



LOUGHTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

LRA NEWS

Residents Parking Schemes

- **Broadway area scheme.** We understand the restrictions (Pay & Display areas and Controlled Parking Zone) which were advertised earlier this year should be in place by end August *except* for Langston Road, which will be reconsidered in Phase 2 (due to follow in a year). LRA, and particularly LRA Cllr Chris Pond, has fought for nearly ten years for residents to be given the chance to have their say on residents parking. This phase tackles the worst-affected roads and splitting the process has enabled action to be taken on these more quickly.
- **Forest Road, Smarts Lane area.** The North Essex Parking Partnership (NEPP) is considering the objections received from residents and we hope to have a decision on the scheme next month.
- **Kings Green, High Road.** With help from LRA Cllr Chris Pond, residents agreed unanimously to ask NEPP for parking restrictions and Pay & Display. Road-markings have appeared, and the scheme should be completed in the next few weeks, within about 6 months of starting the process (this can only be done where all the residents are in agreement and the situation is clear-cut).

Loughton Station

- **car-park problems.** One resident has been suffering from a long-running inability to get the automatic equipment or the cash payment machine to take his money – finally (we hope) this has been sorted out. If you have problems and the operators are unhelpful, let us know at contact@loughtonresidents.co.uk and we'll try to help.
- **litter.** LRA Cllr Rose Brookes has been following up with the District Council the poor state of the roads around the station (some of the Station Approach area is looked after by London Underground and some by the Council, and some appears to be No Man's Land!). The Council have agreed to a new litter bin by the bus-stop on Roding Road and will press the contractors (Biffa) to empty the bins more frequently. Please report litter problems here and elsewhere to the Council at erefuse@eppingforestdc.gov.uk



Planning matters (these applications had been objected to by residents, the Town Council and the LRA Plans Group)

- **Royal Oak flats development proposals** (Forest Road/ Smarts Lane). A Planning Inspector has just turned down Higgins' appeal against the District Council's refusal of flats on this site. You can see the Inspector's report, Higgins appeal document and the District Council's reply (and their response to Higgins' request for costs) by going to <http://plan1.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/Northgate/PlanningExplorer/GeneralSearch.aspx> (ref EPF/2042/16)
- **2 Connaught Avenue.** There have been several attempts to develop a block of flats here, which LRA Plans Group has have considered would be over-developments of this prominent site. This week the District



Council Planning Committee turned down the latest application - as over-development. We expect this decision will go to appeal.

- **Beechlands, 42-44 Alderton Hill.** The proprietor of this care home has been trying for years to build a house in the back garden which, apart from its immediate effects, might set a disastrous precedent for roads with large houses in large gardens. Residents, the Town Council and the LRA Plans Group have fought the proposals. The latest attempt has been turned down by a Planning Inspector – see his decision at <http://planpub.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/NorthgatePublicDocs/00555503.pdf>



Oakwood Hill estate refurbishment. Some years ago, an LRA Cllr obtained a commitment (£200,000) from the District Council to improve the poor condition of the estate, and in particular to repair the footpaths. There has been delay after delay (some of which has been due to the County Council Highways dept). LRA Chris Roberts has followed this up, and has been assured that the funds are still earmarked for the work, and that discussions on detailed proposals will start in July.

District Council car-park ticket machines. In early June LRA Cllr Judy Jennings followed up residents' problems with the ticket machines. The Council say the problems were caused by faulty ticket rolls, which have now been replaced



LOCAL NEWS

FOR LOCAL EVENTS SEE SEPARATE EMAIL

Check ahead for events in red, which need to be booked in advance!

FOR LOCAL LEISURE ORGANISATIONS SEE <http://tinyurl.com/pbel693>

250 bus service consultation. The County Council is considering stopping the funding of the Monday-Saturday evening service because it costs the Council of £15.07 per passenger journey (their limit is £5 a journey). To give your views, go to their [survey](#) (closes July 8th).

