

Northern Approach Action Group

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Hi fellow Residents!

Firstly a BIG THANKS to all of you who turned up at the meeting on August 30th. There was certainly a lot said from the residents involved and it makes it more successful when you have your say! The minutes have been published from the meeting with 20 action points being assigned to various members. Needless to say your NAAG will be keeping the pressure on!

Actions

If you want to see a full list of the actions then please email NAAG2006@AOL.COM and we will be very happy to email you these by return. The document is simply too big to attach to the newsletter. However, the main topics are covered further on.

Further consultation

A further meeting was held between ECC and CBC management, Cllr Anne Turrell and NAAG representatives on October 3rd to walk the estate and discuss all the issues which have been raised previously. We are pleased to say that work has certainly been moving forwards, and pressure will continue to be applied to these areas of concern. More actions and more photos have been taken.

Rubbish and recycling

This certainly was a hot topic from the residents who attended the meeting. In short there are issues with many residents across the estate putting rubbish out way too early (In some cases putting rubbish out the same day after the Dustmen have gone). Not only is this a serious eyesore, it looks crap and also has health and safety implications for all residents.

We have asked the council to ensure they deliver new recycling request packs to all residents. It is ultimately up to you for requesting the green bottle bin and white garden sacks. But it only takes one phone call, or return of the coupon! Recycling on the estate is one of the lowest in Colchester. Lets work together to make the environment better, cleaner and safer.

Letters have been delivered from the CBC to every household on the estate reminding residents of the correct process. So come on lets work together to improve this situation. It isn't difficult after all!

Car parking

This was the topic reported vastly in the local papers. There are certainly major issues with the design of the estate. In reality we know this wont change and will affect future generations. However, we can try and help each other by parking sensibly.

The development is getting damaged where people drive over, park on or vandalise grass verges or roundabouts. There are also complaints where residents park on pavements and young families are unable to get their children through in their pushchairs.

In short, being more thoughtful and leaving space would sort this. The local police have said very publicly they will fine anyone who parks inconsiderately. Please don't be one of the minority who will give the Government yet more tax!

George Wimpey Development

We have been asked to point out by Coftons that the roads and infrastructure on ST James Park are the responsibility of George Wimpey. If you an issue with the development in that area, please contact Customercare6@georgewimpey.co.uk

NAAG will be happy to lend support and push George Wimpey if they drag their feet or come up with lame excuses.

Landscaping

This continues to be an issue with no results yet discussed. The landscaping particularly along Hakewill way is in a very sorry state. It needs major rework to bring it up to a nice acceptable standard. It is also not helped by the fact that some children have vandalised this area and leave rubbish, rubble or newspapers there when playing.

Remember this is a shared communal area and not fit for children to dig up plants or play! Please respect these areas as no remedial work is yet to be carried out and it will only make it look worse.

Road Sweeping

The roads are due to be swept every 3 months from the end of September by a mechanical machine. Coftons are responsible for paying and ensuring standards are met.

Roundabouts

Work is moving forwards to put "grass crete" blocks onto these roundabouts to ensure the grass does not suffer any further damage. We are also talking to various stakeholders about funding for some tree plantation on the appropriate roundabouts.

Contacts

We continue to ask for your support in raising issues, either directly to those responsible, or via the NAAG email address where we will put pressure on your cause.

Contact name	Responsibility	Contact number	Email
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If you would rather email the action group directly with your concerns. Please contact us at the following email address. **NAAG2006@AOL.COM**

Want to get involved?

If you would like to get involved more please email NAAG on the above address offering your services for helping with the newsletter in anyway possible.