

TDC Update – Manningtree – June 2018

GALA DINNER TO OPEN 2018 CLACTON AIRSHOW AND SUPPORT RAF VETERANS

A gala dinner is to be held the night before this year's Clacton Airshow takes off.

Black Jacket Events, which runs the VIP area during the two-day airshow, is organising the gala event which will help raise funds for the Royal Air Forces Association (RAFA).

It is one of a number of ways the 2018 Clacton Airshow, organised by Tendring District Council (TDC), is honouring 100 years since the end of the First World War – and the centenary year of the RAF.

Leading the commemorations will be the RAF Battle of Britain Memorial Flight, with a Lancaster bomber and two Spitfires taking to the skies above Clacton seafront on both days of the airshow.

Flown by serving RAF crew, the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight aims to maintain the planes in an airworthy condition as part of the national heritage.

On the ground at the airshow, **which takes place on August 23-24**, RAFA will have a stand to raise awareness of their work, while TDC's Tommy statue will also be on display.

This year's programme is also themed around 100 years since the end of the First World War, with a commemorative front cover to match.

There are also a number of active RAF aircraft already confirmed for the flying programme, including the RAF Red Arrows and the RAF Typhoon.

Mick Skeels, TDC Cabinet Member for Leisure and Tourism, said it was fitting that this year's airshow paid tribute to the RAF.

"Flights from the RAF are always the most popular at the Clacton Airshow, and it is easy to see why," he said.

"But in this centenary year it is even more poignant to see the Lancaster and Spitfire, and to celebrate their contribution to our national defence and liberty in conflicts past and present.

"I am particularly pleased with the design of this year's programme, and strongly urge everyone to buy a copy during the event."

Tickets for the gala dinner, taking place on Clacton seafront, cost £25 and include a two-course meal, a welcome drink and live music. To book, call 01206 827883.

Anyone wanting information about sponsorship opportunities, hospitality, or trade space at Clacton Airshow 2018 should contact 01255 686683 or 01255 686623.

Clacton Airshow can also be contacted via twitter @ClactonAirshow and via its website www.clactonairshow.com – while updates on the two days will come from Radio Airshow, run by BBC Essex, on 103.5FM or 729MW.

CALLS TO DUAL A120 BETWEEN HARWICH AND HARE GREEN

An urgent call is being made for funding and support to dual the A120 through Tendring.

A motion has been put forward by senior councillors at Tendring District Council (TDC) which requests Essex County Council ensures Government funding in the Road Investment Strategy 2 – which runs from 2020-2025 – for the project.

It also recognises the importance of the route connecting the growing and nationally important port of Harwich to the rest of the UK, and Stansted Airport in particular. The motion places equal importance on the upgrade of the Braintree to Marks Tey section with the Tendring stretch of route, and questions why the preferred option for a dualled A120 from Braintree eastward connects so far to the south along the A12.

The motion was put forward by Cllr Ivan Henderson, and has now been amended by Cabinet to go back to full council.

Neil Stock, TDC Leader, said it was important there was unity behind the campaign to dual the A120, and pledged to work with councillors of all parties to both firm up the motion, and see the road upgraded.

“The A120 from Horsley Cross to Harwich has reached the end of its life and urgently needs an upgrade,” he said.

“This upgrade does not mean simply resurfacing or replacing the current road, but making it a dual carriageway along its entire length.

“To achieve this will require a combined effort of councils, stakeholders and government, and we must have support from all sides of the council chamber if we are to get this done.

“There are obstacles to overcome, but together we can solve these issues.”

PLANNING INSPECTOR REPORTS ON NORTH ESSEX GARDEN COMMUNITY PLANS

Ambitious plans to ensure North Essex is able to meet the housing and infrastructure needs of future generations are praised by the planning inspector for being ambitious and innovative, but require more work before they can be found sound.

The inspector has published his letter of recommendations following an examination earlier this year of the joint part of the Local Plans developed by Braintree District, Tendring District and Colchester Borough councils.

The three Councils created identical sections of their Local Plans – setting out how North Essex will grow over the coming years – the first time councils have come together in this way to look at a long-term approach to how homes, jobs and infrastructure are developed for future generations. The ambitious projects for three garden communities, which also involve Essex County Council and Uttlesford District Council, are designed to help tackle the area's housing challenge while ensuring infrastructure like roads, transport systems, schools and health services are developed as the homes are built.

The independent Planning Inspector has said the plan requires work to strengthen and improve it before it can be taken forward. This will delay the process of adopting the Local Plan.

Further evidence is needed of the financial viability of garden communities, and how the feasibility of transport improvements such as those to the A120 and A12 fits in with the long-term plan.

The inspector praised the Councils' co-operation, and described the proposed approach as "innovative and ambitious". Although he said proceeding with garden communities as set out could be "difficult to justify", he added: "It is possible that when the necessary additional work I have outlined is completed it will provide justification for proceeding."

Tim Young, Deputy Leader of Colchester Borough Council, said: "I welcome this letter. The inspector's comments are useful, and we always knew this would not be a simple yes or no to the plans as what we are proposing is without precedent.

"Much of the work highlighted by the inspector is work that has been ongoing over the last few months since the examination. I am pleased he is effectively calling on Government to give more certainty over its backing for the big infrastructure improvements we know are needed."

Graham Butland, Leader of Braintree District Council, said the report shows the innovative partnership approach between the local authorities is fruitful.

