

## LATEST: Northern Gateway



### It is getting closer!

Revised planning permission has been given for the 'Turnstone' development.

Progress has been slowed by the pandemic. But work continues towards the design and delivery of a **new leisure and entertainment centre**, to bring a **12-screen cinema**, restaurants, hotel, bowling alley, indoor golf and climbing centre right by the Community Football Stadium. Another great facility nearby!

It is great that the Northern Gateway development will benefit from a local power grid using natural renewable energy from underground sources to provide heating and hot water for the whole area, and an integral digital network providing ultra-fast broadband to the new local homes and businesses.

**We want to be as GREEN as possible here in Mile End**

### Northern Approach Road Bus Lane

Following resident feedback and our intervention changes have been made to plans for the bus lane along the NAR.

Some amendments have been made to fence alignment along with some further enhancements to landscaping.

Development of the lane will take 12 months and will likely commence in early 2022.

### Rosewood

Work continues by Crest Nicholson to get road remedials completed. One of the biggest hold ups was the main drainage in

the Via Urbis Romanae not being adopted - this has now happened allowing for drainage adoption to start to move forwards on all newly built estates that feed into the main drainage.

Crest have also confirmed they will resign residential director positions on the management company HML and interested residents can then be appointed.

### Northfields

Remedial works at Northfields are moving forwards with a view all will be completed by the end of December 2021. Works have cost over £100k.

## Helping YOUR good causes!

Your local Councillors have small budgets to help where we can, from bulb and tree planting to park benches to grants to youth clubs, Foodbanks and Munch Clubs.

Phil paid £600 recently to support Queen Boudica's summer camp for kids. David is talking now to our local schools about funds to help them with their Forest and Wildflower projects, to help our children enjoy growing!

If you have any recommendations or good causes, please do get in touch with any of the team. **We will help directly if we can or connect you to others who may be able to assist.**

### Trinity School LATEST

The new Trinity School for Chesterwell is running late.

We know delay and disruption is a worry and have been working closely with the Gilberd and Trinity Schools to reduce the impact and to keep parents up to date.

David and Martin have pressed the Department for Education hard to minimise the delays and to keep parents informed.

#### GOOD NEWS

We have been assured the new school will have to happen for September 2023. David will update when we have more news.

A yellow lines parking scheme will also be worked up and consulted on to help improve the numerous poor parking especially on junctions.

### Mill Road youth shelter

Due to anti social behaviour at the Mill Road youth shelter, which has included the smoking and dealing of drugs and late night noise, the sides to the shelter have been removed to help discourage this behaviour.

The situation will be closely monitored and the police are aware of the issues.

If you witness or are concerned about any anti-social behaviour then please let us know.

# FOCUS

ON MILE END



## Local updates from the MILE END Liberal Democrats

## OPEN: YOUR fantastic £29M Sports Park!

After years of planning and construction it is finally here



Just a short walk or cycle away, Colchester's Northern Gateway Sports Park opened its doors for free on Saturday, 24 July, giving 4,000 young people and adults the chance to try their hand at a huge range of great facilities, as well as free coffee from Paddy & Scott's.

The £28.8 million, 76-acre Northern Gateway Sports Park, boasts a 1-mile Cycle Track, Pump Track, a Learn to Ride cycle area providing a safe space to learn to cycle at any age. Plus, 3G pitches, grass rugby pitches, fitness suite, exercise studios indoor cricket, badminton, archery - and more.

It is also a great place to run, walk or cycle, take the dog, on a lead please, or to cycle through, as thousands of shrubs and trees continue to mature.

Phil Coleman has been our voice for better, given his great sports background. But we are all proud to have helped make this happen. Do visit. Or look them up online.

### What YOU say

Residents say we are approachable, quick to help where we can and all over the issues that matter. We hope that is true. We do try! When we miss something, you tell us. Thank you! Keep getting in touch and report issues on the Council websites. And come to us when they do not listen. Together we can get the best for Mile End.

## YOUR TEAM AT WORK

- **Education and school provision** - fighting for Trinity School
- **Developers** - getting them to deliver on play areas and promises
- **Management companies** - securing better service, challenging their costs, securing rebates
- **Highways** - pressing County Hall for better, from potholes to better bus lane designs Youth and sports provision - getting a fantastic
- **Northern Gateway Sports Park** delivered and campaigning for a transformational Youth Zone for Colchester

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## Chesterwell latest

**We welcome more residents as they move in - many already who live in Colchester.**

Following complaints from residents we have now managed to get management company SDL removed. PMS will take over most of their areas and responsibilities. Handover is in progress.

