



FAIRMEAD WARD NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2012

See us at the farmers markets in the High Road on the first Sunday of the month

Local Elections. We would like to say “thank you” for residents’ support at the elections on 3 May. All three LRA Fairmead Ward candidates were successful as follows:

- David Wixley re-elected as an District Councillor
- Carol Davies re-elected as a Loughton Town Councillor
- Judy Jennings elected as a Loughton Town Councillor (The third Town Council seat went to Jill Bostock, Labour).

All will each serve a four year term of office.

Tessa Cochrane’s District Council seat was not up for re-election. For contact details see back page of *Loughton Life*.



Local Plan

The District Council has to draw up a Local Plan to cater for anticipated housing and business needs within the District for the next 20 years. You should have received a leaflet from the Council urging you to get involved in the consultation process in deciding where up to 11,500 new homes should be built. The LRA is studying the “Planning Our Futures” document and will submitting a comprehensive set of comments to the Council. Separately, the Town Council and the LRA will also be responding. This stage of the process will finish on the 15 October and there are several other stages to go through before the Local Plan is adopted in the Spring of 2014. For more details contact www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/planningourfuture or phone 01992-564517.

Pyrles Lane Nursery

The first stage was for the District Council to make a decision to submit an Outline Planning application to redevelop the nursery with a mix of up to 36 houses and flats. LRA Councillors invoked the “call-in” procedure on this decision, questioning amongst other things road safety issues and the future viability of the nursery (which it is proposed to transfer to Oakwood Hill). We did not expect to win the call-in, but succeeded in highlighting these issues. A consultant’s report from Essex County Council Highways deemed that, subject to highway modifications, including traffic calming measures, problems of visibility, access and therefore safety could successfully be addressed, and that proposed parking provision was sufficient. Now the planning application has gone in. The LRA Plans Group have distributed informative leaflets to nearby residents and will be objecting to the proposals. Over 20 residents turned up when the Town Council debated the application on 17 Sept, and LTC opposed the plans unanimously on 11 counts. Now an EDFC planning committee will make the final decision.

Housebuilding Sites

The need for housing is again the issue and the District Council is considering using under-occupied garage sites for a modest house building programme. In Fairmead the following sites could be affected: R/O 121 & 125 Chester Road, Hillyfields between flats 80/98 & 100/11; R/O 109-127Pyrles Lane, R/O 100-108 Pyrles Lane. In addition, land adjacent to 7 Thatchers Close is to be considered. It was also reported recently that the Mannock Drive church are considering a land swap with the District (involving land nearer the Broadway) to allow development of their site.

Burney Drive

Persistent efforts by your LRA Councillors, including LRA County Councillor Chris Pond, have finally persuaded Essex County Council Highways to repair the potholes in Burney Drive. The Council will be doing a partial carriageway reconstruction works on the section from Jessel Drive to Mannock Drive, which should start on Monday October 29th, for up to 5 working days, 8am – 5pm, weather permitting.

Persistence was also required to get the gully drain unblocked at the junction of the service road at the rear of the Pyrles Lane shops and Burney Drive, which had been prone to flooding.

PLEASE SUPPORT LRA’S WORK – SEE THE MEMBERSHIP FORM ON THE FRONT OF LOUGHTON LIFE.

Promoted by and on behalf of Independent Loughton Residents Association of 20 Eleven Acre Rise Loughton IG10 1AN.

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