



Keeping you informed of what is happening in Mile End **Thank you special 2016**

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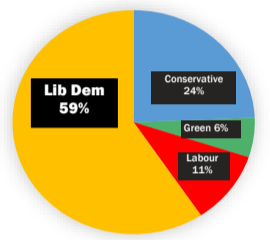


YOUR MILE END COUNCILLORS
Dominic Graham - Martin Goss - Phil Coleman

It is quite humbling when standing for election to get the backing of 59% of the voting community and Martin, Dominic and Phil want to thank you for voting.

The results were as follows:

Martin Goss	1,666
Phil Coleman	1,375
Dominic Graham	1,344



The percentage of votes for the Borough Elections in Mile End

The Tory vote collapsed and their votes were 731, 543 and 525. Their vote fell to a record low of 24%.

We promise to continue to work hard on your behalf and deliver for Mile End and all residents. We will be looking into some heavy weight items this year such as Train and

public transport services, looking into Mental Health services and also the homeless as well as Community facilities in Mile End.

If there is anything you would like us to champion please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Phil Coleman said:

"I am delighted that the entire Lib Dem team has been elected and I am here to help the team improve Mile End even further."

Northern Approaches parking

The North Essex Parking Partnership have now added our request for funding for an entire parking review across the whole of the Northern Approaches development to their October meeting for discussion.

Dominic Graham "We are hopeful that money will be

awarded so parking across the entire development can be reviewed and any possible changes can be shown to residents for their comments. Any changes would need to be agreed by 80% of residents."

We have also put in a request to the Local Highways Panel to get the 3 roundabouts on the development reviewed and reduced in size.

We will keep you informed of progress.

The state of our roads

Essex County Council (ECC) as you may be aware are responsible for Highway matters such as pothole repairs, new road infrastructure and also street lighting.

They also take on the road and lighting adoption of new developments so are currently working on Rosewood, New Braiswick

Park and Northfields with each developer.

We have escalated the state of Turner Road and ECC are looking into why the road keeps sinking.

We have also now been told that the worst part of Bergholt Road will potentially be resurfaced in financial year 2017/18.

Bakers Lane will receive some resurfacing works

this year and we are pushing for work to Kingswood Road and Mill Road.

Anne Turrell said: "As your County Councillor I keep chasing ECC on a regular basis to deal with the state of the roads. I have also met the Tory Portfolio holder at ECC to discuss many of these issues."

Mile End Cycle Lane

You may have noticed work starting on the £750,000 Mile End Road cycle lane by Essex County Council.

To be clear, we have objected to this project when we first found out about it and have supported a formal

complaint made by the Colchester Cycling campaigners as they don't support the project either.

We have asked ECC to replace all trees which have been removed and also suggested places where further trees

should be put in along Mile End Road. The pinch point at the bottom of Mile End Road is also not yet resolved and we are pushing for ECC to share the designs for this area.

Fords Lane Play Area Refurbishment



One of the new and exciting projects we are currently working on is the refurbishment of the play area off Fords Lane which is near Mile End Playing Fields (where the Myland Fete is held every August Bank Holiday).

The play area is now very old and needs a complete refurbishment. Plans are being worked up for the new design which we will share once available.

We have already purchased several bits of new equipment for installation when this project gets underway. If you would like to get involved with this project, please do let us know.

Dominic Graham said "As a young dad it is so important to have great play areas for all ages of children. I'm really looking forwards to seeing the designs for the refurbishment."

Mill Road Traffic calming

Anne Turrell has been meeting with Essex County Council to discuss traffic calming measures for Mill Road. £100k was set aside many years ago to deal with traffic once the Northern Approach Road extension was built.

All ideas were put forward by residents such as a ban on HGV's, 20 MPH zone from Brinkley Grove Road roundabout to Myland School, mini roundabouts by Bedford Road and Romulus Close and extension of the pavement by Squirrels Field where the area is very narrow to create chicanes.

ECC highways are looking at options and currently working up some designs which we hope we can share later this year.

20 MPH for outside Myland School is progressing separately and we hope to know the implementation date for this shortly.

Tree planting

You may recall Martin and Dominic allocated £2000 to tree planting in the old Mile End Ward boundary. Trees have now been planted in the following locations:

- 3 new trees in Dickenson Road off the Northern Approach Road
- 6 new trees on the Bergholt Road open space
- 2 new trees in Gresley Close open space on Turner Rise
- 1 new tree in Fellowes Close open space on Turner Rise

We will be looking to fund more tree planting in Mile End in the future.

Martin Goss said: "I am delighted to see further trees planted and if there are areas you wish us to look into please do not hesitate to get in touch."



Bergholt Road play area

You may recall the Bergholt Road play area led by Myland Community Council and local dentist Stephen Pitt along with our support was refurbished 2 years ago.

We have been working on some further improvements to deal with the wet areas and new matting will be fitted to deal with the issues. This will happen later this year.

We are also looking at whether the cycle track area can be upgraded and what options would be available.

Fibre Broadband

We would like to hear your experiences about your broadband provision in Mile End. Some areas have Super Fast Broadband and others have no provision.

Martin Goss is Mile End's Broadband Champion and is working behind the scenes to try and ensure new developments all have fibre and existing residents are also catered for sufficiently.

Please contact Martin on 07912 396335 or email u2us@mileendlibdems.org with your personal experiences.

New developments in Mile End

We continue to work on various issues on the Northfields Development, New Braiswick Park and Rosewood Developments.

We have also been in touch with Mersea Homes about any issues raised during construction of the Chesterwell development.

Martin Goss said: "New residents who have been welcomed to Mile End as well as long term residents can rest assured we are in constant contact with developers and Management companies to ensure they are being held to account and doing what they should be doing for our area."

Schools update

The Braiswick Academy continues to welcome new pupils and by September the school is expected to have around 120 pupils on their roll. If all pupils who have been offered a place for September accept the school will have around 70% attendance from within the catchment area, which is quite a major achievement for a new school.

Dominic has arranged for parents of pupils at Queen Boudica school so they can park at the Highwoods Country Park off Turner Road for free. You will need to contact the school for a permit and it can only be used at morning drop off and afternoon pick-up times.

The Queen Boudica school pathway from within land on the walk-in centre should be getting started by contractors on behalf of Essex County Council shortly. This will make it easier for parents to access the school from the Turner Road area.

The Camolus Academy off the new Northern Approach Road, opposite the Rosewood development continues to be built to schedule. It will open in September 2016, bringing further school capacity to Mile End families.

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NORTHERN GATEWAY

Full detailed plans have now been submitted for the initial phase of the Northern Gateway. These include new restaurants, a state of the art Cinema, hotel and leisure facilities including potential for a climbing wall, wind tunnel and other state

of the art activities along with 750 car park spaces.

The plan will be decided by the planning committee in the summer so providing it is approved we hope to see works start on it later this year.

The David Lloyd Sports Centre is due to open in October. Once complete members will be able to enjoy state of the art facilities near the football stadium, including Gym, studios for spinning, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, spa, spa garden, indoor and outdoor tennis courts, kids facilities and a cafe bar.