



## Litter pick not a chore for Myland Scouts!

Myland scouts were recently involved in an Oil Barons themed wide game on the Mile End Recreation ground, which featured the collection of litter as a means of raising tokens to open other features within the game.

As well as being a tactical widgame and teaching the scouts about budgeting and cashflow, the result was a large mailbag full of litter being recovered from the fields. A win-win result!

## Any Issues?



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We may write to you from time to time to keep you informed on issues we think you may find of interest. Please let us know if you do not wish to be contacted for this purpose.  
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## Broken electric signs on Dickenson Road and Asda traffic island

For over 18 months now we have regularly reported and escalated the broken lit highway signs which were mowed down by out of control vehicles. These signs have remained as taped up lighting stumps for this period. We are yet to receive a date from ECC when these repairs will take place. We will continue to try and progress these repairs.

## Cleaning Colchester Station

We recently contacted Greater Anglia about the disgusting state of the entrance road to the station as several drains are fully blocked and there is detritus in the gully of the road. We have been promised by Mr Haket, the MD of Greater Anglia that these issues will be resolved and regular road sweeping will take place on this road. This road is owned and managed by Greater Anglia.

YOUR MILE END LIBERAL DEMOCRAT TEAM WORKING ALL YEAR ROUND

# Mile End FOCUS

County Councillor Anne Turrell - Councillors Scott Greenhill & Martin Goss  
- Sir Bob Russell MP - Dominic Graham  
Late Summer 2013

## MERSEA HOMES APPLICATION – HEARING DATE CONFIRMED!

The Mersea Homes planning application is finally to be heard in public.

To refresh your memory the application is to build 1,600 homes on land in Nayland Road (the current Cants Rose fields) and land between Bergholt Road and Mile End Road up to the A12 border. The application can be found at [www.colchester.gov.uk/planning](http://www.colchester.gov.uk/planning) under planning application number 121272.

The outline application (meaning if this gets approved, further detailed applications will occur at a later date) will be heard at the Planning Committee on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 18.00 at the Moot Hall, Town Hall, High Street.

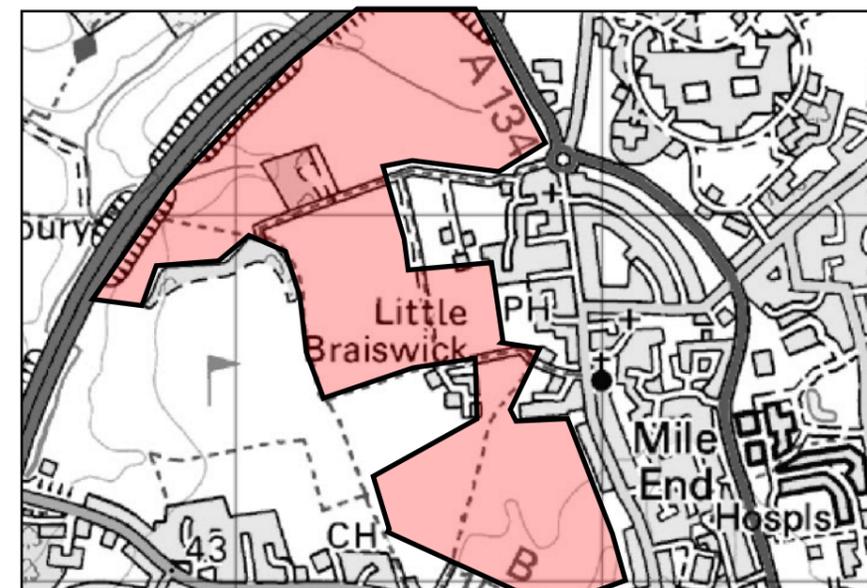
We will be there to speak against the planning application.

The Planning Committee cannot make a final decision, they can only choose to "Approve", "Reject" or "Defer". Once the decision is made, it will then be referred back to Government for a final decision.

If you wish to attend and speak, please contact us for advice as

all objections have to be linked back to planning law and policy. Our contact details are on the rear of the Focus.

It would be good to see as many people turn up at this meeting as possible to ensure all of our voices are clearly heard and all concerns are raised.



Shown above in yellow is the rough area covered by the planning application. For the exact area and details, please visit Colchester Borough Council's Planning web pages and use the 'Planning on the Map' link (shown below).

<http://www.planning.colchester.gov.uk/WAM/findCaseFile.do?appNumber=121272&appType=&=Planning>

## Insurance job losses?

We are sorry to hear about the possible insurance job losses at the Equity Insurance building in Mile End, which is opposite the main train station entrance.

Both Martin and Scott have worked in this building during their careers and know a great many people who work there.

This is an important employer and a great many local people work here.

## Dominic Graham joins the team



We are pleased to welcome local Solicitor Dominic Graham to our team. Dominic is 33 years old, is married with a young family and lives in the North Station area and so knows all about the local congestion which occurs in that area.

Dominic has also joined Myland Community Council and is getting involved in various local issues.

Dominic will be taking an active role in our team and will be helping to tackle issues across Mile End and Braiswick.

## Help us to help you:

- I will support the Lib Dems in next year's Borough Council election.
- I will display a poster for the Lib Dems at election time.
- I can deliver a few leaflets from time to time in my area.
- I would like to make a donation.
- I would like to join the party (with a donation of £12 or more). Please make cheques payable to 'Liberal Democrats.'

# Braiswick set to get new school

You may have read in the press recently that the Government has awarded Essex County Council (ECC) £4,000,000 to build a new Primary School on land in Braiswick. The land is between New Braiswick Park, Apprentice Drive, behind Braiswick and behind Fernlea. ECC has purchased the land in 2012.

