

# Travel Plan for the Community Stadium

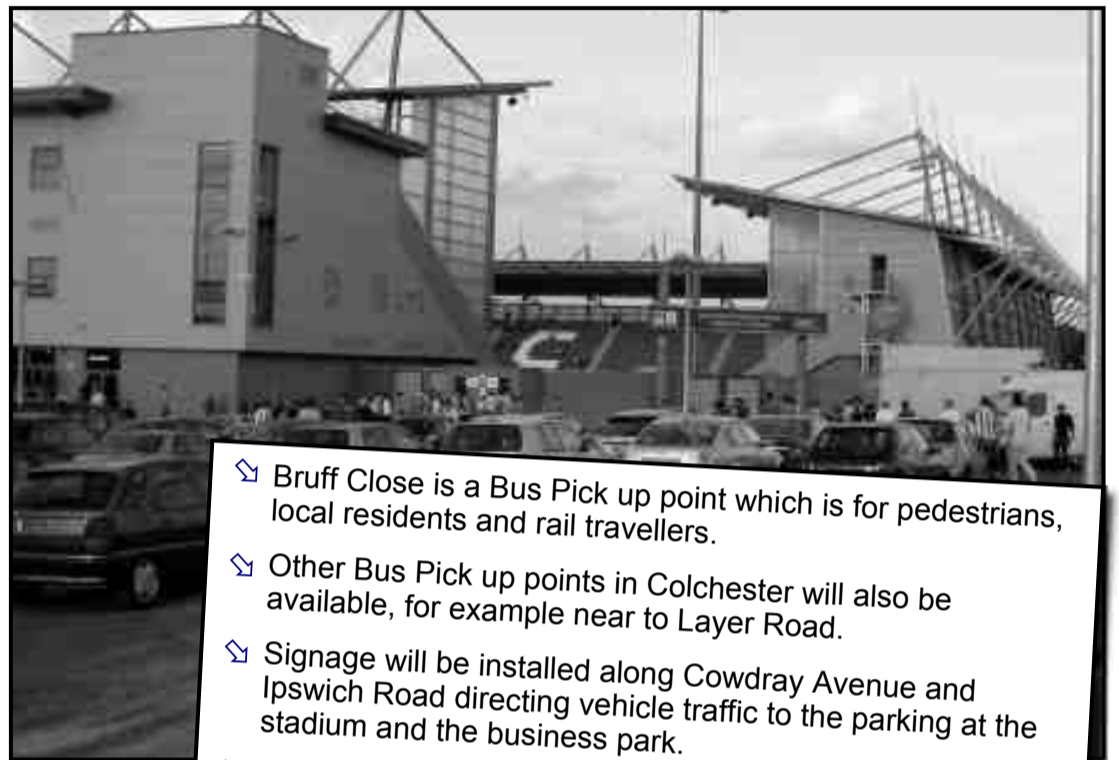
The Club and the Supporters Association have negotiated a £1 Rover for First Bus on match days. Just produce your ticket for the game and you can use any scheduled First bus in Colchester to get to Bruff Close. The Club and Supporters Association have also negotiated a discount with the rail company so that supporters from, for example Chelmsford, can use the train at a reduced rate and then collect the Shuttle Bus from Bruff Close to the stadium. The Supporters have also organised three other coaches from various points from e.g the Clacton Area, again at a reduced rate, directly to the ground.

Residents have raised concerns with Anne and Martin about various issues encountered during matches. These points as far as possible have been fed into the travel plan meetings and positive changes made. Stewards are employed to be on local roads to stop parking in Mile End and Highwoods. The club has to pay for all stewarding as part of their planning application conditions.

Changes to the travel plan include:

1. More stewards on Boxted Road , Cuckoo Farm, Whitebeam Close and Walnut Drive.
2. Stewards on Fords Lane and Howards Croft.
3. Stewards on Matchett Drive , Mortimer Gardens and the Rugby Club.
4. Increased stewarding at the bottom of Mile End Road and Groves Close
5. Removal of buses using Mile End Road for return journeys on Evening matches. Anne and Martin are pushing to get buses to use the Northern Approach Road for return journeys on Saturday matches. There are concerns this will clog up North Station Roundabout so it is being carefully reviewed.
6. A review of residents parking restrictions on Mile End Road to increase no waiting times.

The travel plan is a flexible document and changes can be made in conjunction with all stakeholders. Please contact Anne or Martin with any concerns.



