

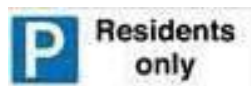
LRA's LOUGHTON LIFE Newsletter

Members' Edition
December 2018

Loughton Residents Association is independent and focuses on looking after Loughton. We have Cllrs on the County and District Councils, and hold 20 out of 22 of the seats on Loughton Town Council.

Broadway area residents' parking

A year ago, with few objections from residents, NEPP introduced residents' parking controls in the roads nearest to Debden station/town centre, because commuters (and others) were parking cars there and residents were unable to find anywhere to park at the kerbside near their homes.



As always happens, commuters' and others' cars were displaced into the surrounding roads. From the start, NEPP had planned a second round of parking restrictions to deal with this, and recently published a new draft Parking Order.

In preparing the Order, NEPP and the District Council consulted LRA Cllrs (and others) about:

- including those roads where there is already a commuter-parking problem, where many residents want parking controls so they can park near their homes
- also including nearby roads which don't currently have a commuter-parking problem but which could start having such problems when commuters are displaced into them – NEPP said they don't intend to introduce parking controls into these roads unless and until they have serious parking problems (then NEPP could act much faster than starting afresh).

What LRA wasn't told, and so didn't know, was that NEPP would totally fail to explain the distinction between these two groups when they advertised the scheme for objections; understandably, some residents were very upset by this.

Where a preponderance of residents in outer streets don't want their street included in the scheme, LRA will support them.

Residents who are already suffering serious commuter-parking will also be supported by LRA.

We understand NEPP already propose to delete The Lindens and Hogarth Reach from the scheme. We await their further proposals.



Loughton's Debt of Honour

Loughton War Memorial occupies a prominent position on Kings Green. It comprises a Celtic cross surmounting an elegant whetstone-shaped pillar on a plinth bearing bronze plaques with the names of those killed in two world wars. There are 90 names from the First World War; further names, including 64 from the Second World War, were added in 2002; Loughton Town Council arranged for four additional names to be added in 2015.

Research has shown that there may still be more former Loughton residents who were killed on active service and whose names are not included on the memorial, ranging in time from the Crimean War to the present day.

The Council's Roll of Honour lists all the names on all the Loughton memorials – see <https://tinyurl.com/ybhcrnhg>

There is also a tribute to the WW1 service personnel, telling some of their stories, at <https://tinyurl.com/ycmb9jku> (thanks to LRA Cllr Stephen Pewsey).

If you can help with information about - or pictures of - any of Loughton's war dead, please contact the Town Council at Loughton Library and Town Hall, Traps Hill, Loughton IG10 1HD, or on 020 8508 4200 or by emailing contact@loughton-tc.gov.uk

Local Plan

Following the court decision to refuse CK Properties the right to appeal in its defeated court case against the Epping Forest District Council, the Council has finally formally submitted its 15 year house-building plan.

An Inspector has been appointed to carry out the independent examination of the plan and to determine whether it is legally sound and consistent with national policy, with a hearing due early in 2019.

At the hearing, LRA (and others) intend to contest the inclusion of Jessel Green for housing, and other matters.

We understand that the Inspector has questioned whether alternatives to building on Green Belt had been considered, and asked the council to provide additional evidence to 'justify' future development on flood sites.

Our thanks to all the residents who support LRA

Editing skills needed

David Linnell would like help with compiling and editing LRA's fortnightly email bulletins to members. If you're interested in helping, please ring 020 8508 2932 (leave a message if out) or email david.linnell@LoughtonResidents.co.uk

Farmers' markets



Come along to LRA's Farmers' Market on Sunday December 9th, 9am–3pm, on Centric Parade, High Road, for the usual stalls, and carols by members of the Roding Players.

On the beat

Recently the Loughton team carried out hi-vis patrols across the district. Special Inspector East & Special Constable Dan Spillman walked 11,000 steps from the Police Station to Debden and back on patrol. LRA Cllr Barbara Cohen spotted these two PCSOs on the High Road.



Police & Crime Dealing with drugs

We've been getting reports of drug use in various parts of the town recently, including in and near Loughton cemetery and St Johns churchyard, and in Debden.