The school would consist of up to 420 pupils although the school would grow over time and would certainly not have that sort of intake from year 1.

There are no plans yet drafted for the school and we will shortly be meeting ECC to discuss this school, possible plans, timescales and their proposed entry points as well as how they plan to engage with the local residents.

We will ensure residents are involved in this all the way along and we keep you regularly informed of the process ECC plan to follow for this school.

It has been mooted this school will open in either 2015 or 2016.

## Skate park divides local opinion



The results of the consultation regarding the Skatepark site in Highwoods County Park have now been published and the results were very close.

51.3% of respondents were in favour of the site, and 49.7% against. With this in mind, we have organized a public walkabout of the site on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm to discuss the site further with local people.

We don't believe this result gives a mandate to put a skate park in this location by default so we want the Police and Council officers to meet local residents of Mile End to carry out a walk to the site and give further feedback on any concerns about this location.

If you are planning to attend can you please email us on [u2us@mileendlibdems.org](mailto:u2us@mileendlibdems.org) so we can ensure we manage numbers or call Martin Goss on 07912 396335.

## Roadworks on Turner Road

Following our recent campaign to get something done about the state of Turner Road, Essex County Council have now confirmed they are carrying out some road resurfacing works on Turner Road in the August/September period.

They will be writing to local residents affected by any road closures over the period and ensure signage is out in the local area.

We hesitate to say how pleased we are with this news until we survey how extensive this work will be and make sure the quality means it lasts more than a few months.



## Grassing up the verges

Grass verges have recently been reinstated in the following locations where we requested work was carried out:

- Turner Road near Peto Avenue
- Mill Road near the Rugby Club
- Tufnell Way near the entrance
- Raven Way
- Northern Approaches Development

If there are grass verges you feel need repair work where vehicles have parked on them or vehicles have over run the areas, please do get in touch.

## Food waste recycling set for Colchester

Colchester Council will shortly be rolling out food waste collections for all houses across Colchester. Money has been given from Central Government in order to carry this out.

It is planned the food waste roll-out will commence from November and individual households will be contacted with details of how the scheme will work

and details of when their food waste caddy will be delivered.

The food waste trials went well in Mile End with 1,000 houses taking part.

Plastic and food waste recycling for flats is also being investigated and a plan to roll this out will be forthcoming later in the year.

## Severalls Hopsital site update

You may have seen in the paper recently the story that Essex County Council have made the executive decision, without any consultation with local people or elected Councillors to refuse our request for a Bus Lane enforcement camera on the future bus gate at the Crest Nicholson development off Brinkley Grove Road roundabout on Mill Road. This bus gate has always been part of the Severalls Phase 1 planning application

We believe the camera was stipulated as part of the Planning conditions in the Phase 1 application so are

## Northern Approach Road works commence

The NAR 3 extension from the A12 junction will meet the existing NAR near the Boxted Road end.

The works on the NAR3 have commenced and one of the critical stages of these works is the implementation of deep sewers running alongside the existing Northern Approach Road (in the proposed future segregated bus corridor) between Mill Road and a position approximately parallel with 71 Hakewill

investigating this further. Essex has proposed putting up signs stipulating the entrance is only allowed for use by buses, motorbikes and taxis. It would be down to the police to tackle any resident or car user illegally entering this entrance.

Anyway the positive news is we have been in touch with Crest Nicholson and they have agreed to fund a traffic camera for the bus lane entrance off Mill Road.

In other news, the Severalls Phase 2 land is still up for sale and we should have an update on this in our next Focus.

Way, i.e. just south of the NAR crossing to the hospital.

The drainage work plans have been hosted on our website for anyone wishing to view them at [www.mileendlibdems.org/drainage](http://www.mileendlibdems.org/drainage)



Other heavy works will be starting on the main Severalls site and residents will see this progress over the coming weeks and months. The project is due to complete in 9 to 12 months time.

## Mile End Road trees

The pavements in Mile End Road are getting dangerous in some places where the tree roots have raised up the tarmac.

Essex County Council wish to remove some of the mature trees along Mile End Road so they can reinstate the pavements.

We have been in touch with them to object to the trees being removed as we do not agree with chopping down mature trees. However, due to the way the trees have been planted, it is not possible to remove some of the roots without causing damage to the trees.

The long-term answer is to introduce new trees with properly dug out tree pits, with any new trees having "netting" added which controls the growth and spread of the roots. It means trees will still grow to be big and healthy, but the pavement will not become raised by roots over future decades.

The proposed tree solution is also not cheap as the tree pits and netting is reasonably expensive.

We would welcome the views of residents on this issue before any action is taken.

## Road repairs continue in Mile End

We continue to report various pot holes to ECC which include Defoe Crescent, Kingswood Road, Turner Road, Mill Road and North Station. Some of the worst have been repaired - we continue to chase all outstanding works. Please contact us if there are other areas which need attention.

## Crossing: The lines!

We have been pushing for various crossings and road markings to be repainted and the following have either been completed or are due to be:

- Zebra Crossing at bottom of Bergholt Road
- Stop Lines at entrance to Three Crowns Road (off Bergholt Road)
- Zebra Crossing on Mill Road
- Turner Road/Mill Road roundabout and road markings
- Yellow lines repainted in Braiswick where they have faded
- Northern Approach Road estate where the Yellow lines have faded

If there are any road markings which you feel need attention, please do not hesitate to get in touch.