



LOUGHTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

LRA NEWS

Draft Local Plan. LRA is considering our options should the District Council persist with what we see as extremely harmful suggestions, such as including the Debden green spaces and the Traps Hill car-park in the list of development sites. Here's a [summary](#) of the work the Council is currently undertaking on the Plan. We reported last time that the Government was consulting on greatly increasing the number of housing units that would have to be built in the District, from 514 a year to 921 a year. The District Council can avoid this increase if it can submit its Plan for examination before 31 March 2018. It's therefore trying to speed up the process to make sure this happens – the key Council meeting will be on December 14th



Parking: Forest Rd/ Smarts Lane/ High Beech Road area. NEPP are getting lots of complaints from Forest Road businesses and residents of High Road flats, who currently don't qualify for permits*, and we think from residents in Clifton Road too, as they are limited to 1 permit per household. We understand that some of the aggrieved people will be questioning NEPP at their board meeting on 19 October. NEPP will no doubt undertake censuses and consider after that whether to sell permits to those in some or all of these categories.



LRA has also had similar complaints. Our concern is to make sure residents get the best possible deal from the scheme. LRA Cllr Chris Pond has been checking the number of spaces available at different times, to make sure claims that the roads have large amounts of spare capacity are not being exaggerated; and to provide a check on any figures NEPP may produce. He has also asked NEPP how many permits have been issued and how many applications they are currently getting.

If you have concerns, please let us know at contact@loughtonresidents.co.uk

*The Government's planning rules for new blocks of flats allow them to be built *without* parking spaces, or with fewer than usual, where there's "good" public transport. Tenants and owners of High Road flats have no right to parking permits in other roads – something buyers should beware! The problem will get worse as, inevitably, more and more roads in Loughton become part of Residents Parking Zones.



Streetlights out of order in Great Eastern Path (to the east of Loughton station). Residents approached us with concerns about a block of out-of-action lights, now the nights are drawing in. I checked with County Highways, who reported the electricity failure to UK Power on Sept 15th. UK Power say they expect to repair the fault by mid-October.

Potholes. LRA Cllr Barbara Cohen reports that the potholes in The Beacons and Champions are on Highways list, but with low priority. The one at the junction of Clays Lane and Stanmore Way should be completed by March next year (delayed because gas works need to be completed first, then the area is to be machine resurfaced).

Broadway area parking

- **Parking for Broadway shoppers.** The introduction of the RPZ has meant that commuters are now filling the Burton Road car-park, deterring shoppers and further affecting the shops. Chris Pond investigated the situation and proposed to the District Council that they allocate part of the car-park as short-term parking - they have agreed to work out the best way of altering the present arrangements. In the meantime, shoppers can park in Burton Road south, Vere Road or (for customers) Sainsbury's.
- **Phase 2 of the RPZ** will get underway later this month with a meeting, attended by LRA Cllrs Chris Pond and Chris Roberts, to discuss what's needed.



Rectory Lane roadworks. LRA Cllr Chris Pond has followed up two complaints from a resident. The County Council has promised to get the contractors to clean up debris and stones on the road by the railway bridge; the Council's auditors will look at the safety aspects of the scheme, particularly the lack of safety railings for the path on the Ladyfields side of Rectory Lane.

Drones. A resident contacted us because a drone was flying over and filming her house and garden. If you think that a drone is being operated in breach of the [CAA code](#) you should speak to the person flying it (if you can find them) and, as a last resort, notify the police (www.essex.police.uk/ or ring 101; ring 999 if a crime is being committed).



397 bus service. A resident has reported an increasingly erratic service. LRA Cllr Chris Pond took this up with TfL, who say that the traffic jams caused by the Rectory Lane roadworks have caused delays, and hence problems in getting drivers back to Walthamstow by the end of their shifts. Hopefully the end of the roadworks will see an improvement in the service.

Noisy motorbikes late at night – an increasing problem? LRA Cllr Judy Jennings replied to a query from a resident – she suggested letting the Police know (www.essex.police.uk/ or 101), and keeping a diary.

If you see any of the perpetrators, please pass registration numbers to the Police.



Planning cases

- **Cuthbert's Alley** (next to Wimpy Bar, 168A High Road) is now open. More scaffolding has arrived - they have permission to add two new floors of flats – and Chris Pond has followed up to get the scaffolding contractors to put lights on the scaffolding at night
- **Traps Hill and Alderton Hill.** The LRA Plans Group (LPG) is concerned about planning applications for blocks of flats at the top of [Traps Hill](#) (7 flats where the road is at its narrowest) and near the bottom of [Alderton Hill](#) (106 retirement flats, 4 – 6 storeys). Volunteers have kindly delivered letters from LPG to residents to tell them how they can comment to LPG and the Town and District Councils. LPG is not against flats as such, but these blocks would be out-of-character in their surroundings and anyway would be over-developments of the sites.

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>

[Whipps Cross University Hospital](#). New CQC [inspection report](#) - rating: Requires improvement.
[Read the report now](#)

Housing fraud. The District Council recently successfully prosecuted some-one for fraud (letting her social housing to others). [More](#).

Please tell the Council if you suspect someone is committing fraud by [filling in their online form](#) or by calling their fraud investigation team. You can report anonymously and don't have to give your name or contact details unless you want to: email investigations@eppingforestdc.gov.uk or use the [:online report fraud form](#) or call 01992 564444



Loughton Town Council Award.

The Essex Association of Local Councils has awarded a silver salver to Loughton Town Council (LTC) in recognition of LTC's dedication to affordable and free activities for families and open space protection, and its campaign against the District Council's draft Local Plan.

