

[View this email in your browser](#)



LOUGHTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

LRA's Loughton News

21 September 2019

In this issue: Rectory Lane congestion on 7-8 September, the Princess of Wales pub tidyup and [can you help your town and LRA as a Councillor?](#)

LRA NEWS

Rectory Lane congestion 7-8 September

Many residents suffered the congestion caused by the poor temporary traffic light phasing at the junction of Rectory Lane and Langston Road.

Thames Water were carrying out emergency works. Following numerous complaints over the weekend, from residents and LRA Cllr Chris Pond, on September 9th Essex Highways asked the Contractor to manually control the lights. However by then the site had already been cleared and the works completed.

Princess of Wales, Westall Road

In July LRA Cllr David Wixley was concerned that the pub was covered in graffiti and had been subjected to fly tipping, making it a very unattractive sight for residents in the area. He raised its poor state with the District Council, which owns the site. As a result, the site has been cleared up and the graffiti removed. We are following up the future of the site with the District Council.

...and Thank You!

We had a great response from members to our request for help delivering *Loughton Life*.

All Loughton households will now get their *Loughton Life* delivered. Everyone who volunteers helps LRA keep our links to the community strong, and we all work to keep it that way.



LRA's Farmers' Market
Next Market: Sunday 13 October

You will find a wide range of stalls in Loughton High Road, selling a range of foods direct from the producers. The market is held 9am - 3pm, opposite The Last Post. Residents have been delighted that this regular space gives them the opportunity to meet each other.

Can you help us occasionally at LRA's Farmers' Market?

LRA is run 100% by volunteers, so could you help a little?

Do you have one spare hour to help occasionally on our book stall (no experience needed)? If so, for a no obligation chat please [email Jill](#)

Do you have any books to donate to LRA's book stall?

We are in need of books in good condition, especially recent paperbacks.

We prefer not to take sets of old encyclopaedias, travel books older than 6-8 years or old reference and cookery books.

If you can help or are unsure whether your books are worth donating, please [email Anne](#).

MORE LRA NEWS

Planning Applications

The LRA Plans Group looks at all planning applications in the town, and takes action where appropriate.

Landmark Building, Rectory Lane

Following the withdrawal of interest from Co-Op and Costa Coffee, the District Council has appointed new marketing agents. Earlier, the Council had confidently predicted that the shops would be easy to fill. Now they say:

- Units B, C and D are let to a local Mediterranean restaurant and fitting out is now complete.
- Due to rear access issues, the pub has now been moved from Unit A to Unit F. The prospective tenants are said to be submitting the necessary planning and building regulation applications.
- Units A, E and G are on the market and are available for letting, and agents are reporting interest from a day nursery and fitness gym for Unit A.

LRA is very aware of the effect these will have on residents of the block.

Epping Forest College land in Borders Lane

Two sites in this area are in the District Council's draft Local Plan for development. Next week there will be a public exhibition on the developer's proposals:

4pm to 8pm

Tuesday 24 September 2019

Wednesday 25 September 2019

New City College, Epping Forest Campus
Borders Lane, Loughton IG10 3SA

At this stage, you can give your views to the developer. [Read the letter](#) to residents.

If and when these become formal planning application(s), the LRA Plans Group will be in touch with residents to tell you how you can comment to us and to the Town Council and to the District Council (which'll decide on the application(s)).

Corner of York Hill and Potters Close

The planning application to build an additional house at the corner of York Hill and Potters Close in the centre of the York Hill Conservation area has been refused on the grounds of loss of trees, cramped site, and visual obtrusion in the Conservation area.

113 Church Hill flats

On September 25th the District Council's local planning committee will be considering a revised application for 10 flats on the site of the old milk delivery depot. Some residents are still unhappy with the proposals.

The complicated history of planning applications and planning appeals mean that on the face of it the Council would now have little choice but to approve this latest application. However, the Council cannot show that the proposals would not adversely affect the Epping Forest Special Area of Conservation, and so will have to turn down the application (this aspect is under consideration as part of the Council's work on its draft Local Plan).

