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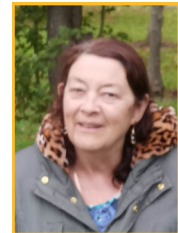
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Don't go hungry - we are here to help with confidential support and food.

WE ARE ONLY TWO PAY PACKETS AWAY FROM DEBT AND HUNGER

It does not take much to find yourself needing a helping hand to not go hungry.

Many have suddenly found a change in circumstance. We are here to help in strict confidence if you find you need some assistance.

MILL ROAD RUGBY CLUB GROUNDS

Mill Road rugby club is currently undergoing works to provide the drainage for the longer-term development of the site.

You will see some of these works ongoing at the Mill Road entrance.

12 acres of open space will remain at the Mill Road end of the site with the rear half of the site being development with 350 new homes, a new generational healthcare facility and some commercial units.

The 12 acres of open space will eventually be handed over to Myland Community Council to maintain. The existing rugby club building will remain as a new community centre - whether to

refurbish or demolish the building and start afresh are currently being looked at.

Significant investment would be needed to the existing building so viability is important of new verses refurbish and is key to the right decision.

All traffic for the new houses, commercial units and generational care facility will access it from Axial Way only - NOT MILL ROAD. Access to the open space will only be allowed from Mill Road as it is now.

FOCUS ON MILE END

Local updates from the Mile End Liberal Democrat Team



Winter 2021

McDONALDS PLANS AT TURNER RISE



Residents are concerned over the increase in traffic and lack of additional parking spaces

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THANK YOU TO ALL THE KEY WORKERS AND VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED KEEP US GOING



HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

NAME.....

POSTCODE.....

Can we keep you updated about our activities including campaigns, events, fundraising and details about how to get involved?

Yes No

EMAIL.....

TELEPHONE.....

I can give 1 hour a month to deliver leaflets in my area.

I would like a poster at the next election to show my support for the Liberal Democrat team.

I would like to join the Liberal Democrats.

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Some of you may already be aware that McDonalds have put in a planning application for a new restaurant building at the Turner Rise Retail Park. The new building will be next to Go Outdoors and next to Pizza hut.

The car park is 390 spaces and only 4 additional spaces will be added. There will also be changes to the rear access road to the park to allow for a set of drive through lanes to be created.

The application has received a high level of objections from residents with the most major concern being extra traffic in an already highly congested area at peak times.

Martin Goss has "called in" the application so it must go through the highest level of possible planning scrutiny and the ultimate decision will fall to the planning committee.

We have also made sure Essex County Council are aware of concerns regarding this application as well as all Mile End Councillors objecting to it.

To make a comment on the planning application visit:

www.colchester.gov.uk/planning

and search under application number 202771. Click the "make comment" button and input your comments. Any submission must be made on planning and transport grounds.

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LITTER WARRIORS

We now have around 25 litter warriors in Mile End - thank you to all those who volunteered and go out litter picking regularly.

If you would like to become a litter warrior, please contact us for further details. It's a great way to spend time with your family, put something back into the community and also keep fit!

BRAISWICK LANE PARKING

We wrote to all residents in the area about removing one parking space on Nayland Road where visibility is poor coming out of Braiswick Lane.

We delivered the letter in August 2020 but little response was forthcoming from the public at the time as we need around 80% of residents in the area to be in favour.

If you would like to comment please email u2us@mileendlibdems.org with your views.

GRASS VERGE PARKING

No Parking over verges signs are now fully installed along Mill Road, the Braiswick Park development and on the Northern Approaches development.

It means if a vehicle parks on grass verges they will receive a parking ticket.

If you'd like signs for your grass verges in your street, please let us know!

SPEEDING

We continue to raise speeding issues and have asked for regular speed checks on the Northern Approach Road, Axial Way, Via Urbis Romanae, Boxted Road, Mile End Road, Mill Road, Bergholt Road and Braiswick.