"The three Councils, working closely with our partners in Essex County Council, the North Essex Garden Communities body and Uttlesford District Council, will continue to drive forward responsible, sustainable development in the region," he said.

"The other option is urban sprawl or piecemeal infrastructure-light development, and that really isn't an option."

Neil Stock, Leader of Tendring District Council, stressed the importance of garden communities for future generations.

“As a region, and as a country, we need more housing – no-one is questioning that – and it has to go somewhere,” he said.

“I believe Garden Communities represent the only realistic way of ensuring that we get the infrastructure in place as the houses get built. I don’t want to see a situation where thousands of new homes are built in North Essex without the new roads, schools and medical facilities that will be necessary or without proper planning for the jobs and employment that will be needed

“The questions and concerns the inspector has raised are questions we would always need to answer, and over the coming months we will look to address these.”

David Finch, Essex County Council Leader, said the authority would continue to work with its district and borough partners to help strengthen the plan

“The Inspector’s letter poses some important challenges and questions, not just to the Councils, but to Government who have been clear in their support for looking at innovative approaches to long-term housing delivery, and ensuring the housing crisis is tackled.

“The opportunity offered by Garden Communities must continue to be explored, they offer the best opportunity to grow Essex in the right way and we will continue to work with our local and national partners to bring more certainty around some of the key questions raised.”

Discussions have already begun with Government about how its major infrastructure plans can be more directly linked up with garden communities to provide the reassurance sought by the inspector.

The Councils are now considering their next steps, and are continuing to work on developing the evidence and plans for the three proposed communities.

The inspector will report back on housing need at a later date, after consideration of a developer’s late submission regarding Tendring’s housing need projections.

You can view the inspector’s letter here:

<https://www.tendringdc.gov.uk/planning/local-plans-and-policies/view-our-local-plan>

NEW RECYCLING BANKS FOR BOOKS AND CDS INSTALLED ACROSS TENDRING

Recycling banks where people can leave their unwanted books, CDs, DVDs and computer games have been installed across Tendring.

Ten of the new media banks have been added to existing sites by Tendring District Council (TDC) contractors Perfect Stores.

As well as saving the items from landfill, the books and other goods are re-used with any funds raised going to good causes in the local community and further afield.

The banks sit alongside textile banks for clothing recycling, which goes through the same process.

New media banks have been installed at the following sites: Barrack Lane, Harwich; Clacton Leisure Centre, Vista Road; Scout Group car park, Abbey Street, Thorpe-le-Soken; Walton-on-the-Naze and Great Bentley railway stations; TDC offices, Weeley; YMCA, High Street, Brightlingsea; Gorse Lane Industrial Estate, Telford Road, Clacton; **Mistley Village Hall, Furze Hill**; and Dovercourt Bay Lifestyles leisure centre, Low Road.

Michael Talbot, TDC Cabinet Member for Environment, said the new banks were good news for a number of reasons.

“Anything which will reduce the amount of waste going to landfill has to be a good thing, particularly with these types of items which are not bio-degradable,” he said.

“But not only will it help the environment by avoiding landfill, they will also be re-used and found a new home, while money raised supports those who may be less fortunate than ourselves.

“For me this is a win-win way of dealing with redundant equipment, and I encourage everybody to use these new media recycling banks.”

To find your nearest recycling point visit www.recycle-more.co.uk/bank-locator

**Appeal Decision Site visit made on 21 May 2018 by Kenneth Stone
BSc Hons DipTP MRTPI, an Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State
Decision date: 6th June 2018**

**Appeal Ref: APP/P1560/W/17/3187621 The White Hart, 9 High Street,
Manningtree, Essex CO11 1AG.**

The appeal is made under section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 against a refusal to grant planning permission.

The appeal is made by Mr T Newman against the decision of Tendring District Council.

The application Ref 14/01863/FUL, dated 9 December 2014, was refused by notice dated 20 July 2017.

The development proposed is the change of use of the ground floor of the property from a public house to residential to enable the entire property to be used as a residential unit.

Decision 1. **The appeal is allowed and planning permission is granted for the change of use of the ground floor of the property from a public house to residential to enable the entire property to be used as a residential unit at The White Hart, 9 High Street, Manningtree, Essex CO11 1AG in accordance with the terms of the application, Ref 14/01863/FUL, dated 9 December 2014**

Full details are available.

POPULAR E-SAFETY INFORMATION EVENT TO RETURN (Reminder)

An e-safety information evening for parents is returning to Clacton's Princes Theatre this summer.

The Tendring Community Safety Partnership (CSP) is putting on the sessions to help parents, guardians and carers get up to date with the Dark Web and internet safety.

It includes facts and figures, and information on popular apps and how to make sure your children use them safely – and which to avoid. It is aimed at parents with children in, or about to go into, school years 1-9.

Two popular events were held in March, but the first and most-booked session had to be cancelled due to heavy snowfall.

It has now been re-booked for **Tuesday, July 24**, allowing parents who missed out first time around to attend.

Lynda McWilliams, chairwoman of Tendring CSP, urged parents to come along.

“Feedback from the first two sessions tells us just how useful – and eye-opening – this event is to parents,” she said.

“As technology and social media evolves, it is important that parents learn about the best ways to allow children to use it, in order to keep them safe.”

The event is free, but tickets should be booked by using the link princetheatre.ticketsolve.com

General Information:

If anyone witnesses any fly tipping occurring please contact TDC's Waste Management Team on 01255 686768.

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