



MYLAND SCHOOL SAFETY CAMPAIGN

- ACTION PLAN!

We as a team were obviously very worried and concerned to hear about the recent accident where two pupils of Myland Primary School were struck by a car whilst using the zebra crossing on Mill Road.

There has been a lot of activity following the accident and we understand the driver of the car has now been charged with careless driving.

Martin Goss arranged with the Dog and Pheasant Pub for school parents to park for free at the pub during the morning drop off and afternoon pick up. This has been running for several weeks now and has proved very successful removing traffic congestion from outside Myland School on Mill Road.

We cannot thank Jo the landlord of the pub enough for her kind help on this issue.

As a team we have:

- Put in a request to Essex County Council in conjunction with the school for a 20 MPH zone along the stretch of Mill Road by the school
- Requested and implemented extra parking education and enforcement outside the school that moves drivers on



From left to right (front): Dominic Graham, Cllr Martin Goss and Cllr Anne Turrell with pub employees

- Asked the Police to undertake some spot checks
- Escalated the disgusting state of the pot holes in Mill Road - a new safety inspection will take place and hopefully the repairs will be pushed up the priority list
- Requested Essex County Council carry out a full safety inspection of the zebra crossing, including all markings, lighting and suggest any possible improvements
- Put in a request for extra crossing signage around the school on Mill Road
- Requested flashing signs that come on during school time to signify that school children are crossing to approaching drivers
- Requested the zig zag lines are extended on the zebra crossing
- Sent a formal letter to all parents requesting they use the car park and reminding them not to park illegally
- Suggested to Myland School they look into the "Red Card" children's parking scheme and investigate the Queen Boudica School "drop off" scheme and a walking bus

We will keep you updated on all progress.

Dominic Graham at School Meeting.



BRAISWICK SCHOOL - FEEDBACK BY 10th APRIL

Dominic, Martin and Anne attended the Braiswick School consultation on the 27th March. The plans have changed following the initial consultation. The main changes are the school and playing field locations but the most major change is how car parking, access and exit points has now been redesigned.

Access for all school vehicles is proposed to be off Apprentice Drive and exit from Fernlea. Access for delivery vehicles and any school coaches is proposed via Fernlea. Construction traffic is also proposed via Fernlea.

Both proposed entry and exit points will be gated and controlled by the school.

These plans are certainly not finalized so it is absolutely vital that everyone sends their positive and negative feedback to Essex County Council. All feedback must be submitted by 10th April.

The website link for all feedback is www.essexinsight.org.uk/consultations and then click on the "Current consultations" link.

Please contact any of the team if you wish to discuss anything that concerns you and we will happily help.

DOMINIC GRAHAM - OUR SAY ON FUTURE RAIL DECISIONS

Dominic Graham raised direct with the Government that commuters should get the option to cancel and recall poorly performing train franchises, such as Greater Anglia.

Dominic raised the issue during a private meeting with the Minister of State for Transport, Baroness Susan Kramer and Colchester Liberal Democrats. In response Baroness Kramer explained that although the rail franchise process is currently undergoing transformation, the option to give consumers the power to recall a franchise has not previously been explored. Baroness Kramer was very interested in this additional layer of corporate accountability and promised to take the suggestion back to her ministerial department for further consideration.



Dominic Graham with Minister of State for Transport, Baroness Susan Kramer

Dominic welcomed this excellent news and said: "A recent survey by consumer group Which? placed Greater Anglia joint worst of all UK train companies in terms of customer service. Unfortunately the multi-year franchise held by Greater Anglia means there is little motivation for them to improve. However, if they faced the threat of losing the franchise then service standards will be forced to improve. The possibility of recalling the franchise will only benefit train passengers."

NORTH STATION PETITION UPDATE!

Dominic Graham, Martin Goss and other local residents recently held a second weekend of petition signing at Asda and collected a further 2000 signatures calling on Essex County Council to take immediate action on improving the junction at North Station.

The petition is also in various local businesses such as Iceland, Pizza Hut, Jolleys, Bath Store, Big Yellow Storage, Wickes DIY, LA Fitness, North Station Fish and Chip Shop, The Dental Studio and Beauty at the Bay on Bergholt Road.

