



# LOUGHTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

## LRA NEWS

**An inspector has been appointed to examine the council's 11,400 home Local Plan.** [[Source](#)]

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

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

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.

**Broadway area residents parking zone phase 2.** [[LRA's letter here.](#)]

We know that many residents are concerned about the North Essex Parking Partnership's (NEPP) recent parking proposals for roads around Debden station/ town centre. The scheme was drawn up by NEPP on behalf of Epping Forest District Council, who consulted LRA Cllrs (and others) at the earlier stages.



NEPP's intention is to impose permits (probably next spring) *only* where there is already a need, because residents cannot find curb-side parking near to their homes because of non-resident parking (commuters and others).

Non-residents' vehicles will then be "displaced" into the surrounding roads.

In the current draft Order, NEPP has included the roads where this might happen.

However, we understand that NEPP does not intend to bring in residents permits in these roads *unless* non-residents' vehicles are displaced into them and residents *then* find it hard to park near their homes (NEPP did not include this vital information in the letter they sent out).

Even so, LRA thinks that some of these roads (such The Lindens) have been included unnecessarily. In roads where there's little or no commuter parking at present, LRA Cllrs will support residents if they decide they don't want their road to be on NEPP's list.

The final decisions will be made by NEPP but your LRA Cllrs will do their best to make sure residents' views are respected.

And if in a couple of years' time it turns out that some of these roads *do* have a commuter problem because commuters been displaced there by next spring's new restrictions, then LRA will support residents in trying to get parking controls (if that's what they then want).

[NEPP proposals here](#) (click on Epping Forest District Amendment 24).

**For an example of the comparative costs for commuters,** see our *General* section below.

*Late news: the District Council Portfolioholder, Cllr Sam Kane, with the advice of local LRA Cllrs, and in the light of residents' views, has asked NEPP to remove The Lindens from the Order altogether (at the beginning of this process, LRA Cllrs Chris Roberts and Chris Pond had suggested that The Lindens should be excluded, but NEPP advice was otherwise. It has been acknowledged that the Order could not have applied to HR, as it is a private road.*

## Parking in Alderton Hall Lane at school times.

For some time now, LRA Cllrs have been involved in trying to deal with this problem.

- LRA Cllr Chris Pond convened a meeting **with the Heads**, and 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 **include school times in the current residents' parking exercise** - they refused.
- We have nominated Alderton school as no 1 on the list to institute the new 3P 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, but I'm afraid it's usually a long, slow process, not helped by the current squeeze on local authority budgets.

**87 bus route.** 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.



## 95 High Road.

A resident has queried the use of this property for youngsters in need of care, and at different times LRA Cllrs Roger Baldwin & Caroline Pond have taken this up with the District Council. The Council's replies appear unsatisfactory, and the LRA Plans Group has now taken the matter up with them.

**Green Owl Canteen**, 12-14 The Broadway. LRA Cllr Chris Pond followed up a complaint from a resident about a noisy evening party in mid-October. The District Council told him that their Planning Enforcement & Environment teams had visited the premises and delivered a warning about the noise – they were told it had been a one off.

## Closing Loughton to traffic?

Near the end of last month, 8 different sets of simultaneous roadworks showed up on roadworks.org, which gives advance warning of planned roadworks (but not emergency works).

LRA Cllr Chris Pond queried this with County Highways, who now have powers to stop this happening – and for once we were actually spared the worst. The table shows the roads, and what was planned, and Highways replies to Chris.