Nu-Bar. A resident contacted us to say that on June 1st there were a large number of intoxicated people outside the bar at 7pm (including some throwing up all over the pavement). We've asked her to send her comments to the District Council (licensing@eppingforestdc.gov.uk).

We don't expect anything will happen immediately, but if you see any similar problems please report them - the Council need evidence before they can take any action.



Licensing matters

- **Vivaldi**, 236 High Road, has been granted a licence to sell alcohol with meals till 11pm (they'd originally wanted to go much later). They will have to apply separately if they want to provide alcohol with meals outside on the pavement
- **Eight Rocks Deli and Wine**, 238 High Road, has applied for a licence for recorded music and to sell alcohol with meals till 11pm
- **Aldi** has applied for a licence to sell alcohol to 11pm at their proposed Langston Road store

Vandalism to Table Tennis Table – Willingale Road Playing Field. The Town Council is extremely disappointed to report that the new outdoor table tennis table has been vandalised. It was only installed in April this year thanks to a successful grant

application to the County Council. The cost was around £2,000. Anyone with information on the perpetrators is asked to contact the council on 020 8508 4200 or



Essex Police (101 or www.essex.police.uk) or anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0888 555 111.

LuXe – for the Licensing Panel’s full decision, including the conditions imposed on re-opening as a gastro-pub, see www.loughtonresidents.org.uk



ASB in NCP/Sainsbury Car Park by Loughton Station. We’ve had a report of teenagers smoking weed and shouting abuse in the area behind the temporary containers and security hut between two halves of the car park. When similar problems have arisen in the past, the police have stepped up their patrols, but they need to know if there’s any pattern. (Particular times? Particular days?). So please report the problems (101 or www.essex.police.uk), so they can build up their “intelligence” – otherwise we’re afraid that, given the cuts, it won’t get high enough on their priorities.



White line across your driveway.

You can now apply to NEPP (on their website) for an ‘H-bar’ marking across your dropped-kerb driveway access.

Find out more at www1.parkingpartnership.org/north/hbarapplication

Joint Governance of Police and Fire & Rescue Services in Essex.

[Report](#) of the Public Consultation, and next steps for a merger.



Local Policing (from PCSO Louise Coveney’s March report to the Broadway Town Centre Partnership)

- the Epping Forest District team has 1 sergeant, 5 PCs, and 5-6 PCSOs
- ASB in The Broadway: this year only 14 incidents up to 06/03/2017, all relatively minor
- Nitrous Oxide (*NO*) canisters aren’t a police matter and should be reported to the District Council Environmental Health dept. It is illegal to distribute the canisters; dealing is illegal. *NO* affects users only for a few seconds which is why the users take such large quantities.
- Police are not allowed to pursue suspects on motorbikes in case the riders fall off.
- the most effective way of reporting suspect motorbikes (and other vehicles) is numberplates.
- most reporting done online - don’t feel bad if you don’t get a response.
- cameras on The Broadway are really good.

Princess Alexandra Hospital was put into special measures after its services were rated *inadequate* by the Care Quality Commission. Senior hospital staff came to a District Council meeting earlier this month to give an improvement plan update.

<http://www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/news/?p=33055>



Langston Road Retail Park. www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/news/?p=33061

- **Confirmed tenants:** *Next* (including a *Costa Coffee*), *TK Max*, *Aldi*, *Hobbycraft*, *Pets at Home* and *Smyths Toys*
- **Construction of the retail units** is nearing completion with the supporting highway improvements due to finish in August. The Council expects by now to have handed-over units to tenants, and for shop fitting to have started.



Local Plan Implementation. www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/news/?p=33061

The District Council plans to produce masterplans covering various areas in the District, including areas in Loughton, in order to ensure development and infrastructure requirements across groups of sites in the same area.

This does not mean any sites will definitely be in or out of the final Local Plan or that planning approvals have been decided or approved

The Council hasn't yet decided which sites will be included in the final draft of the Local Plan.