KINGSWOOD HEATH

It is positive to see the playgrounds are starting to move forwards at Kingswood Heath. Following collective pressure, the playground at Myland Court Walk has opened and where legal issues held up playgrounds in Cavell Avenue and Birchwood Drive/Maplehurst Road, proper planning consent has been applied for and approved with conditions.

The safety concerns at the play area in Fox Way overlooking the Via Urbis Romanae main road have also been addressed with the basketball court. A fence will have to be added for safety.

NORTHFIELDS

Following extensive work by us and the planning enforcement team a date and scheme has now been agreed for planting on Northfields. Subject to the latest covid situation works are due to commence around January 25th 2021.

We aim to bring the adoption and issues at Northfields to an end in 2021 and make sure all stakeholders live up to their collective responsibilities.

CHESTERWELL

The next phase of Chesterwell is underway with the next houses being under construction. We have been assisting with the issues over the management company SDL ensuring their feet are held firmly to the fire in dealing with all issues raised.

BAKERS LANE

Bakers Lane has been closed at the top end with Braiswick for full road surface and pavement reconstruction. As ever some difficulties have been experienced meaning the works won't be completed until mid-February 2021.

The road will remain closed apart from resident's access until the middle of February.

Rosewood

A call was held with the Managing Director of Crest Nicholson before Christmas about a number of outstanding matters including appointment of residential directors, reimbursement of some tree planting costs and street light costs reimbursement where HML the managing agent mistakenly repaired lights at the cost of residents.

Adoption has also been held up by the lack of main drains adoption on the VUR. We have put pressure on Essex County Council and Anglian Water to get this resolved. This is moving forwards now.



SAVE OUR TREES

ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL PLANS TO REMOVE TREES FOR NEW BUS LANE

NAR BUS LANE

Some of you might have seen activity along the segregated land along the Northern Approach Road which flanks Dickenson Road and Wallace Road going down to Bruff Close.

Funding has been applied for and awarded from Government for a segregated bus corridor along this route. Surveys are being undertaken and markings made on the pavements of where utility services reside.

The proposal is to remove the existing fence, planting and bund on the Wallace Road and Dickenson Road roadside and extend this out so that the full bus lane can be accommodated.

Replacement fence, planting and bund would

be rebuilt nearer to the houses. We have raised concerns about all of the trees which would be removed and expressed in the strongest possible terms that these must be fully reinstated and replanted either in the area or somewhere else in Colchester.

To destroy these would be environmental vandalism.

We will let you know more as the design for this develops. **Work is expected to start in late 2021.**

MILL ROAD SLOWS TO 20



Essex County Council are moving forwards with a proposal for Mill Road and all roads off to be 20mph between from Severalls Lane through to the Northern Approach Road ends of Mill Road.

Some roads in Highwoods have also been included for 20mph.

Mill Road was as many residents might remember proposed for traffic calming to ensure most traffic uses the Axial Way, VUR and NAR route rather than Mill Road as a local cut through.

We remain exceedingly disappointed at the lack of traffic calming on Mill Road where Essex County Council haven't been able to implement any of the suggestions from residents such as a roundabout at Bedford Road or Romulus Close or for a traffic "give way" gate similar to that used in Gavin Way.

Affected residents have been sent letters and can respond directly to Essex County Council with their views.

SCHOOL NEWS

TRINITY SCHOOL

The planning documents were submitted by the Gilbert School for approval to expand the school to accommodate the 120 pupils from the Trinity Academy from September 2021.

There were some questions from Essex County Council over coaches and traffic which have now been answered.

The Department for Education has appointed their contractor who will design and build the school. They will submit the planning application for the main Trinity School building at Chesterwell by April 2021. The design of the school uniform has also been released for comment.



School parking visits

Visits have been made by PCSO Daniel Ling, Cllr Martin Goss and parking enforcement to Myland School, Camulos Academy and Queen Boudica School.

One parking ticket was issued and some parents were spoken to at all schools where parking was somewhat dubious with words of advice being offered by PCSO Ling.

These visits will continue in 2021.