Road	On roadworks.org	What Highways said
Alderton Hill	Closed 24-27/10	closure has been refused and not taking place
Epping New Rd (Wake Arms)	Closed 24-29/10	closure is overnight 20.00-05.00; no clash with other works
Traps Hill	Closed 23-26/10	Cancelled; not taking place
Staples Rd	Closed 24-27/10	Won't affect other roads
Church Lane	Temporary lights 22-25/10	No works found

Goldings Hill	Temporary lights22/10-08/11	Some carriageway incursion; no impact on traffic flow
Newmans Lane	Temporary lights25-30/10	Give & take; no clash with other roads
Chester Rd	Temporary lights25-29/10	no clash with other roads

## 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>**

### Police & Crime

- **Getting involved.** “A lot of people do not want to get involved, even when they know a crime has been committed and even when they know other people could become victims because of their silence. Please read [this experience](#) from one of our members who did the right thing and now she wants you to do the same.” [EFNW]
- **Police on the beat.** Last Saturday the Loughton team carried out hi-vis patrols across the district. Special Inspector East & @SCDanSpillman walked 11,000 steps from the Police Station to Debden & back on patrol. LRA Cllr Barbara Cohen spotted these two on the High Road.
- **M11: Drivers facing £100 fine and three points** after police officers received information that motorists turned around on the M11 near Harlow following a six-vehicle collision. [Source: email from [everythingeppingforest.co.uk](http://everythingeppingforest.co.uk) ]
- **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. And record your valuables at the site used by the police to pair up valuables with their owners:  
<https://www.immobilise.com/>



### Forthcoming Planning Inquiries/Hearings

**13-15A Alderton Hill.** There will be a Public Enquiry on 25 – 28 February 2019 on the District Council’s refusal of planning permission for the erection of linked blocks of elderly persons’ apartments at 13, 15 and 15a, Alderton Hill. (EPF/2499/17).

**Planned Tube strike action** by ASLEF and RMT train operators could mean little or no service on Central and Waterloo & City lines on Wednesday 7 November, and no Piccadilly line service from the afternoon of 7 November for 24 hours. All other TfL Tube, rail and bus services will run as normal, but some lines will be busier than usual.

Please allow extra time and [re-plan your journey](#) if possible.

Check before you travel and visit [tfl.gov.uk/tube-strike](http://tfl.gov.uk/tube-strike) or [@TfLTravelAlerts](#) for live information.



**Drug use.** We get reports of drug use in various parts of the town (recently in and near Loughton cemetery on St Johns Road, 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. However, please continue to report times and places (keep a diary if possible) and any vehicle numbers – this enables the police to build up a picture and a body of evidence which can be used when dealers are taken to court.

**Queen Elizabeth's Hunting Lodge closed this weekend** (Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>)  
For the scaffolding to be removed – the good news is that the refurbishment works are almost complete!



**Local NHS services.** The West Essex NHS Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) - which plans and commissions health care services in the area – has awarded an integrated care service contract to Herts Urgent Care (HUC). Starting on 1 April next year, HUC will run NHS111, GP Out of Hours and GP extended access services in evenings and at weekends. [More.](#)

### **Essex Playing Fields Association Awards – 2018.**

Loughton Town Council has again won a number of awards for the high standard of maintenance at its open spaces and play areas:

- Overall winner of the Best Kept Playing Field for the Roding Valley Recreation Ground;
- Gold awards for both the Newmans Lane and Westall Road play areas; and
- Silver award for the Traps Hill play area.

This recognises the hard work of the council staff, its contractors and the volunteers who assist with the daily litter pickings, and the District Council's Grounds Maintenance Team, who keep the large Roding Valley Recreation Ground looking tidy all year round.

Picture: LRA Cllr David Wixley (in the middle), chairman of the Town Council's Recreation Committee, receiving the awards.



### **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. [More.](#)

**The Standard, High Road.** The Standard has been closed down for not paying their bills. It's likely to be some time before we know who, if anyone, will take over the premises. The building is part of Loughton's history, and we'll resist any efforts to alter the façade again.



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## **OFFERS & HELP AVAILABLE**

**Lost something? Found Something?** Epping Forest residents are sharing information about crime or lost / found items on [Epping Forest NHW Notices](#) (UK) on Facebook. Have you joined them yet? Please note, no advertising is allowed; EF District residents only.



