

# Mile End FOCUS



**MARTIN GOSS - THE LOCAL CHOICE!**

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## A record of action for our area

Martin Goss has been your local Councillor for 4 years. He was first elected in 2008 when he pledged to:

- **Fight to slow down the over development of North Colchester.** He has fought to slow down development in this part of Colchester by voting against most proposals that were not appropriate for our area.
- **Campaign for better roads and transport links.** Martin has worked to help improve infrastructure. The Northern Approach Road 3 and Park and Ride are on their way.
- **Protect our green space to keep it safe for future generations.** The Mile End Playing fields have been protected and are in trust

*and can never ever be built on.*

- **Work to improve the quality of life for everyone.** *Dozens of mature trees have been planted in the last 4 years.*
- **Get existing and new communities working together.** *I have organised and been involved in many community meetings and events which bring old and new residents together.*
- **To give an initial answer to your question within 24 hours via email or telephone.** *I have achieved this even during holidays!*
- **To ensure all case work is dealt with respectfully, professionally and honestly** *No-one can say I am not ever straight with them!*

Martin said, "I shall try to be helpful even though I may not be able always to solve your problems - Honesty works everytime!"

Martin works full-time as an IT Project Manager in the Financial Services Sector and is engaged to Rachel. Martin lives in Mile End and will continue to do so as he passionately believes you should live in the community you represent.

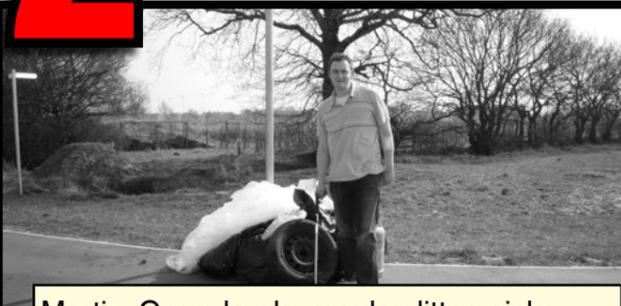
Martin says "In those 4 years I am confident that I have achieved all of those pledges to the best of my ability and will continue to work hard for our area continuing this work if you choose to elect me again. I hope you will support me on May 3rd. If you need to contact me for any reason please do email or call."

### 1 Working to protect our communities



Working to slow down the over-development of our area.

### 2 Cleaner and Greener streets



Martin Goss leads regular litter picks, arranged for new trees to be planted and graffiti removed from our area.

### 3 Working for you ALL YEAR ROUND



Martin, Anne and Scott have a reputation for working for Mile End residents all year round - not just at election time.

**On May 3rd,  
please support**



# Martin GOSS

# Martin Goss - working for Mile End

## The Myle - Redrow Homes

Progress on completion of the roads at the Myle Development off Mill Road has been less than satisfactory and should have been completed by now.

Martin has been working with local residents to put pressure on developer Redrow in order to get this completed. Martin has asked Colchester Borough Council's Planning enforcement team to try and take action as this work should have been completed 6 months after the last house was occupied!

## St Paul's Hospital and Bosted Rd.

• Martin recently met with representatives of St Paul's Hospital on Bosted Road to discuss verge damage which has occurred during the building works. The contractors of the Hospital have committed to ensuring all verges are fully reinstated, all roads are fully cleaned and the drains are all unblocked.

## Spring Lane Closure

For those who use Bakers Lane from Braiswick as a short-cut this information is vital!

The current bridge, which carries Spring Lane over an overflow channel of the River Colne between Lexden and Braiswick, has been assessed and found to be weak and unfit for vehicular traffic. Because of the lack of a suitable alternative access for the local community, the bridge has remained open to traffic with a weight limit and monitored whilst options to replace the bridge have been progressed.

Unfortunately, due to the nature of the structure, its deterioration, and the location of the weak elements of the structure, it is not feasible to keep the bridge open and as a result Essex County Council (ECC) is progressing a scheme to replace the bridge.

The replacement of the bridge has been set for this summer with a provisional start date in early August, although this is dependent on agreeing land licences and other statutory procedures. The proposed replacement is set to last for a 28 week duration, which will require the road to be closed at the bridge for the entirety of the scheme. A temporary footbridge will be available for cyclists and pedestrians.

The new structure will be designed to modern standards and have a lifespan of 120 years.

## Lib Dem Successes on Borough Council



Despite the heavy cuts in our budget, 2011 saw many achievements by our Lib Dem-led Council.

Lib Dems froze Council Tax, something the Conservatives failed to do when they were in charge. Lib Dems also finished the Decent Homes project and firstsite/VAF, again things that the Conservatives failed to do. Lib Dem councillors also spent more in one year on looking after Colchester's heritage than the Conservatives did in the four years that they had control.

Food Waste collection trials have started, even though Essex County Council have refused to help with funding.

2011 also saw 700 tenant families of Colchester Borough Homes benefit from solar panels, saving money on electricity and the environment CO2 emissions (all at no cost to council tax payers). 25% of our new homes built were social housing, helping some of the most disadvantaged in society.

## Bergholt Shop Sign & Post Box

We have been working to deal with the sign which is coming away from the empty shop at 109 Bergholt Road by the post box. The Council have sent out a building surveyor to check the sign and have contacted the owners and requested that they get the sign removed or repaired.

Although there is currently no direct danger to the public, the Royal Mail have decided to take the post box out of operation. We need these vital community facilities so have requested that the post box is moved to the corner of Prior Way on Bergholt Road. We are awaiting their response and will keep pressure on to get this matter resolved.

## Working as a team for Mile End!

Martin, Anne and Scott work as a team ensuring that Mile End and Braiswick is always represented at every relevant meeting. Sometimes all of us will go, or we will share the attendance out, but as long as the area is represented that is the main thing.

We are always at meetings on your behalf and as volunteers work hard to get the best for our area.

If you would like to know more about the meetings we are involved with, please get in touch.

## Bergholt Rail Gateway Update



Persimmon Homes have kindly offered to underwrite the shortfall of £3k which we have in the Rail Gateway project. In our last newsletter we did state that Network Rail wanted £3k to approve the

planned drawings. We want to thank Persimmon Homes for their help.

## Martin Goss and the Lib Dems' recent successes

Have kept Council costs down whilst fighting for better services. Council Tax frozen for two years running.

Many new trees planted and recycling services improved.

Mile End playing fields protected and safe from development.

Northern Approach Road 3 and Park and Ride are on their way.