We plan to carry on getting signatures so please sign online at www.northstation.co.uk



A BETTER COLCHESTER - LIB DEMS PLAN FOR THE FUTURE



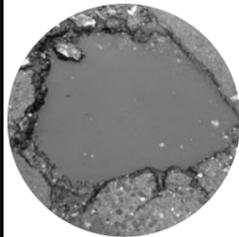
Colchester's Liberal Democrat-led Council is bringing in new investment and new jobs to Colchester. In recent months, the Council has:

- ✓ Agreed a multi-million pound scheme to develop the Vineyard Gate shopping centre, which will bring an estimated 750 new jobs to the town centre
- ✓ Secured a new Curzon cinema to redevelop Roman House on Queen Street
- ✓ Attracted new investment from a well-known developer who will bring a hotel, shops, restaurants and homes to St Botoph's
- ✓ Brought boat-building back to the Hythe and secured new jobs in Colchester maintaining offshore wind farms by leasing the Fieldgates site on King Edward Quay

- ✓ Achieved new investment and new jobs for North Colchester, by securing a David Lloyd Leisure development and other businesses on the Northern Gateway site
- ✓ Our Council is working to bring in quality new jobs, apprenticeships and investment into Colchester to make sure our town is ready for the future.
- ✓ That's why hundreds of new businesses are created in Colchester every year and we have one of the lowest unemployment rates in the country.

The Conservatives would wreck this by cutting the Council's investment in regeneration to pay for short-term gimmicks. Only the Liberal Democrats will invest in Colchester's future, and ensure we can have a stronger economy and a fairer society in Colchester.

POTHOLE DISGRACE



We have constantly reported pot holes in Bergholt Road, Three Crowns Road, Mill Road, Defoe Crescent, Achnacone Drive and Spring Lane along with issues regarding dangerous kerbs in Romulus Close, Remus Close and Raven Way.

Anne Turrell had a meeting with Essex County Council to escalate all of these issues. We await a response as to when they plan to undertake the works.

The Coalition Government has provided more funding to ECC for pot hole repairs in Essex. This year ECC will receive nearly £3 million in extra money specifically to repair our roads. We will be pointing out to the Tory controlled County Council must do a great deal more to fix the roads in Mile End

PARKING SURVEY UPDATE

Although it has not yet been officially confirmed, we have been told that there are unlikely to be any changes to Resident's parking schemes in Mile End Road, Three Crowns Road, Bergholt Road and the Prior Way/Hugh Dickson Road estate areas following feedback to the recent consultation. We will update you further once we have a concrete answer.

A consultation on Resident's only parking for Wryneck Close, Hollymead Close, Lufkin Road, Kingswood Road, Fieldview Close and Beaumont Close to tackle hospital parking will happen later in 2014.

Mile End Road trees

Sadly four trees on Mile End Road will be getting either felled or pollarded. The pavement in various locations along Mile End Rd is dangerous as the tree roots have bedded in over the years and various repairs by Essex County Council have failed. We asked for feedback from residents previously and the response was in favour of removal & replacement.

We have managed to provide £5k of funding for tree replacement, but the cost of works will be expensive as tree pits and specialist netting will be required for any new trees so these issues don't return in future years.



Tree in Mile End Road



There is a Lollipop lady on Mill Road who helps children cross the busy Mill Road every day on their way to Myland Primary School or The Gilbert School.

Essex County Council are giving serious consideration to abolishing Lollipop patrols if a zebra or pedestrian-controlled crossing exists nearby. The costs savings are predicted to be around £6,000 per year. We oppose these proposals.

Dominic Graham has started an online petition which has

SAVE THE MYLAND SCHOOL LOLLIPOP LADY

already started gathering signatures. Some of the Mile End mums have also taken the paper version and will be gathering signatures which we will pass to Essex County Council.

To sign the petition please visit www.savemillroad.co.uk

We also fully endorse and support the Essex wide campaign the Gazette is running and have all signed their online petition.

MILE END FACEBOOK SITE



Have you visted the Mile End and Braiswick Community Hub which is on Facebook?

You can find it by typing www.facebook.com/MileEndColchester

We help support the site along with a host other local residents who have joined to post and share events, ideas, issues, and advertise businesses.

Why not come and take a look?

There is also a TWITTER feed - @mileendnews



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