**Epping Forest Community Safety Partnership (CSP) launches email news service and Twitter feed.** Epping Forest CSP consists primarily of Essex Police, Epping Forest District Council, Probation, Essex County Fire and Rescue Service and other voluntary organisations.

Its work is extremely varied. The district council funds a Sergeant and two Police Constables who work with the council's Community Safety Team in the 'Hub' at the Civic Offices in Epping. Officers' activities are excluded from district policing demands unless there is an urgent need for additional support. Their day-to-day work relates to tasking into areas of immediate demand, such as a developing crime hotspot.

- To register to receive the updates complete the sign-up form [here](#)

- You can also follow Epping Forest Community Safety Partnership on Twitter - @EppingForestCSP.
- You can still see our Twitter posts even if you do not use the social media forum. Simply visit [www.twitter.com/EppingForestCSP](http://www.twitter.com/EppingForestCSP)



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- **Goldings Hill**, 11 Englands Lane
- **The Broadway**, 47-49 The Broadway
- **High Road**, Hutchins of Loughton The Chemist, 197 High Road
- **Loughton Way**, 142 Loughton Way, Buckhurst Hill
- **Theydon Bois**, 112 Coppice Row, Theydon Bois

## HELP WANTED

### Loughton Film needs help!

<https://www.filmloughton.com/>

We now have a fully-equipped film club, in comfortable surrounding at the Methodist Church, High Road, showing up-to-date films every 4-6 weeks (7.30pm on Saturdays)

The next one's on Saturday November 17th – *Darkest Hour*

BUT to keep going they need help

- **setting up** from 6.15pm (you don't have to be there every time)
- **on the Committee**, to help plan and arrange the showings.

To find out more, please contact Philip Beales ([info@filmloughton.com](mailto:info@filmloughton.com) or 020 8418 0459)



## GENERAL

### When you park a vehicle in a car park please do check the signs about paying!

A resident recently contacted us because he'd been sent a demand for £50 after parking in *The Plume of Feathers* car park one evening – he'd assumed it would be free. Also, District Council car parks may be free on Sundays, but you still need to take a ticket from the machine.



### Why do commuters drive to Loughton?

The impetus for people in the sticks to drive to Debden (& other stations at our end of the Central Line) and to park for free is getting greater....

**Example –**

- **Writtle to Holborn**

Mr Gammon is a 50yr old city worker doing a 9-5 job

From 3.1.19, an annual season ticket from Chelmsford to Holborn (zone 1) will be approx £5,150 (tbc). To park a car in the station car park there is £36.70 a week or (reckoning 45 weeks) £1651.

Petrol £300

**Total, £7,101**

- **Debden to Holborn**

Ms Thrift is a 24-yr old City worker doing 07:15 to 15:15

From Debden, because of Sadiq's single fare freeze on LU fares only, it is now cheaper to use Oyster rather than buy a season (@£2,492) especially if you travel early or return late.

45 weeks at off peak rates:  $45 \times 4.10 \times 5 = \text{£}922.50$

45 weeks at peak rates  $45 \times 10.20 \times 5 = \text{£}2,295$

45 weeks at one leg peak one off peak -  $45 \times 5 \times 7.15 = \text{£}1,608$

Parking on street =£0

Petrol cost at current prices to Writtle @ 40mpg = £1,300

Young persons or senior railcard £30 pa

Total expenditure: **min £2,280. Max £3,625**

This is of course a best case scenario. If it was Mr Gammon who travelled via Debden, his bill without the railcard discount would be the peak rates quoted above and £243 pa on the one leg bill.

**So it's no surprise** we have a problem with commuter parking, given that it's easy to park near our stations.

## KEEP UP WITH THE NEWS BETWEEN OUR EMAIL BULLETINS



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**FACEBOOK: Like and Follow our Facebook page by going to [www.facebook.com/LoughtonResidents](http://www.facebook.com/LoughtonResidents)**

## NOTES

1. We expect to send out the next news bulletin on Friday November 16<sup>th</sup>.
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](mailto: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

David Linnell

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