Jessel Green

School Green, Staples Road (Conservation Area). We reported in May that Thames Water has installed significant infrastructure on Forest Land without the City Corporation's permission, and that LRA and the Town Council were concerned about this eyesore. The Corporation and the District Council have insisted that Thames Water completely remove the concrete and install and plant grass reinforcement porous pavers – this is underway but will take some time to organise.

Jessel Green Family Fun Day. Sunday July 16th.

A full programme of free entertainment and low-cost activities on the Green, mid-day – 4pm. Bigger than before, with craft community stalls, food vendors and children's fairground rides, as well as bouncy castles etc and a soft-play area for the under-5s. Individual activities start from 50p a go (all-day wristbands £5). Book now at www.jesselgreen.org.uk for a discount.



Loughton Town Council is on the move to Loughton Library, Traps Hill in July/August. Phone and email links will remain the same. Once the move is complete, all regular council & committee meetings will be held at the Library. Their existing Buckingham Court premises are being let.

Epping Forest District Council property fire safety measures: find out [here](#).

Stay safe on the roads. Officers from Essex Police's Casualty Reduction Section and Safer Essex Roads partners were in Waltham Abbey recently as part of a dedicated operation to help to reduce those killed and seriously injured on our roads by using a combination of engagement and enforcement. They found over 100 drivers without seatbelts on, and stopped others for using mobile phones, being over the speed-limit, careless driving, vehicle defects and driving without a licence or MOT. 4 drivers without insurance had their cars seized and three were arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence of drugs. [More](#).



Highways matters

- **High Road delays likely - road closure** from The Crescent junction to the Church Hill junction until 20 July for machine-surfacing of roadway
- **Friday June 23 - High Road traffic chaos** was apparently caused by Thames water dealing with a water emergency on Goldings Hill and an overturned car on the M25.
- **Cuthberts Alley closure** (High Road – Forest Road, by the Wimpy Bar). County Council Highways intend to temporarily close the alley from its junction with High Road for approximately 19 metres, from July 10th to August 21st, during work to underpin the flank wall of Wimpy Bar.
- **Station Approach:** at long last yellow lines will mean that drivers who park outside the station, sometimes dangerously, will be at risk of being ticketed



- **If you get a survey form** for the National Highways and Transport (NHT) **Public Satisfaction survey**, please do fill it in and return it. Essex County Council is one of 112 Local Authorities to sign up to a standardised random survey that will ask members of the public exactly the same questions. Let them know your views on Essex's road and transport network – from the condition of roads and footways to the quality of cycling facilities.

A social media story about tenants trashing a council house in Waltham Abbey that went viral with 700,000 views in two days was wrong. Epping Forest District Council has set out the [facts](#).

OFFERS & HELP AVAILABLE

Gardening, DIY and befriending services for those who need help run by Voluntary Action Epping Forest (£25 an hour for the first hour, then £12 an hour).

See services and eligibility at www.vaef.org.uk/?page_id=702
Enquiries 07736 24401 or lisasharp20@gmail.com



Essex Travel

- **new interactive bus and train map for Essex:** plan your journey, see the route your bus takes, download current timetables and search for bus routes and stops
- **Latest Essex Bus Passenger News** – scan the QR code or click [here](#).



Stay up to date on new scams at www.actionfraud.police.uk and www.cyberaware.gov.uk [EFNW]

Lifewalks: walking for health scheme run by the District Council and approved by local doctors and hospitals. Every week there's a choice of group walks around the District, led by specially-trained staff. <http://tinyurl.com/mp6s4cu> or 01992 564222 or kmurray@eppingforestdc.gov.uk



HELP WANTED

Speeding on Oakwood Hill/ Valley Hill – if you'd like to help form a local *Speedwatch* group to carry out roadside activities to improve road safety, email the Town Council at contact@loughton-tc.gov.uk or ring 020 8508 4200.