St Thomas More RC Church site, Willingale Road

The LRA Plans Group objected to the proposed demolition of the redundant church and the redevelopment of the site to provide 16 houses and 10 flats, including a new community hall, as an overdevelopment of the site with insufficient off-road parking. However the District Council has approved the plans.

Licensing Applications

The LRA Plans Group looks at all licensing applications in the town, and takes action where appropriate.

How to raise concerns and comment

You can see the full list of Licensing applications at the [District Council website](#) including those below.

You can [email comments](#) on the applications to the District Council. Please copy your comments to us by [email](#).

Any objections must be clearly linked to one or more of the UK licensing objectives, which are:

- the prevention of crime and disorder.
- public safety.
- the prevention of public nuisance.
- the protection of children from harm.

Loughton Club, 8 Station Road Loughton

They are asking for a new premises licence for the provision of live & recorded music, dance and alcohol up to midnight or earlier (and later at Christmas and New Year)

LRA Plans Group has objected to this application on the basis of the prevention of public nuisance.

We think that 11pm is the latest that the Club should be providing alcohol and any form of music and 11.30pm is the latest closing time which should be permitted as, even if the premises are well-sound-proofed, the noise of such customers - and their vehicles - leaving after 11.30pm, at a time when other daytime noises are much reduced, would obviously disturb residents.

Fruteria, 232 High Road

They are asking for an off-sales licence during their opening hours (7am – 11pm Monday – Saturday; 10am – 8pm on Sundays).

Efezade, 12-14 The Broadway

The District Council has turned down Efezade's application for the sale of alcohol, live music and refreshments to after midnight because of the potential for public nuisance. Three objectors spoke at the meeting – a local resident, the District Council's Environmental Enforcement dept and David Linnell on behalf of the LRA Plans Group.

If you're disturbed by noise from licensed premises, this case demonstrates how important it is that you complain to the District Council (at the time on 01992 564000 or later to contactus@eppingforestdc.gov.uk), as the Council's records of past complaints were a factor in the sub-committee's decision.

Newsletters: Time has flown for LRA

In our recent 'Can you help us' email, we mentioned that *Loughton Life* had been going to everyone in Loughton since 2003.

That's only part of the story. An eagle-eyed reader (and one of LRA's earliest members) pointed out that *Loughton Life* started much earlier. A flurry of looking back in the files reveals that there was an LRA newsletter in 1981, followed by *Loughton Life* in 1983 which went to members and then eventually to a much wider distribution.



Can you help your town and LRA as a Councillor?

Next May, there are important elections in Loughton. LRA will be looking for some new candidates, as a few existing town and district councillors have moved or need to retire/stand down.

Could YOU, as an LRA member, help fill the gaps?

Town councillors (perhaps a meeting every 3-4 weeks) are unpaid, but receive an honorarium of £120 a year.

District councillors (perhaps a meeting every ten days) receive an allowance of just over £4000 pa).

If you think you could help Loughton by serving and taking the decisions that will shape our future, call Chris Pond (on 020 8508 2361) or Michael Benbow (on 8508 4457) for an informal discussion, or [email us](#).

LOCAL NEWS

LOCAL LEISURE ORGANISATIONS ARE [HERE](#)

Not on my watch

Drug deals are taking place, even from people's own homes, and locals have asked us how they can stop it.

Please report such instances to the police by calling 101, [reporting it online](#) or calling Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Do not put yourself in danger; act quietly. The police need specific evidence like dates, times and dealers' car number plates. This will enable them to go after the dealers and the people behind them rather than the users.



Building up evidence that will stand up in court takes time. Residents should report as much as possible and not get disheartened if nothing appears to happen for a while.

Road Yellow Lining

Yellow lining has been completed in Connaught Av, Nursery Rd, and Warren Hill, and round the chicane and crossroads in Forest Rd. It is nearing completion in Sparelease Hill. Double yellow lines are operative now; singles will be enforced once the appropriate signs have been erected.



The approved scheme for Shaftesbury is being adjusted following resident suggestions, and may not materialise until Spring 2020. The timing of the separate County resurfacing scheme there has slipped despite the very poor road condition, and should be done about the same time. Safety junction protection is being designed soon in Alderton, Fairmead, and Broadway wards, and the Whitehills polling district of St Mary's.