The police have a very active anti-drugs team which has obtained convictions of dealers, but they won't respond to individual calls as arrests rarely, if ever, result.

Instead, the police need to build up a body of evidence which can be used when dealers are taken to court, to help get convictions.

Indeed, acting on information from the community, Essex Police launched an investigation in May this year targeting so-called 'county line' drug dealing gangs in Debden & other parts of Loughton, and in Buckhurst Hill, Chigwell, Limes Farm and Hainault.

The gangs are believed to be involved in the supply of Class A drugs and thought to make roughly in the region of £3,000 per day from the sale of illegal substances.

Supported by Epping Forest District Council, Essex Police began investigating the gangs and building up a picture on key members.

The six-month probe culminated in mid-November with the execution of 19 warrants across the district.

In total 24 people were arrested on suspicion of offences ranging from possession of drugs to possession with intent to supply and being concerned in the supply of drugs.

If you have information about drug or gang-related crime, please report times and places (keep a diary if possible) and any vehicle numbers to Essex Police at www.essex.police.uk or on 101, or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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LRA Cllrs are Independent and non-political

Planning & licensing

The LRA Plans Group (LPG) looks at all planning and licensing applications in the town. It consults residents and supports, or objects to, individual applications as appropriate. It works entirely separately from LRA's Cllrs on Council planning committees.

13-15A Alderton Hill

A new application for 89 elderly-persons' flats (EPF/2115/18) will go to a District Council planning committee for consideration. The plan's proposed size, height and parking are similar to those in the plans refused last April (EPF/2499/17 - in February there'll be a formal appeal hearing on this application).

Green Owl Canteen, 12-14 The Broadway

The Green Owl Canteen (opened in April 2018 on the site of the former Post Office) has closed down. As always, we will be keeping a close eye on any proposals to replace it.

143-149 High Road and 2 Old Station Road

The District Council has approved the refurbishment of the block to the south of the mini-roundabout, with the addition of an extra floor to provide 5 flats.

Vere Road

The District Council has approved its own application to demolish the existing garages and create a public car-park.

Landmark House (The Broadway & Rectory Lane)

The District Council has refused an application to add take-away service and outside seating to a ground-floor restaurant (already approved) because of the likely disturbance to residents above it.



Care about Loughton?

David Linnell needs help to list and send round the new planning applications to the LRA Plans Group and to respond to them. Everything is done on email.

If you're interested in helping, please email david.linnell@LoughtonResidents.co.uk or ring 020 8508 2932 (leave a message if out).

Enforcement cases

The District Council Planning Enforcement team look into complaints that the planning rules aren't being followed, and may take action. Often they find there's not been a breach of planning rules, or the position is sorted out by planning permission being applied for and granted.

Recent complaints in Loughton cover the following topics:

- building not as approved plans (front elevation forward of building line)
- large outbuilding erected in rear garden without planning permission
- breach of landscaping details in planning permission and creation of new access
- rear extension built closer to boundary than the plans allowed
- part of protected hedge in Conservation Area removed without permission.

What is it? LRA Cryptic Christmas Quiz 2018



Time to get your thinking caps on again! This year, the theme is the High Street, and the answers are shops, banks, restaurants, estate agents and so on, that you might find (or have found in the past) on a main shopping street (not necessarily Loughton).

Please send answers to Les Harris, 32 Upper Park, Loughton, Essex IG10 4EQ or to lesandsueharris@aol.com by January 5th. A book token or bottle of fizz will go to the first correct entry out of the hat. Merry Christmas to you all!

- Climbs on to the roof ridge (5, 5)
- Expensive drink here? (5, 6)
- Bouquets (6)
- Ready-to-eat? Mais oui! (4, 1, 6)
- Makes better (5)
- Was musically rapid (6)
- Belongs to Jason's ship (5)
- Wet the pebbles! (11)
- Regal (8)
- Hang on there flower! (8)
- Typical surroundings (7)
- Should they retail freezers etc? (10)
- Take the 8th, 13th and 22nd for this store (1, 1, 1)
- Two Spanish grannies (6)
- Nothing's even here (7)
- Sounds like a baseball term (8)
- Parliamentary money store (11, 4)
- Car is parked by a water plant (6, 4)
- Highest store (3, 4)
- Made for walking? (5)
- Sing songs as a dog might (8)
- Sounds as if they should sell suits (7)
- Church has sponsored a race (5, 8)
- Timothy's boys (8)
- Canadian trees (6)
- Needed at harvest time (9)
- Hit the ground (9)
- Fabric values (10)
- Owned by a former US President? (7, 5)
- Italian fast food (5, 7).

