



FOCUS ON MILE END

From Your Liberal Democrat Team

EXCLUSIVE NEWS AND UPDATES FOR MILE END RESIDENTS

Spring 2017

PETITION CALLING ON ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL TO FIGHT CONGESTION AT NORTH STATION GENERATES LARGE SUPPORT

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We have been working to look at how North station congestion can be alleviated. The issues have been made worse by the road widening at Colne Bank Avenue which will complete in May and add an extra lane for traffic. We did ask Essex County Council (ECC) to open the bus lane at North Station but the request was refused.

On March 21st we met with the Deputy Leader of Essex County Council who met us at North Station at peak time in the evening so he could see the issues first hand.

We have also asked the Council Leader of Colchester Council to contact the Leader of ECC to ask for urgent action to improve the area.

In the short term we want to see the whole traffic light system to be reviewed and the design and phasing to be amended as clearly it's not working properly.

We have started a petition calling for all these items to happen now. Please sign the petition at www.listentomileend.co.uk



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Secondly we want the £4,000,000 which is due to be spent on the North Station area on infrastructure improvements from the Chesterwell development to be forward funded by Essex County Council now – not in 2023 when the investment is due!

We also want Essex County Council to apply for some of the £690 million from the Government's new congestion busting fund to invest in the area.

Park and Ride Improvements Meeting with Essex County Council

On February 7th Cllr Anne Turrell and Cllr Phil Coleman met face to face with Cllr Eddie Johnson from ECC who is in charge of the park and ride. They asked for the urgent improvements listed right.

Following on from the creation of the additional stop for the Park and Ride at the hospital, Councillor Phil Coleman and Essex County Councillor Anne Turrell visited Cllr Johnson at County

Hall to present a document that outlined key proposals to further utilise the currently underused service.

Cllr Coleman highlighted how additional utilisation of the service could alleviate congestion in North Colchester and improve passenger numbers.

Cllr Johnson agreed to look at all the proposals, in particular the earlier/late running of the service, with his officers reporting back as soon as possible.

Anne Turrell said: "Cllr Johnson said he would explore the options and give them consideration. We need the Park and Ride to get a higher utilisation so it takes cars off the road and reduces congestion at peak times."

KEY PROPOSALS INCLUDE:

- Starting the service at 6am and finishing at 8pm to target commuters driving to the station.
- The service to stop at the station main ticket office.
- Creation of family tickets pricing similar to Ipswich.
- More flexible ticket options to take into account bulk car passengers.
- Creation of a Sunday and Bank Holiday service.
- Under 16s travel free during all school holidays.
- School holiday discounts.

Medieval Kiln Found | Mile End

Excavations by the Colchester Archaeologists Trust at the site of the Chesterwell Development in Mile End have unearthed a Medieval Kiln

This area of Mile End was previously known to be the site of a number of medieval kiln works. The discovery of a well preserved kiln, however, has caused excitement amongst members of the Colchester Archaeologist Trust as well as Colchester Borough Council. Your Ward Councillors recently visited the area to see the excavation site. Items discovered will go on display in the Castle. Discussion are ongoing with the Developer, Mersea Homes who are funding the excavation as to how best to preserve and display the kiln.



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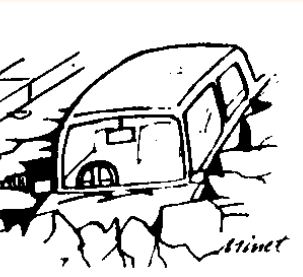
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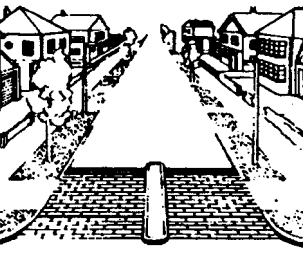
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Reporting back by your Liberal Democrat Team working for you at County Hall and Colchester Borough Council



POTHOLE HELL

Anne has been working hard to get our pot holes filled in Mile End. Anne and the team has discussed these with the Deputy Leader of ECC during his visit to Mile End. Currently the holes off Axial Way by the A12 junction have been filled along with some of the worst pot holes on Mill Road. Anne Turrell will continue to pursue the other worst pot holes in our area.



