



# LOUGHTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

## LRA NEWS

### Marlescroft Way Green Saved!

(Oakwood Hill estate)

Residents, together with LRA Cllr Chris Roberts and his LRA colleagues, have been fighting to prevent the District Council grabbing their only bit of green space – highly valued as a children’s play-space and for events. The Council wanted it for a car-park for staff at their new depot nearby.

The car-park proposal was thrown out at two separate District Council planning committee meetings. But four Conservative Cllrs demanded it should go to a Full Council meeting on March 18<sup>th</sup> for a final decision.

In planning and developing their new Oakwood Hill depot, we think that the Council has shown a lack of proper planning and foresight & a total disregard for local residents.

We don’t think that the car-park is needed or justified, as there’s enough parking available at the roadside, or that the Council should be judge & jury on their own applications!

This week, two weeks before the planned meeting, the Council has withdrawn its planning application & cancelled the meeting. They’ve said they’ll look at other ways of configuring the depot to allow for more on-site parking.



### Library consultation

Essex County Council may well close Debden Library and cut back the hours at Loughton Library, after a highly-flawed public consultation. LRA & other non-Conservative groups on the County Council have secured a special Full Council meeting on March 12<sup>th</sup> to discuss the county library closure programme.

Our previous attempts to get Debden Library moved to somewhere more convenient for residents (for example, a shop in The Broadway) were rejected by the District Council.



### Help needed

Copies of our next Townwide printed *Loughton* life newsletter will be with us in the week commencing March 18<sup>th</sup>.

For various reasons (illness, holidays and moving away) we have a few delivery rounds vacant this time, and would be very grateful for volunteers to take them on – copies will be delivered to you to be delivered in a week- 10 days after delivery please.

Please contact David Linnell ([david.linnell@LoughtonResidents.co.uk](mailto:david.linnell@LoughtonResidents.co.uk)) if you can help with any of these rounds, or you'd like more information.

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A6	Borders Lane (112-170)	30
A8	Colson Gardens, Colson Path, Colson Green	53
A14	Chequers Road	115
B1	<u>Audley Gardens, Collard Green, Collard Avenue</u>	146
B2	<u>Austen Close, Lytton Close</u>	38
J2	Grasmere Close, St John's Road, The Heights	89

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