Several other schemes are being considered.

Chigwell Lane - Lanes Reduced

Please be careful when driving along Chigwell Lane from Rolls Corner towards Loughton, as the road markings have been changed to create only a single lane under the M11 bridge (where there were two before).



Army and Navy flyover, Chelmsford

The County Council has announced that the flyover is closing permanently because it has come to the end of its life. [More](#)

Essex Highways

Read the [latest news](#) on fixing potholes, pavements, drains and other problems.

Report a Highways problem

You can report Highways problems to the County Council [online](#) (this is a new web address) or on 0345 603 7631.

To find out more about the County Council's work on roads and pavements, see [here](#).

You can report all sorts of local problems - see LRA's leaflet [How to report a local problem](#).

Hillyfields/Millennium Remembrance Grove - Flood Retention Scheme

The works that have started on Hillyfields/Millennium Remembrance Grove are for a flood retention scheme being promoted by the County Council. The landowner, the Town Council, and the Conservators, have agreed. Although the works look massive, the open space will be reinstated as now, as fields, with replacement planting where called for.

Loughton Library

There's a petition asking Essex County Council to keep Loughton library at its present size and location. [You can sign it here.](#)

GENERAL

Nominate a Citizen of the Year

Every year, the Town and District Councils give awards to recognise and celebrate citizens who have gone the extra mile to support their communities. It could be a good neighbour or charity worker, or perhaps someone who runs a club for youngsters or older people.



For the District, nominees (young or old) must be over 18 and live in the District in order to be considered. The Council has a separate scheme for under 18s. Closing date for both schemes is 29th November.

The Town scheme starts after Christmas. More [here](#).

Green Belt protection

Epping Forest District Council is to receive £50,000 from a Government pot of nearly £2m to crack down on illegal developments on the local green belt.

Councils will be able to use the new money to deal with illegal developments such as unauthorised traveller encampments and illegal car parks.

The Councils can do this by hiring more enforcement officers, introducing the latest technology and bringing rogue developers to book for their illegal developments.

Epping Forest: Forest Focus Autumn 2019

[Read](#) the City of London's magazine about the Forest – news, articles and events.

Epping Forest

You can [read the Superintendent's Update](#) for June to July 2019.

Access to Research

Did you know that there's a brilliant resource available for students and researchers? Access to Research gives free access to over 15 million academic articles in participating public libraries across the UK and Essex Libraries is one of them! Leading publishers have made their journal content available free for the benefit of research. Start now by viewing which articles and journals are available from home, then view the full text at one of our libraries. [More](#)

Get more from LRA and keep up with what's happening between issues of Loughton News



Visit LRA on Twitter

*Twitter is where we have all our latest news.
You don't need to be signed up to Twitter to see this*



Visit LRA on Facebook

*Facebook is where we have selected news.
You don't need to be signed up to Facebook to see this*



Visit LRA's Website

All our Tweets, past issues of Loughton News and Loughton Life, and more

NOTES

1. We expect to send out the next news bulletin on Saturday 19 October, although this could change.
2. In the process of drafting these items and sending them by email, some links to websites or email addresses can be broken; you can get round this by right-clicking on the link and then clicking "open" or, if this does not work, by cutting and pasting the address into an email or browser as appropriate.
3. If a web address doesn't work, or anything else is wrong, please let us know at loughtonnews@loughtonresidents.co.uk
4. LRA gives no warranty about, and will take no responsibility for, items or services offered – purchasers/users should make their own enquiries, and will be acting at their own risk.
5. EFNW = Epping Forest Neighbourhood Watch.

© 2019 Loughton Residents Association

For more about LRA & Loughton see www.loughtonresidents.co.uk
or email contact@loughtonresidents.co.uk

Promoted by & on behalf of Independent Loughton Residents Association 28 Brook Road Loughton IG10 1BP

This email was sent to <<Email Address>>

[why did I get this?](#) [unsubscribe from this list](#) [update subscription preferences](#)