Countryside Properties now have planning permission for their next phase of the site which is the land behind Boxted Road. We managed to get some changes made to the original plan following concerns raised by local residents.

The new Coop store build is well underway and will be open for December. The Coop store on Nayland Road is safe.

## Kingswood Heath latest

**Again welcoming new residents, again many local, development of the site nears completion and all houses should be completed by May 2022, if not sooner.**

Discussions are now moving forwards on the new Community Centre which will be sited near Camulos Academy.

The new Coop store and nursery has been slowed down by land transfer issues which are now resolved and the latest start date mooted is February 2022. It will be the Manchester Coop as opposed to East of England Coop.

The final playground and basket-ball area should open by end of November 2021.

## School parking enforcement

**Visits have been undertaken by your local Cllrs along with PSCO Dan Ling to look at school parking issues at Queen Boudica, Camulos Academy and Myland Primary.**

One parking ticket was issued by a parking warden and lots of advice issued to those parked in a manner considered to be illegal e.g. pavement parking or by a junction.

Visits and enforcement will continue.

# Mill Road former Rugby Club site latest



**New development at the former Rugby Club site now has planning permission.**

The development will include 350 family homes with some affordable housing, a generational healthcare campus for older

people, a 20-bed private acute surgical hospital and new medical centre that could accommodate local GPs.

The former rugby club building will be demolished to become a new £1.8 million community centre and will be called St Mark's run by a church. There will also be 12 acres of open space at the Mill Road end of the site,

Access for the main site will be from Axial Way and only access to the community centre will be from Mill Road as it is now.

Development is likely to start in 2022.

# LIB-DEMS TAKE THE LEAD

## GREENING OUR BOROUGH

From planting trees and wildflowers, to reducing plastics and waste going to landfill, we are doing our bit.



Former Council Leader Cllr Mark Cory (left) with former Cabinet member Cllr David King (right) planting trees for the future

**We are proud of our green legacy, and proud to have led Colchester Council to be amongst the top in the country in reducing our carbon emissions.**

Under the leadership of Councillor Martin Goss who was the Cabinet Member for waste, Colchester was nominated for national awards.

In 2019 Colchester Borough Council had among the lowest household waste per head. The Council were also the second best in England for reducing the amount of rubbish to the dump.

Colchester Council under our leadership created the Woodland and Bio-diversity project. This includes areas of wildflower planting, no-mow as well as natural regeneration.

### TREES FOR ALL

By next year over 60,000 will have been planted as part of our drive for more trees.

### THE BEST

It was a great honour to have been named in the top 3 councils in the country for being green by Friends of the Earth.

**There is still much more work to achieve a greener Colchester.**

# YOUTH CAMPAIGN

GETTING A BETTER FUTURE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE OF COLCHESTER



**Youth Zones are a huge step change for young people they provide fantastic facilities and people that can change lives.**

The centres give youngsters somewhere to enjoy a wide range of activities, learn skills and socialise in a safe way. Activities include climbing, music, art, cooking, hair and beauty, sports hall, mental health support as well as academic and careers support. Meeting the needs of all young people; particularly vital after the loss of academic and social meeting during Covid.

**A Youth Zone for Colchester was first put forward by Lib Dem Councillor Phil Coleman after he visited one in Barking. this was over two years ago.**

Phil is driving this on behalf of residents in Mile End. We have

been determined to get this amazing and vital service for our youth ever since.

**While being the leading Party running the Council, we set money aside in the Council's budget alongside looking for possible sites.** When the Conservatives assumed power as a result of the support of the Highwoods Independents in May they took money away from the town deal allocation that was to fund the Youth Zone.

While recognising the challenges facing the country post-Covid and Brexit, we are determined to source funding and locate the best site for a facility for the future of Colchester. post-Covid we desperately need to invest in our young people and their futures.

Your Lib Dem team will continue to fight for a Youth Zone. A facility that will help our children and

young people to achieve their ultimate abilities for a better and stronger future for them in the workplace and life.

**Many residents have already given their support - where we have asked residents if they would support a Youth Zone, we have received an amazing 99% support.**

It is therefore disappointing that the Conservatives are not supporting what we had put in place. Our pledge to Colchester and to our youth is that a Youth Zone for Colchester will be one of our top priorities to deliver for a greater and better future.

**YOU CAN HELP  
CAMPAIGN FOR OUR  
YOUTH BY  
CONTACTING YOUR  
LIB DEM TEAM TODAY**