Could you handle a School Crossing Patrol? There are local vacancies. No experience is required – full training and uniform provided. Find out more at www.workingforessex.com or ring 03330 139788

Footpaths under threat! If you've used any of the following paths regularly during a 20-year period from 1994 to date, please contact the Town Council for an evidence form (contact@loughton-tc.gov.uk or ring 020 8508 4200). The Council want to get the paths registered to protect them from threatened development:

- Jacksons Alley (High Road to Clifton Road car-park)
- Across Luctons Field, diagonally from Ladyfields to Luctons Path
- Luctons Path (Borders Lane to Colson Road)
- Adjacent 18 Longfield to Lowery Path

Lopping Hall Year of the Chair. The Directors of Lopping Hall need to raise funds in the region of £11,000 to purchase 200 new chairs at £55 each. They're asking users and supporters of the Hall to help by buying a leg, seat, back or perhaps a whole chair or multiple of chairs. A Just Giving Page will be set up but, if you wish to donate in the meantime, download the [Chair Flyer](#) and send a cheque to Lopping Hall, FAO Stephen Radley, 187-191 High Road, Loughton, IG10 4LF, made payable to "The Lopping Endowment.



Essex Restorative Justice is a scheme which will allow victims of crime and anti-social behaviour (such as neighbour disputes) the chance to communicate with the perpetrators. Could you volunteer your time and skills? Do you have the ability to learn skills that would allow them to help victims to ask questions and receive meaningful reparation for the harm that has been caused? Contact: restorativejustice@essex.pnn.police.uk or 01245 291609

GENERAL

<p>Hotpoint fridge-freezers. A Hotpoint FF175BP fridge freezer was the initial source of the Grenfell Tower fire in North Kensington. If you have this model, call Whirlpool Corporation's freephone hotline on 0800 316 3826 or visit www.hotpointservice.co.uk/fridgefreezer to register their details for further updates.</p>	
<p>Electrical Product Recall Alert for Beko & Blomberg Condenser Tumble Dryers For full details, including affected model numbers and manufacturer's advice, click here.</p>	
<p>Stay safer - register your appliances. Essex County Fire and Rescue Service is encouraging residents to register all household appliances with www.registeryourappliance.org.uk so you can keep-up-to-date with the latest product and safety information.</p>	
<p>What is Action Fraud Alert? Action Fraud Alert is provided by the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau, which is run by the City of London Police as a national service. Register to receive direct, verified, accurate information about scams and fraud in your area, free. https://www.actionfraudalert.co.uk/</p>	
<p>Calls and texts from "banks" and/or credit card providers. If a phone call from the bank seems suspicious, hang up the phone and wait for 10 minutes before calling the bank on the number on your bank statement or on the back of your card.</p>	
<p>On public transport you can contact BPT (British Transport Police) on your mobile phone. Report crime on 0800 40 50 40 or Text 61016</p> <p>IN AN EMERGENCY ALWAYS DIAL 999</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div data-bbox="841 1738 1040 1940" style="text-align: center;"> </div> <div data-bbox="1073 1717 1463 1969" style="text-align: center;"> </div> </div>

Staying safe at home

- if you have a security chain fitted on your front door, use it!
- before turning in for the night check that you side and rear gates are closed; inside, check behind closed curtains to make sure windows are closed and locked
- PVCu doors: make sure the handles are lifted fully and the key locked – take out the key (but keep it handy in case of fire)
- make sure any outside security lights are in working order
- keep hedges well-trimmed - overgrown hedging can be an excellent hiding place
- don't open the door if you do not know who it is, stay inside and call 999
- if a burglar sees a couple working in the front garden, it's a fair bet that nobody else will be in the house, and that the *back* door will be open and unlocked....you can guess the rest!

Please report any incidents to the police - they can't do anything if they are unaware and it may be relevant to other incidents they're investigating, and enable them to keep a log of incidents and locations.

[Essex Neighbourhood Watch]



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FACEBOOK: Like and Follow our Facebook page by going to www.facebook.com/LoughtonResidents

NOTES

1. We expect to send out the next news bulletin on Friday July 14th.
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 david.linnell@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. To enlarge a picture, click on it and then drag one of the corners outwards
6. EFNW = Epping Forest Neighbourhood Watch

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