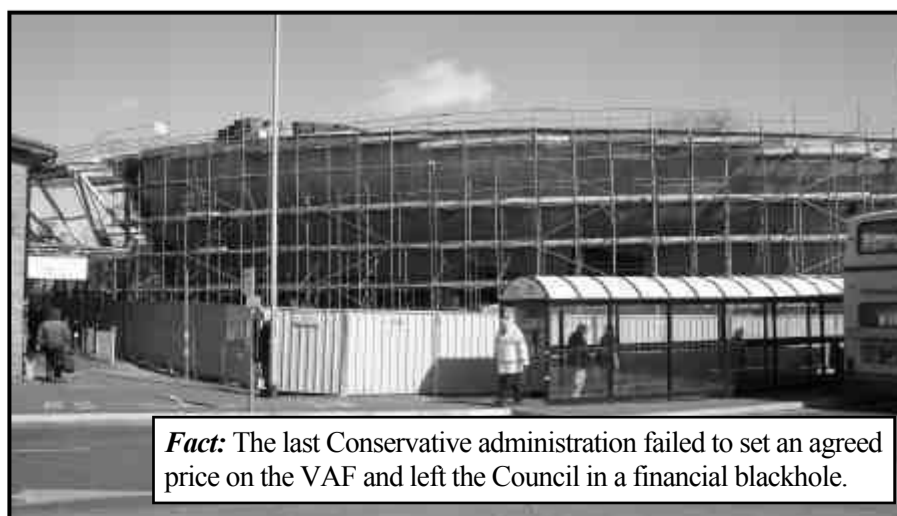
- ✧ Bruff Close is a Bus Pick up point which is for pedestrians, local residents and rail travellers.
- ✧ Other Bus Pick up points in Colchester will also be available, for example near to Layer Road.
- ✧ Signage will be installed along Cowdray Avenue and Ipswich Road directing vehicle traffic to the parking at the stadium and the business park.
- ✧ Parking is available at the Stadium for a premium.
- ✧ Park and Ride is available at Colchester Business Park with Shuttle Buses taking these supporters to the Stadium.
- ✧ Cycle racks are available at the stadium.
- ✧ Until the completion of the Severalls/Cuckoo Farm Regeneration, pedestrians can use the Boxted Road Entrance but the only vehicles allowed to use Boxted Road entrance are Buses, Police Cars, Emergency Vehicles, Cyclists and Motor Bikes. Traffic Orders for two Bus Gates are being approved at this time.

# The Conservatives Legacy for Colchester

Colchester's new art gallery (VAF) should have been opened by now. Work, however, has been at a standstill since January, due to disputes with the builders.

**Cllrs Anne Turrell and Martin Goss** were shocked to discover that no contract to build the gallery had ever been in place! Consequently there was no agreed price to complete the building. Worse still, in March 2008, when they were well aware of the problems, the Conservatives signed a legal agreement that Colchester would pay for all further cost overruns!

They also agreed that if the gallery was not completed we would have to pay back over £14m in grants that the council had received. We are between a rock and a hard place. Either we pay millions more to complete the building or pay millions back. Either way it is Council Taxpayers who will suffer. What a legacy of financial incompetence for the Tories to leave!



**Fact:** The last Conservative administration failed to set an agreed price on the VAF and left the Council in a financial blackhole.

# Shameful Tories signed away our Bus Station

You may have read in the press that the former Keddies store is now to be demolished and a hotel will be built on the area.

Due to a legal agreement **secretly signed by the Conservative Administration** in 2006, we cannot leave the bus station where it is and we have no choice but to vacate the land by 2012 as we will no longer have a legal right to have this bus station there. We have tried, but nothing can be done to rescind this agreement.

Anne said "Let me reassure everyone that this new administration is fully committed to finding **a new location in the town centre** for a 21<sup>st</sup> century bus station that we can all be proud of. Commercial negotiations are underway which mean we cannot reveal the new location yet."

# Local News in Brief

## Graffiti in Braiswick

There was a recent spate of graffiti in Braiswick which left private property daubed in pointless "tags". Your Liberal Democrat team put out an emergency street letter to all houses and we hope we can stop this happening again. Thanks to those residents who helped deliver these. Martin has asked CK Developments to clean up their white boarding outside their building site.

If you see anything suspicious please always report it to the police on 762212.

## Graffiti cleaning kit

Martin has purchased a graffiti cleaning kit for non-porous surfaces which can be used by the community. Martin said "I am so fed up with the pointless graffiti in our area, I thought I would spend my own money and help do something about it. If anyone wants to borrow the kit, please let us know." The kit is held at the offices of Myland Parish Council.

## ASDA Trolleys

Work continues with Asda to try and alleviate the dumped trolleys and rubbish issues we are experiencing in Mile End.



