

# FOCUS

## on Mile End

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Edited by Cllr. Anne Turrell

# Thank You From Anne!



Your Mile End Lib Dem Councillors - Martin Goss, Anne Turrell, and Scott Greenhill

I am overwhelmed and very humbled by the support shown to me in the recent election. Thank you for your support.

We have a great team in Mile End, without the help of all of you who help us all year we would not have achieved such a good result. All our deliverers were fantastic along with those who helped us by canvassing, having stake boards, posters and off course all of you who went to the polling station and put a cross by my name.

Last but not least my two colleagues **Martin Goss** and **Scott Greenhill** without you in the team the job would have been much harder.

I will now continue to do the all I can for Mile End and represent all of you to the best of my ability.

**Once again THANK YOU.**

## Mile End Results

Anne Turrell, Lib Dem	1,765 (61%)
Matt Eaton, Conservative	713 (25%)
Michael Donnachie, Labour	287 (10%)
Mary Bryan, Green	132 (5%)

# Severalls housing update

The Severalls Planning Application for 248 houses originally went to the Planning Committee in late March for approval. **Anne Turrell** and **Martin Goss**, along with residents, spoke out against the plans highlighting a whole heap of issues which we wanted resolved.

The plans were deferred by the Planning Committee who agreed with many of the issues that we raised.

Martin and Scott met with the developers and Planning team to follow up on these concerns and residents were also granted meetings directly with the developers.

We have tried to address as many of the issues raised as possible and it is unusual to get this much input into trying to influence the plans, but as this land is owned by the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) which is owned by taxpayers, we were able to try and get as much for local people as possible

The Planning Committee approved the plans for phase 1 on May 19th and we are pleased to say all the changes which local residents wanted have been delivered.

# NEWS IN BRIEF

## Roads and pavements

We have received some good news! **Mill Road** between Severalls Lane and Brinkley Grove roundabout is due to be resurfaced this year.

Anne is still awaiting replies from Essex County Council about **Bergholt Road, Defoe Crescent, Kingswood Road, and Turner Road**. We had been promised that these roads would be repaired this year as they missed out last year.

**Cllr. Anne Turrell** has written a very strong letter to Essex County Council asking when we can expect our roads to be brought up to standard. If you feel your roads needs repair please go to the Essex County Council website and complain.

## Overgrown Hedges

Summer is almost here, everything is growing fast which means that some hedges in front gardens are overhanging the pavements. If you cannot cut the hedge back please contact Martin, Scott and Anne for advice or help.

## Windmill Court Fire

Following another fire at Windmill Court, **Martin** has written to the management company asking them to make the area more secure.

## Borough Council News

**Anne Turrell** has been re-elected as Colchester Borough Council Leader which means she will Chair Cabinet meetings.

**Martin Goss** is Deputy Chair of the Local Development Framework and **Scott Greenhill** is the Borough Council's 'Sports Champion'.

If you wish to attend any meetings or need help preparing or opposing planning applications please ask Martin, Scott or Anne.

# Speeding On New Braiswick Park

Residents on New Braiswick Park have asked that we put a request into our newsletter. They are asking drivers to slow down when driving through the Estate. One resident said to us; *"Cats are being killed and injured, how long before a child is hurt?"*

**Martin, Scott** and **Anne** support the residents and are making sure that the developers put in **traffic calming** and **speed restrictions** to help make New Braiswick Park a safer place to walk and cycle.

If you see any drivers breaking the speed limit please call the police immediately on 0300 333 4444, and report the registration of the vehicle, make, model, colour and details of the incident.

Please also let us know so it can be followed up.



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# All Year Round!