** is due to start on 10th September. Unfortunately, **Bergholt Road** continues to cause issues with the poor state of the road's surface. This has been escalated to ECC, but they responded stating the road was "within tolerance." We will continue to push for major repairs to this road.

Mill Road traffic calming

Essex County Council will shortly start measuring traffic volume along Mill Road so they can ascertain what types of traffic calming will be required.

£100k of funding is available and ideas include chicanes at the Squirrels Field pavement area, adding a 20mph limit to part of Mill Road and banning off HGVs.

The overall scheme design will be down to Essex County Council, but we want to ensure local residents are involved as much as possible.



CONCERN GROWING AT PLANS TO CLOSE REGISTRY OFFICE'S

Essex County Council are again looking at closing some of our services.

The Conservative run County Council are now considering plans to close some of the wedding rooms in some of its Registry Offices across the County. As yet we do not know if Colchester's popular wedding venue at Stanwell House is being targeted for closure.

Your Lib Dem County Councillor Anne Turrell told Focus: "This is an attack on those who cannot afford the high costs that can

go with other wedding venues. While claiming to support "family values" the Conservatives in Essex are attacking the affordability to marry by those who do not have the financial resources to do so.

"I will do all I can to try and ensure that Colchester's facilities are protected."

School update

Braiswick School is progressing towards completion for the first intake in September, when 60 pupils are expected to take up their first places. We are told that around 90% of the first intake come from the Mile End catchment area. Pupils will initially start their education in the Early Years building while the main school building is completed. They will migrate to the new building in January 2016.

Building on the new Severalls School off the NAR 3 has commenced and should be open by September 2016.

A new secondary school should be built around 2019 on the Mersea Homes development.

Can we help you?



Cllr Martin Goss

Tel: 07912 396335
gossmartin@hotmail.com



Cllr Dominic Graham

Tel: 07717 583491
domgraham@hotmail.co.uk



Ciarán McGonagle

Tel: 07834858877
ciaranmcgonagle@hotmail.com



Cty Cllr Anne Turrell

Tel: 752418
AnneTurrell@msn.com

Have an issue?

Let us know if we can help

Please write below and return to us at : Mile End Lib Dems, Magdalen Hall, Wimpole Road Colchester CO1 2DE

Name.....

Email.....

Address.....

.....Postcode

Phone.....



If you return this form the Liberal Democrats and their elected representatives may use the information you've given to contact you. Some contacts may be automated. By providing your data to us, you are consenting to the data holders making contact with you in the future by telephone, text or other means, even though you may be registered with the Telephone Preference Service. You can always opt out of communications at any time by contacting us.