

# **TDC Update – Manningtree – November 2018**

## **LAND SOUTH OF LONG ROAD, MISTLEY**

The application to build an additional 185 dwellings on the above plot (there already exists approved plans to build 300 dwellings) was rejected by the Planning Committee on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November.

Both Mistley Parish Councillor Frances Fairhall and myself spoke against the application.

## **TENDRING4GROWTH EVENT PROMOTES DISTRICT TO NEW AUDIENCE AT HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT**

Investment opportunities in Tendring were promoted to government ministers and businesses at a Parliamentary event held on Wednesday, October 24.

Hosted by district MPs Sir Bernard Jenkin and Giles Watling, and organised by Tendring District Council (TDC), it was a chance to showcase some of the great things already taking place in the area and the potential for more in the future.

Around a theme of Tendring4Growth, the event focused on key areas such as offshore wind farms and the potential growth in the low carbon energy sector, tourism opportunities such as those surrounding Mayflower 400 and the Corbeau Seats Rally, housing growth and garden communities – in particular Jaywick Sands – and the development of skills to create a workforce capable of delivering future growth.

Held in the Strangers' Dining Room in the Palace of Westminster, speakers included Natalie Elphicke OBE, chief executive of the Housing and Finance Institute, and Emma Tatlow from the national Mayflower 400 project, as well as the two MPs and TDC Leader Neil Stock OBE.

The event, which also provided networking opportunities, was the launch of Tendring4Growth which will be continued by the Council as it continues to work to attract further investment and jobs into the area.

Cllr Stock said it had been a fantastic way of shouting about what Tendring could offer.

“There has already been a great amount of public and private sector investment in Tendring, from the Galloper Wind Farm operations and maintenance facility in Harwich to the £36million coastal defence scheme at Clacton,” Cllr Stock said.

“But we don’t want to rest on our laurels. We need to continue to grow, and create the conditions for businesses to grow too, and Tendring4Growth is all about that – continuing to help those in our district and reaching out to those we think would do well in Tendring too.

“The Tendring4Growth reception was also about setting out what we are doing, and what infrastructure investment would really unlock Tendring’s full potential.

“As a council we are doing amazing and ambitious things – a view backed by the Local Government Association during its Peer Review earlier this year. What they recommended, and what we know, is that we need to shout about it more too, and that was another key reason for holding this reception.

“I’d like to thank everyone who came along, all of our speakers, and in particular Sir Bernard and Giles for hosting and supporting the event.”

Feedback from businesses included that the event was “buzzing” and a great way to network with politicians and other firms.

### **FIND OUT IF YOUR HOME WILL HAVE A WHEELIE BIN AS NEW POSTERS GO LIVE ON DUSTBIN LORRIES**

Residents in Tendring are able to find out now whether or not they will have a wheelie bin when a new waste collection system is introduced next summer.

**In June 2019 Tendring District Council (TDC) will move from weekly to fortnightly collections of general waste, while food waste collections will remain weekly.**

Alternate weekly recycling collections will continue as they do now.

The majority of households in the district will receive a wheelie bin for their general waste, and the roll-out will take around three months to complete.

However, some properties - those which have no side access and no front boundary, along with some rural routes – will remain on a weekly black sack collection.

Now residents can check online whether or not they will receive a wheelie bin at <https://www.tendringdc.gov.uk/rubbish-and-recycling/new-waste-service> - which also has a wealth of other useful information about the new system.

To start publicising the changes early, new posters have been added to several refuse lorries operated in Tendring by contractors Veolia.

Michael Talbot, TDC Cabinet Member for Environment, encouraged people to check whether or not they would be having a wheelie bin.

“Although the new waste contract does not begin for several months yet, we want to encourage people to read up on the changes now so they are ready come June,” Cllr Talbot said.

“This new system allows us to continue our waste contract at hardly any extra cost, and I believe the introduction of wheelie bins to most areas of the district will be welcomed as it should reduce the amount of rubbish caused by split bags.

“There is no need at this point for people to take any action, though if they have mobility or similar issues and are concerned they will not be able to manage with a wheelie bin then they can apply now for assisted collections in readiness for June.

“The website also contains a whole host of other information, and I really would urge people to look at it.”

### **PIONEERING PARTNERSHIP TO ENSURE EVERY WOMAN CAN ACCESS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT**

More women from Braintree, Colchester, Maldon or Tendring will be able to get specialist support they need to escape domestic violence, under a pioneering partnership initiative awarded nearly £400,000 government funding

Under the scheme the four councils, Colchester and Tendring Women’s Refuge (CTWR) and charities Open Road and Changing Pathways will work together to:

- increase the number of available spaces at the refuge
- provide accommodation for women and their children seeking to live independently after suffering domestic violence
- provide support and accommodation to women with severe mental health issues arising from the abuse they have experienced
- raise awareness of its services among the Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) communities
- integrate specialist support services for the first time for those with other complex issues like addiction to alcohol or drugs. Currently, people need to be drug- or alcohol-free before being able to access the services provided by a refuge.