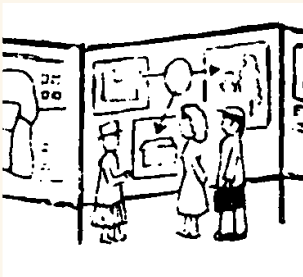
ROAD SURFACING FOR MILE END

Currently Anne Turrell has been working to get Mill Road, Bergholt Road, Turner Road and Bakers Lane resurfaced. It has been agreed part of Bakers Lane will be resurfaced in 2017/18 along with part of Mill Road. We are awaiting dates for this work to be scheduled. We are also pushing for Bergholt Road to be resurfaced along with Three Crowns Road.



SAVE OUR WALK IN PETITION

Thank you to the 2,000 people who signed our online NHS petition calling for the walk in centre on Turner Road to be saved. We will shortly be handing the petition in and await the outcome of the NHS consultation. We are confident this action will help make our local voices heard.



EQUITY HOUSE UPDATE

We attended the planning meeting to raise issues for local residents and got agreement that any excess parking would be offered to local residents, although of course this would be a chargeable parking space. Once we know the costs we will publish these for local residents and how they can apply for a private parking space. Trees fronting Bergholt Road will also be cut back as requested by local Bergholt Road residents.

BAKERS LANE PLANNING APPLICATION

There has been a good response to our prompt to ensure comments are submitted to the planning application for 122 homes off Bakers Lane. As reported in the Gazette we submitted a long objection to the application. To add your views please visit www.colchester.gov.uk/planning and search for application 170200

Anne is standing for County



SUCCESS: Anne has finally got ECC to resurface part of Mill Road

We are pleased to announce that Anne Turrell will be standing for the Liberal Democrats at the forthcoming election for County Council on the 4th May 2017.

Anne has constantly worked hard to get new schools that were desperately needed for our area and will continue to make sure that we get the new

Secondary School in Mile End in 2019.

The condition of our roads is also another area Anne has constantly lobbied for and has got agreement two roads in our area will be partly resurfaced during the next financial year 2017/18 as well as other repairs to our roads and pavements. Along with the commitments that all County Councillors have Anne has three promises for our area:

Promise 1

To keep pushing for reduction of congestion at North Station

Promise 2

To make sure that we get the new Secondary school by 2019/20

Promise 3

Continue to push Highways for repairs and resurfacing for our roads



Recycling to remain weekly as changes to your waste collection are brought in by Colchester Borough Council

Colchester Council will shortly be writing to all residents to update all households on changes to the service from June 2017.

Recycling will remain weekly as it is now but black sack collections will be changed to 3 bags per fortnight. There is an exceptions policy for families with young children where nappy waste may be generated or for those with much bigger households.

Details of how to apply for any exceptions will be detailed in the letters you receive.

Some areas of Mile End will also be given wheelie bins to hold their black bag and garden waste. Households who have been selected to receive a bin will also be notified but not all areas will receive them.

Changes have been made to improve recycling rates and also reduce the tax burden on residents as each black bag that goes to landfill means we all pay a tax to Government which is set to increase for all councils in the UK. This will further increase your taxes if we don't deal with the landfill situation now.

TREE PLANTING IN MILE END

We have managed to get budget to plant 31 new trees in Mile End. The totals and locations are as follows:

- 18 Bergholt Road Open Space
- 5 Stammers Road
- 2 Gresley Close
- 4 Mill Road Rec
- 2 Fellowes Close
- TOTAL 31

We have some further plans for some tree planting later in the year so welcome suggestions for any tree locations.

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