

YOUR MILE END LIBERAL DEMOCRAT TEAM WORKING ALL YEAR ROUND

Mile End Matters



**Councillor Anne Turrell - Councillor Scott Greenhill - Councillor Martin Goss
- Sir Bob Russell MP - Dominic Graham**

BRAISWICK SCHOOL - PLANS AVAILABLE 9th JAN 2014

Thank you to those residents who made the effort to come along to the school expansion consultation which was held on November 25th.

The Mile End team met again on November 29th with the County Council officers to discuss how the school plans for the design, exact location on the land, parking and access points were progressing. We have now been told that the first draft of plans will be available for public viewing on **9th January 2014**.

A public meeting will be held on **9th January 2014 between 2pm - 8pm** at the Community Room, Parprika House, Apprentice Drive, CO4 5SE.

You will be able to come along, fill out a feedback form and let the County Council know what you think of the initial draft plans. We will also get a copy of the plans and ensure they are available online after this meeting.

If you would like to help us deliver update letters about the Braiswick School to your local area we really would appreciate the help, as keeping everyone informed about this important issue is vital. Please contact us on U2US@mileendlibdems.org if you can assist or call 07912 396335.

Updates will also be found under the blog section of our website www.mileendlibdems.org

NEW BERGHOLT ROAD PLAYGROUND – SUCCESS!



Some great news! Under the leadership of Bergholt Road Dentist Stephen Pitt and the local group of residents which includes Scott Greenhill and Martin Goss, £90k has been raised to completely refurbish the Bergholt Road play area. Myland Community Council has also been involved in the project.

The area will include a design chosen by children at Queen Boudica School and the area will have new pathways, benches, children's play equipment including toddler swings and new fencing.

The new play area should be open in early January 2014, subject to the weather not stopping the build.

DOMINIC GRAHAM'S NORTH STATION TRAFFIC PETITION -- Please Sign

Dominic Graham who lives at North Station is, like many residents, completely frustrated with the ridiculous congestion at North station. Essex County Council changed the traffic light patterns in the middle of November following pressure from us to improve it, and it has made congestion worse!!

Following collaboration with local Mile End Resident Trish Alford, Dominic started an online petition.

Local resident Trish Alford has managed to get paper copies of the petition into the majority of local Turner Rise Retail Park retailers.

Martin Goss has been liaising with Asda about holding a signing weekend in their foyer.

If you wish to sign the petition, you will find a copy at the Turner Rise Retail Park in one of the participating retailers or you can fill in the petition online at www.mileendlibdems.org/petition

Dominic and Trish will be collating all petition responses and forwarding to Essex County Council. If you would like to help Dominic with this worthwhile petition please contact him on

Domcgraham@googlemail.com or call 07717 583491.

LIGHTS OUT!

Lights are now out across most of Mile End between Midnight and 5.00am. We have managed to get some lights left on along Turner Road, Defoe Crescent, Propelair Way to the station, Hugh Dickson Road to Mile End Road folly, North Station junction and part of Mill Road. If there are areas in Mile End you feel should also be left on, please contact us and we will lobby Essex County Council.

1600 MERSEA HOMES - ERIC PICKLES SIGNS IT OFF!

Sadly Eric Pickles MP, the Secretary of State has signed off the Mersea Homes development which means work can commence in 2016.

We are both shocked and appalled by this news and simply cannot believe this crazy monstrosity will be allowed to go-ahead.

Mersea Homes will now have to put in a detailed planning application which will detail house designs, locations, community facilities and road layouts.

Once any further plans are submitted, we will let you know.

SPRING LANE/BAKERS LANE CLOSURE DATE CONFIRMED

Essex County Council have informed us that the Spring Lane Bridge will be closed from Mid January for a full replacement. This will mean access to use Bakers Lane and Spring Lane as a way of getting to the South of Colchester will be closed for at least 6 to 7 months.

Access will be available from either end of Spring Lane and Bakers Lane for residents, but the bridge itself will be closed so you won't be able to drive through the link.

We have challenged the length of time required to replace the bridge as up to 7 months seem utterly ludicrous!

No doubt traffic at North Station will snarl up even further during this period and further impact the lives of Colchester residents.

The flooding is also being dealt with at the moment with Essex County Council clearing a ditch and requesting a private landowner to also carry out some maintenance.

BERGHOLT ROAD AND THREE CROWNS ROAD POT HOLES

We have again reported various pot holes to Essex County Council in the Bergholt Road and Three Crowns Road area. These will no doubt be inspected again and we await feedback on when these will be filled.

Three Crowns Road has been reported by Dominic, Martin, Scott and Anne separately and still we await action.

FORMER BERGHOLT ROAD SHOP

Some of you have asked us what is happening to the former Post Office and Stores on Bergholt Road.

The site was recently sold to a developer called Oak Developments. The shop has now been demolished and a planning application has just been submitted for the construction of a pair of two bed-roomed semi detached houses with off-street parking.

Local neighbours will be notified by Colchester Council and local feedback requested.

You can view the plans at www.colchester.gov.uk/planning by typing Bergholt Road into the search on the planning portal.

NOTICE

Join Sir Bob in meeting with Greater Anglia Railway

Sir Bob has called for and is hosting a Rail Users Question and Answer session with Greater Anglia Railway. This will be your opportunity to raise your concerns directly.

Come along on 17th January at 7pm to his Constituency Office at Magdalen Hall, Wimpole Road, Colchester CO1 2DE

If you would like to attend, please contact Sir Bob's office on 506600 or by e-mail at info@bobrussell.org.uk.

Any problems?...Issues?...Concerns?



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