

# Mile End



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## Housing plans for our area: Make sure you have your say!



Following the recent consultation by Mersea Homes, Colchester Borough Council are now consulting on their revised Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) for the land between Mile End Road and Bergholt Road up to the former Cants fields on Nayland Road.

Since the previous consultation in 2010, the Borough Council has undertaken additional work in response to comments made. This included the engagement undertaken by the University of Essex and a new Travel Strategy for North Colchester. The findings from these have helped in the preparation of the new plans. More details

have been added which should enable people to see what is proposed more clearly.

As the developers are proposing to submit their planning application in the Spring it is important that the Council gets the SPD right as it will be used to help determine the application. Please attend one of the sessions or view the plan on line and make comment.

**Please come along to one of the sessions:**

**25th January in the small hall at the Parish Halls, Mile End Road from 3 – 7pm**

**28th January in the large hall at the Parish Halls, Mile End Road 10.30am – 2.30pm**

**We are still against housing on this site**, but the owners want to move a planning application, which they are legally within their rights to do. We need to ensure that we minimise housing numbers and impact on the area should this go-ahead.

Our promised review of the Local Development Framework (LDF) will go ahead but will have to wait until the Government finishes its changes to Planning Legislation otherwise, we would be wasting our time and your money!

The LDF governs development standards and sites across Colchester up to the year 2023.

### New Salt Bins

Five new salt bins have been installed around Mile End. These are now located in Rectory Close (funded by Colchester Borough Homes), Wallace Road, Hakewill Way, Peto Avenue and Hugh Dickson Road.

The bins were funded via a donation and all of the salt has been donated from the Myland Community Council salt stock which has been obtained from Essex County Council as part of their new salt scheme.

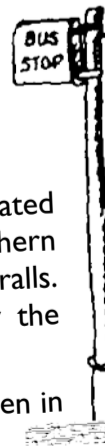
Local Liberal Democrats have also pushed Conservative-led Essex County Council to replace a bin in Fernlea but they refused to take action.

### Northern approach road update...

The Northern Approach Road extension which will run from the A12 junction all the way to meet the existing Northern Approach Road is due to begin in January 2012. It should be completed and open by around September.

The road will include a bus lane as part of the extension. The segregated bus lane which will run along the existing length of the Northern Approach Road, won't be built until the 1000th house is built at Severalls. This will be some years away but will be completely funded by the developer of the former Severalls Hospital site.

The park and ride has been delayed for 12 months but is due to open in 2013/14.



### YELLOW LINE SCHEME - New Braiswick Park

Essex County Council will shortly publish the revised Yellow Line plan for New Braiswick Park which will see the Yellow lines scheme greatly reduced following feedback from local residents and Lib Dem Councillors.

### Graffiti Removal



**We have arranged for graffiti to be removed from the underpass in Peto Avenue, Bakers Lane Railway bridge and the allotments building in Bergholt Road.**

If you see any graffiti please let us know and we will get it removed.



## Severalls: Housing Update

Crest Nicholson have started building the first phase of Severalls (248 houses). Unfortunately, a stop notice had to be served as they didn't have the correct paperwork in place to allow a temporary entrance behind the Water Tower on Mill Road.

Martin met with the MD of Crest Nicholson to discuss the issues. We are pleased to say all the correct paperwork is now in place, allowing work to commence.

## Redrow Homes

Redrow Homes have finally commenced roadworks on the Mortimer Gardens development off Mill Road. Local Lib Dem Councillor Martin Goss met with angry residents who have been proactive in setting up their own website and putting pressure on Redrow Homes to get their act together.

Martin contacted Redrow Homes and reminded them they had legal obligations to complete these works, 6 months after the last house was built or they would face legal action.

Work is set to conclude by the end of January 2012.



Various potholes have been reported and filled in Defoe Crescent, Mill Road, Nayland Road and the Northern Approach Road. Please let us know if you spot any holes which need to be repaired.

## Local recycling rate is top in town!

Around 1000 homes in Mile End are taking part in the food waste trials. So far over 91% of these residents has been recycling food waste, which is the highest amount in Colchester!

Your Lib Dem councillors will also be working with the new zone team in North Colchester to target residents who don't yet recycle anything. These residents will be visited to discuss recycling and its benefits.



## Fighting for our open spaces

We recently contacted the owners of the land behind Oxley Parker Drive to request it be opened for public use. Sadly, even though it is deemed public open space, they refused unless we let them build on it. We will not allow this to happen, but will keep trying to get this land into public use.

## Queen Boudica School Pathway

Liberal Democrat-led Colchester Council is working on helping to deliver a much needed pathway to Queen Boudica School via the Primary Care Trust building. We have now acquired the land through a donation from the PCT. Planning Permission is in place and we are now pushing for the funds from Essex County Council (ECC) to build the pathway.

ECC has £21,000,000 of funding from developers which is meant to be spent in Colchester on infrastructure and projects. With a price tag of only £10k for this pathway, ECC could easily afford its completion.

We will continue to push Conservative-led ECC until this pathway is delivered.

## Turner Rise Retail Park News

Turner Rise Retail Park now has a new owner following the quick sale at Christmas by Deutsche Bank and is now owned by Quadrant estates.

The Retail Park has started to perform better recently with the Go Outdoors store pulling in new customers. More new stores will be added early in 2012 which will mean all units will be filled again.

Martin Goss has already contacted Quadrant estates to ensure they deliver on the previous promise of lighting for the ASDA Pathway, which already has planning permission.

## Christmas Litterpick

Martin was busy litterpicking over the Xmas period to help get some exercise. He litterpicked the Northern Approach Road, parts of Bergholt Road, Axial Way, the new A12 junction and the worst areas of Bakers Lane.

Network Rail have also been contacted and asked to clean up their land off Bakers Lane as it is in a pretty



## We want to hear from YOU!

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I think something should be done about...

## New Trees!

Colchester Borough Council arranged for quite a number of replacement trees to be planted in the following locations:

- Hakewill Way
- Bergholt Road open space
- Stammers Road open space
- Bergholt Rd o/s-footpath to N/Station
- Bradford Drive
- Groves Close
- North Station Roundabout

We hope this will help brighten up our area just that little bit more.

## Mill Road resurfaced

Mill Road has been partially resurfaced following pressure from Colchester Borough Council. However, within days of the road being resurfaced it was dug up again by Essex County Council contractors to install traffic light wiring!

They claim this was the only way to install the system and is standard practice. All we can say is that it seems very bizarre and an utter waste of money!

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