The funding from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) follows a successful bid led by Colchester Borough Council and will support the project through to March 2020.

Colchester and Tendring have the highest numbers of victims of domestic violence in Essex, after Basildon. In the first three months of 2017/2018, there were 909 reports to the police of domestic violence a month across all 4 local authority area – while in the same period in 2018/2019 there were 1,076 reported incidents a month.

Over the last two years, CTWR has supported more than 1,100 women in the community and over 160 women and 240 children in the refuge itself. However,

during that same time period it has been unable to provide accommodation for more than 320 women and their children.

The government funding will help cover the costs of eight full-time posts and develop an additional 26 bed spaces, with the aim of supporting around 750 other people seeking to escape domestic violence.

Paul Honeywood, Tendring District Council Cabinet Member for Housing, said: "We recognize the extreme impacts of domestic violence, and that often a victim will make several attempts at leaving before they are finally able to do so," Cllr Honeywood said.

"We want to make sure everyone can access the support they need to live safe and vibrant lives. I am therefore delighted to have received this additional funding to build on existing services across Tendring and the wider Essex area."

Beverley Jones, Chief Executive of Colchester and Tendring Women's Refuge said: "We are delighted with news that we have been awarded these vital funds to enable us to expand our life-saving services and continue our successful partnership working with the four local councils involved in the bid.

"We are also excited that the additional funding will enable us to focus on providing new services for women with complex and multiple needs, who, for too long have been denied the vital support they need by virtue of their complex-needs.

"Working with Open Road, the drug and alcohol charity based in Colchester, the award will allow us to fund specialist drug and alcohol services, targeting support for women historically hidden from services and from hard to reach communities.

"We know that these services will make a lasting change to the lives of women and children in Colchester, Tendring, Braintree and Maldon and provide them with the life-changing opportunity of a life free from domestic abuse."

## **PROJECT TO HELP KEEP PEOPLE WARM THIS WINTER GEARS UP FOR COLD WEATHER**

An annual project to help keep Tendring people warm during the winter months has expanded for the coming cold season.

Winter Warmth, from Community Voluntary Services Tendring (CVST) and supported by a number of other organisations, means that the Tendring area has received £100,000 from the NHS this year to expand the work that it does.

This winter's initiative, called May The Warmth Be With You, will as always provide packs to vulnerable people such as the elderly, infirm or young families, containing warm clothing, a hot water bottle and electric heaters.

But in addition this year grants are available to community organisations to help them run seasonal projects supporting the overall aims of May The Warmth Be With

You, taken from the funding provided by North Essex Alliance Can Do Health and Care. This could be schemes to tackle isolation, trips and falls, or similar.

As well as warmth, food is part of the scheme, with lunch packs being provided to schools. There will also be referrals to the CVST lunch club, held on Thursdays at 99 Carnarvon Road, Clacton, from 11.30am-1pm.

Local businesses have supported the project with items for the packs and food, such as Wilkos and the East of England Co-op.

Sharon Alexander, Chief Officer of CVST, said: "This is a real example of Can Do in the local community and it's a scheme we know our local population really value.

"As well as providing essential products to stay warm, our volunteers will be conducting door-drops in some of the most deprived areas with winter packs and looking at any support residents may need. This will be invaluable in particularly bad weather.

"In addition, our partners will be running specialist projects to ensure support is given to all age groups. This includes homelessness projects, stroke services, projects with Barnardos to work with low income families and children as well as schemes with schools and nurseries to promote good health."

**People who need assistance, or who want to refer others for help, should contact CVST on 01255 425692.**

**In addition, this year Tendring District Council's Careline is supporting the scheme by taking any emergency calls from vulnerable people, such as if their heating breaks down.**

The Winter Line can help to co-ordinate support in situations like those, or for example if someone is housebound due to the weather and cannot pick up essentials such as food.

**Careline can be contacted out of hours – for severe situations only – on 01255 222022.**

Lynda McWilliams, Tendring District Council (TDC) Cabinet Member for Health and Education, said she was pleased the authority was supporting the initiative.

"The whole package of support that May The Warmth Be With You provides could be a lifeline for some people this winter," Cllr McWilliams said.

"I am glad that this is recognised by everyone involved as a way of supporting our colleagues on the frontline of the NHS, as by providing early intervention with food and warmth we can help to prevent hospital admissions.

“I would urge anyone who thinks they may be eligible, or who knows someone who needs help, to call the CVST number and make a referral.”

**General Information:**

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

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