

Northern Approach Action Group

SUMMER NEWSLETTER

Hi fellow Residents!

We don't know about you, but we are a number of residents on the estate that are fed up with the incomplete state of the Northern Approach estate. For the residents who have lived here the longest we have endured incomplete roads, lack of rubbish picking and a host of other incomplete services.

DID YOU KNOW!

At present the local authorities are not taking responsibility for the roads, pavements, landscaping and litter picking on the NAR estate. The estate is currently being maintained by a company called Cofton's before it is formally adopted by Colchester Borough Council & Essex County Council over the next 2 years.

Most residents pay the local authorities full council tax but at present the local authorities are under no legal obligation to spend our taxes on our estate!!

LIST OF ISSUES

Currently the local residents have the following issues which we want to be resolved for the estate to become a nice place to live:

- Litter picking to be done regularly - particularly on the landscaping
- Street sweeping to be organised on a regular basis
- Dustmen not to leave rubbish all over the place so it looks worse than before collection.
- Landscaping to be completed so we have bark and reasonable plants growing where they should be!
- Streetlights that work and come on at the right time!
- Roundabouts which are full of grass and not full of earth where people drive over them!
- Completed pathways - including the path to the hospital where many of you walk to for work or maybe the local casualty department!
- Asda shopping trolleys not littering the entire estate
- Standards of acceptable behaviour from all residents who don't abuse other residents, vandalise the local amenities and generally act like inconsiderate idiots!

SO WHAT DO WE WANT?

We want to live on an estate that has completed infrastructure such as roads, roundabouts, paths and landscaping that does not resemble Iraq. As mentioned earlier a company called Coftons is ultimately responsible for the completion of the work, prior to any of the authorities formerly adopting the roads and infrastructure. There is of course a further 2 years that Coftons need to look after the estate before ECC and CBC will start to spend YOUR MONEY on YOUR ESTATE!

ACTION

A number of the local residents, MP Bob Russell and local councillor Anne Turrell have been working behind the scenes to push those responsible to take ownership and action to remedy the frustrating and deplorable situation.

SO WHAT CAN WE DO?

Well actually quite a lot! People power and noise (and we don't mean antisocial noise!!) can lead to people getting off their backside and taking action!!

Below is a list of those who are ultimately responsible for ensuring we have a nice estate to live on - so why don't you phone/email them directly to voice your concerns so they can hear the individual voices of residents!!

This leaflet has been distributed to each and every resident on the estate so we all get a fair crack of the whip!!

Please contact those individuals below at any time to voice your concerns! They are there to help!

Contact name	Responsibility	Contact number	Email
Roger Bowers @ Coftons	Whole estate!	07778 969648 01603 211980	
Bob Penny	Local landscaping - Colchester Borough Council	01206 282903	Bob.Penny@colchester.gov.uk
Keith Nicholson	Head of Street Services - Colchester Borough Council	01206	Keith.Nicholson@colchester.gov.uk
Geoff Harris	Highways - Essex County Council	01206 838600	eastareahighways@essexcc.gov.uk
DVLA	Removing old cars and dealing with out of date tax	080000 3252032	
Sonia Duckling	Local Police Officer	07966 196823 01206 762212	sonia.duckling@essex.pnn.police.uk
Your Local Representatives.			
MP Bob Russell	Lib Dem Councillor	01206 506 600	brookse@parliament.uk
Councillor Anne Turrell	Lib Dem Councillor	01206 752418	cllr.anne.turrell@colchester.gov.uk
Parish Council	Parish Council	01206	

If you would rather email the action group directly with your concerns. Please contact us at the following email address. NAAG2006@AOL.COM

RESIDENTS MEETING

Please make a note in your diary that a residents meeting has been organised at St Michaels Parish Hall on Nayland road on Wednesday 30th August from 8pm to 9:30pm. All residents are welcome. MP Bob Russell & Local Councillor Anne Turrell will be there.