Road safety

- **Please take extra care on roads through #EppingForest** at this time of the year. Please share [Deer aware safety advice](#)
- **Jailed: hit-and-run driver** who ran over elderly man in Loughton. [More](#).



OFFERS & HELP AVAILABLE

Ride a motorbike? Free [advance training](#) available! Advanced rider training is something every rider should consider. **It could save your life** – at the least, it will help you be a better rider, no matter what kind of bike you ride and regardless of how long you've been riding. You will get far more out of your riding experience and, above all, be safer on the road. There is also a financial benefit as many insurance companies will offer discounts for motorcyclists with advanced rider qualifications.



BHCA is seeking a Centre Manager to take charge of all the activities which it runs from its base at Bedford House, Buckhurst Hill. Hours: 4 days per week. Salary: £24,000pa. Closing date: Friday 20 October. For full details, job description and application form, visit www.bedfordhouse.org.uk .

Anti-social behaviour (ASB) - who to contact. If the behaviour is in progress this should be reported to Essex Police (www.essex.police.uk or 101) unless a crime is in progress and there is some threat to people – ring 999.

If the behaviour is of a repetitive and annoying nature, please keep a diary and report each incident to the police as above, and/or to the District Council (01992 564000)

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HELP WANTED

Victim Support (VS) needs volunteers. VS is an independent charity supporting victims of crime. They are looking for reliable volunteers with great listening skills, who have four hours or more to spare a week. They have a few places left on their next four day training course in Chelmsford on 3rd, 4th, 17th & 18th of November. They will train you to offer practical and emotional support to people affected by crime. Interested? Find out more by emailing essexvolunteering@victimsupport.org.uk or calling 01277 357557. www.victimsupport.org.uk



Nominate your Young Citizen of the Year 2018

Epping Forest Youth Council’s drug awareness project.

Youth Councillors are currently designing a poster campaign to take into their schools and raise awareness of the dangers of the laughing-gas craze.

Do you know some-one aged between 16 and 24?

[Ask them to take the survey online](#)



GENERAL



Noisy neighbours doing building work? If it persists, complain to the District Council (01992 564000, 24 hours). We’re told that the worktime rules are 8am to 6.30pm Monday to Friday & Saturday 9am - 1pm (no work at all Sundays). The Council will send your neighbours a letter first then, if it persists, they will come to monitor it.

Buying or renting a flat in the High Road or The Broadway?

If you know some-one who’s thinking of renting or buying a flat close to the new Controlled Parking Zones (CPZ), make sure they know that they WON’T be eligible for a parking permit in the CPZ.

For example, lots of applications for new flats near the High Road have been approved, because the national planning rules mean that minimum off-road parking requirements can be reduced where there’s “good” public transport, despite LRA’s Plans Group and our Cllrs pointing out at planning hearings that in practice some occupants will have cars and will need somewhere to park them.

This will become more and more important as further CPZs are established in the Town.

What can you recycle – and when?

Answer: A lot more than bottles!



In particular, you can recycle small waste electrical items, and batteries.

Collection service:

- for bulky items check out the Council’s collection service
- if you use a man-with-a-van, make sure they’re properly licensed as, if your rubbish is fly-tipped and traced back to you, you can wind up in court.

London Mayor Environment proposals: in his [London Environment Strategy](#), out for consultation until November, the Mayor proposes (among many other things) that “(subject to the development of detailed proposals and consultation) that the ULEZ is expanded to Inner London by 2021 for light vehicles (cars, vans, minibuses and motorbikes), covering an area up to the North / South Circular.” There’s also the Mayor’s [Transport strategy](#)



(ULEZ: an Ultra Low Emission Vehicle Zone is one for vehicles with reduced emissions of air pollutants and CO2, incl. battery electric, hydrogen fuel cell electric, plug-in hybrid & range-extended electric vehicles.)

Dog Control Orders (DCO) [Additional information and FAQs](#)

Dog Control Orders (DCO) become Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO) on 20 October. This will automatically increase the fixed penalty available for offences from £75 to £100 but in other respects the offences remain the same.

DCO/PSPO make it an offence for a person in charge of a dog to:

- fail to remove dog faeces** deposited on any publicly accessible land within the District;
- fail to put a dog on a lead** when directed to do so by an authorised officer, on any publicly accessible land within the District;
- fail to limit the number of dogs** which a person may take onto publicly accessible land within the District to four



#ChooseWell #StayWell



<p>9 9 9</p> <p>Choking. Chest pain. Blacking out. Blood loss.</p> <p>Call 999 or go to A&E</p>	<p></p> <p>Sprains. Strains. Cuts. Itches.</p> <p>NHS Walk-in Centres</p>	<p></p> <p>Vomiting. Ear pain. Stomach ache. Backache.</p> <p>GP Surgery</p>
<p></p> <p>Diarrhoea Runny nose Painful cough Headache</p> <p>Pharmacy</p>	<p></p> <p>Unwell? Unsure? Confused? Need help?</p> <p>NHS 111</p>	<p></p> <p>Cough Sore throat Grazed knee Hangover</p> <p>Self-care</p>

Stay secure at home!

This month, Essex Police are giving residents advice on how to make their home more secure. Take their [#survey](#) now: <http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SecureSurvey>

[Safety campaign](#) aimed at 11-16 year olds by Counter Terrorism Police - how to act in the unlikely event they are caught in a gun or knife attack. The *ACT for YOUTH* campaign reinvents the *RUN, HIDE, TELL* public information for a new generation.

**KEEP UP WITH THE NEWS
BETWEEN OUR EMAIL BULLETINS**



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Not on Twitter? See our tweets at www.loughtonresidents.org.uk

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 October 20th.
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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