Anne said "We have held various meetings with Asda and they have funded a litter bin which is situated on the Northern Approach Road. They have just agreed to fund a second one. Work will continue to get their trolley system up to scratch and catch offenders who are committing a crime by stealing and dumping the trolleys!" Anne is pictured with a snatched trolley.

## New signs for Three Crowns Rd

Following the success of stopping articulated lorries using the Bergholt Road/Three Crowns Road area trying to get to Colchester North Station, Network Rail have agreed to fund some road signs stating that the road is not suitable for articulated lorries.

## Vehicle Activated Sign in Braiswick

Work continues on selection of sites for the Vehicle Activated (VAS) sign in Braiswick. A speed check has been carried out in the road which found the average speed to be 36.8 MPH.

Two locations have now been narrowed down for the sign location(s). These are Lamppost 24 (outside no. 44 Braiswick) and Lamppost 27 (outside 29 Braiswick). Letters will now to be sent to nearby residents asking for their input. Funding is only available for one sign, but Anne and Martin are pushing for a second.

## CAN YOU HELP US?

As you can imagine delivering 4,400 Focus leaflets to every house in Mile End and Braiswick is some major feat. Anne and Martin do most of this themselves, but also have a team of volunteers who help out. If you can help deliver some leaflets in your street we would really appreciate the help. Mile End is now the biggest ward in Colchester and continues to grow.

**The more you can help us, the more time we get to help you!**

## E-mail Newsletters

Anne and Martin send regular email updates to all Mile End and Braiswick Residents. If you would like to be added to the list please contact Martin.

## New Dog Bins for Mile End and Braiswick

There have been no new dog bins put into Colchester since 2001 and Anne and Martin are pleased to tell you that the new administration will be spending funds to enable 50 to be installed across Colchester.

Mile End ward will receive several new ones and we are looking for suggestions for placement of these.

Currently we have down on our list:

1. Stammers Road area
2. Tower Lane (near the Water Tower)
3. Braiswick Lane (near the War memorial area)
4. Bergholt Road recreation ground
5. Fieldview Close near Highwoods Country Park Entrance
6. Brinkley Grove Road near Highwoods Country Park Entrance
7. Peto Ave/Mason Road under railway underpass

Please email or ring Anne or Martin with your ideas – but be quick!



## Queen Boudica Primary School

As you may have heard the new Primary School on Turner Village is now underway and a name has been chosen of Queen Boudica School.



Consultation is currently underway for the catchment area to the new school. It stands at the moment that Turner Rise and Northern Approach road estates will be the prime catchment area for the school.

Please contact Anne or Martin if you need further information.

## Mill Road play area

On September 14<sup>th</sup>, the refurbished Mill Road play area was officially opened. The area has received over £100k of grant funding to install an improved children's play area, as well as new facilities for teenagers such as a youth shelter and basketball hoop. CCTV and lighting is also being added to the area to ensure it is safe.



Anne said "I cannot thank everyone enough who has been involved with this community project. I have been involved in the project throughout and the community input has been first class! I also want to thank the Dental Studio on Bergholt Road for their generous donation towards the project."

## NHS Dental care

The Dental Studio on Bergholt Road has recently been given some more NHS care units, which means customers in the area can potentially get signed up for NHS treatment which ultimately reduces your dental bills.

Please contact the surgery on 845891.

## Turner Village Development

Development has started on the Turner Village, where a new road has already been built opposite Holden Road. There have been various complaints from residents to Anne and Martin about noise and extensive vibrations.

Anne said "Tests have been carried out by Essex County Council to ensure residents houses are not being affected by the work. If you have any further concerns please do not hesitate to get in touch."

## Mill Road Crossing

A meeting was held between Myland Parish Council, Martin Goss and Essex County Council to look at the provision for a new Zebra crossing somewhere near Bedford Road.

We are awaiting feedback from Essex County Council as to whether they will support this proposal.

There will also be a new speed check done on Mill Road this month to confirm the traffic speeds. This is being completed by Essex County Council.

## ACTION

Your Lib Dem Team Working for you



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## Please tell us what you think!

We need to know your problems/comments on local issues. Please write them down in the space provided below.



## Help us to help you

- 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'd like to join the Lib Dems. Please provide us with your information.
- I enclose a donation for 'Focus', payable to "Liberal Democrats" for £ .....

A donation of £10 or more entitles you to membership of the Liberal Democrats. Please tick if you don't wish to be enrolled

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please return to: **Mile End & Braiswick Focus Team, FREEPOST NAT6287, Magdalen Hall, Wimpole Road, Colchester CO1 2BR**

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. Published printed and promoted by Anne Turrell on behalf of Colchester Liberal Democrats all at Magdalen Hall, Wimpole Road, Colchester CO1 2DE.