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Highways & parking

Parking in Alderton Hall Lane at school times

Over the last few months, LRA Cllrs have been involved in trying to deal with this problem.

- LRA Cllr Chris Pond convened a meeting **with the head-teachers**; he got the zigzags extended and jockey rails installed to prevent the grass getting churned up.
- LRA Cllr Mick Stubbings attended an **Essex County Council meeting** (they're responsible for Highways) and asked the Highways Portfolio-holder about getting the parking better organised. He got an unhelpful reply that it's no worse in Alderton than in any other place.
- LRA asked NEPP to consider **including school times in the current residents' parking exercise**; they refused.
- We have nominated Alderton school as number 1 on the list to institute the new 3PR scheme, which aims to get children to **walk to school**.
- Chris has asked NEPP's parking manager to send CEOs (parking wardens) to **enforce the existing restrictions**; he has said he will, as resources allow.
- NEPP do have a **video-car** which they use to "police" parents parking near schools, and to issue tickets but it's in high demand from other schools too.

We will keep trying to get more done; however it's usually a long, slow process, not helped by the current squeeze on local authority budgets.

Potholes and Priorities

Good News: in the last month or so, County Highways have repaired over 100 potholes.

Not so good news: The focus on repairing "higher-priority" defects, such as



potholes, has left Loughton with lots of missing or damaged bollards on traffic islands or verges because these never seem to get high enough up Highways' priority list to justify being repaired.

The County Council are proposing to "relax" their standards for various types of highways repairs, removing the 28-day target set by their current maintenance standards in favour of a vague requirement to plan the work sometime. This appears to be because they have had to pay out to residents who've put in claims for vehicle damage from potholes not repaired within the 28 days currently laid down.

Want to help?

If you would like to help LRA with our membership records please contact David Linnell or Chris Pond by email to contact@loughtonresidents.co.uk or phone (numbers on page 2).

87 bus service

This is an hourly service which goes right to the Langston Road Retail Park. LRA Cllr Chris Pond recently took up a complaint about service irregularity, and was told it was a combination of staff absence and road works. A resident has commented that the bus has been almost empty when she has used it and has asked us to remind residents that, if it's not used, the service won't continue.



20 bus service

LRA Cllr Chris Pond and EFTAG recently met Transport for London to discuss bus reliability (or lack of) problems, particularly relating to route 20.



Make Burton road one-way?

In reply to a query from a resident, Chris Pond said that this question has been raised occasionally in the past.



The general thrust, however, of the advice we have received is that to do so would inconvenience people living on the Debden estate, and might make things worse by encouraging left turns into Torrington Drive (against the one-way system) and right turns into The Broadway from Torrington Drive, especially by lorries. Highways have refused to provide another No Entry sign at the junction with The Broadway, saying that the signage there is adequate.

District Council's Burton Road council-housing scheme

Following the recent fire in one of the new blocks, the Council was optimistic that any resulting delays would be minor; that now appears not to be the case.

Post early for Christmas!

Find a Post Office at www.postoffice.co.uk/branch-finder or go to one of Loughton's nearby branches:

- **Goldings Hill**, 11 England's Lane
- **The Broadway**, 47-49 The Broadway
- **High Road**, Hutchins of Loughton, 197 High Road
- **Loughton Way**, 142 Loughton Way, Buckhurst Hill

Crime Prevention:

Property Marking & Recording

Use property marking products like UV pens and forensic marking solutions to protect your valuables. This can help police in returning the item to you and could provide valuable evidence in court.

Record your valuables at the site used by the police to pair up valuables with their owners: www.immobilise.com