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Queen Mary College site update - we said it was not yet over!

The original purchasers of this site have now sold on all the development except for houses adjoining Fieldhouse Close and the listed Elmhurst

New owners are Telford Homes, and surprise surprise they want to change the development. They want 492 homes on the site. That is 9% more than previously agreed.

The Council's Planning officers recommended approval at the last Regulatory (Planning) meeting. They said it was within the planning limits set by Mayor Livingstone.

Cllr Richard Hoskins, backed only by his Lib Dem committee colleague, argued against this. He said this was gross over development. But all the remaining 13 Tory & Labour councillors backed the officers (and Ken Livingstone) and approved Telfords application.

Any good news about the new development ?

Well - it will be a better mix of 2,3& 4 bedroom homes. More original trees are retained and there will now be a signalised junction for traffic to/from the estate. There will also be a Nursery on site and the new developer will have to make an increased payment for extra school places. Though with Churchfields full where will the extra Junior age children go ?

Residential streets like Chelmsford Road are already suffering from contractors' lorries, but the Planning Officers didn't feel any controls 'appropriate'! After Cllr Hoskins raised the matter the Highways Officers immediately contacted Telfords to get their agreement that lorries should not cut through residential roads. We will update you on this later.

High Road disruption

The developer's construction works block the High Road, bus stop and pavements. We have asked officers to get them to finish the work as quickly as possible. The busy road and pavement should not remain a construction site.

Telfords have also submitted plans for a 9 storey block with 150 dwellings on the Station Estate, off Eastwood Close. Cllr Hoskins insisted members visited the site before making a decision. So the matter was deferred until their next meeting on July 26th



Local Councillors - keeping in touch

Neighbourhood Watch Update

Chelmsford & Derby Rd

Joint Co-ordinators **Frank Cruder & Veronica Husband**;

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Neighbourhood Watch Website: :
<http://neighbourhoodwatch.net/local/?id=1113>
Email; chelmsfordderbyrdnhw@tiscali.co.uk

Next Meeting:
Sept 19th 7.45pm Woodford Methodists(in Derby Rd)
in the church itself

Fullers Road/ Ave

David Ross Email: ross675@btinternet.com

Website
<http://neighbourhoodwatch.net/local/?=1118>

Cut out and keep this section handy

Crime and Safety



New Neighbourhood watches are planned for:

**Churchfields
Carnarvon, Walpole & Peel,
Buckingham, Malmesbury &
Stanley Rds**

Contact our Community Police Team at Woodford Police Station for more details and keep your eye out for their notices

Our pledges to you :

We will

- ✓ **Keep in touch with you through our local FOCUS**
- ✓ **Work hard for local people all year round**
- ✓ **Listen to your views and work for our whole community**

Ideas to make Church End a better Place in which to live ? Please let us know.

*Dear Hugh, Richard & Nicola
I/we think*

**Please return to
any of us at our
home addresses
Thank you**

Your Name/s
Address.....
..... Tel/email

The Lib Dems may contact you from time to time to keep you informed on issues you may find of interest.
Please let us know if you do not want the information above used for this purpose

Plans to expand Churchfields nursing home further halted

Cllr Hugh Cleaver spoke out against plans to further expand a nursing home business in Churchfields at the June meeting of Regional West Planning Committee. This is the committee which deals with smaller local planning applications.

The committee agreed with Hugh and they unanimously refused planning permission.

ONE YEAR ON !

Cllr Nicola Sinclair has been chasing up the delayed replacement fencing behind homes backing onto Churchfields park. Residents had complained recently about intruders coming into their back gardens from the park.

The good news is the replacement fence, funded by Area 2 committee, is now in place. We are sorry the simple replacement work has taken so long. Nicola is also finding out what is the reason for the delay in getting the new park lights nearest Churchfields working.

New street trees

We have asked the council to look at the possibility of planting street trees in Chemsford and Wavertree roads.

The dry summer is of course time to check out suitable areas.

If there is a newly planted tree near you please try and give it a watering to help it survive the hot weather.

A good drenching once a week is better than small amounts daily

New Road bollard ?

There has been a string of accidents with cars hitting the bollard that Waltham Forest put in Woodford New Rd, near the Chelmsford Rd junction.

So now Waltham Forest, who are responsible for the junction, is considering banning right turns out Chelmsford Road.

They will sponsor a residents consultation before finally deciding.

What do you think of the idea . Please let us know

Don't try and walk across the A406 !

Most people will not believe anyone would try and walk across the A406.

Tragically some do. A fatal accident last year to a young girl has moved her family to try and stop children and adults trying to walk across the A406. Usually it's between the gates of Elmhurst Park and the footpath that leads down from Waitrose to the A406. Over 20 different people have been identified walking across the road here in the last year.

The family supported by our Community Police spoke at the last Area 2 meeting asking for our support. We readily agreed to give all the backing we could to the campaign.

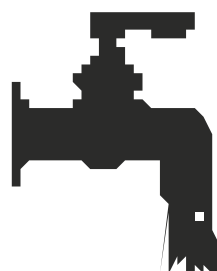
Transport for London who are responsible for the road are being asked for higher barriers in the centre of the road and clearer warning signs.

If you know anyone who tries crossing here , tell them it could be fatal for them, and for the innocent drivers caught out by their action

Area 2 Committee

The next Area 2 Committee meeting will be held at Sir James Hawkey Hall on Tuesday 26th September at 7.15 pm

Cllr Richard Hoskins has been re-elected as co-chair of the committee for another year.



GREEN TIP

A dripping hot water tap wastes energy. In one week it wastes enough hot water to fill half a bath. So fix leaking taps and make sure they are fully turned off !

Wells Garage development approved despite residents and councillors objections.

Residents and Cllr Richard Hoskins argued strongly against the planned flat/shop and office development on this site.

Cllr Hoskins pointing out that the development was in front of the building line of all other properties between the White Hart and Bunces Lanes.

He said the whole development was over scale, and would dominate the street scene and neighbouring residents homes.

Regardless, the 13 Tory & Labour councillors on the committee all voted the plan through.

We did get agreement that the shop area must be split into more than 2 units. So we will not get another mini supermarket threatening other local shops.

We also got some limits placed on opening and delivery hours. The developer must also make payments to the Council for school places.

New street lights

The saga of the Council's street light replacement programme continues. Over about a 30 year period the Council is replacing outdated lights to bring things up to standard in our part of the borough.

The Ilford area lights were all replaced a few years ago. A combination of bad illumination, rusting posts and danger to dogs was felt to be the reason !

In the current financial year new lights will be put up locally in Eastwood and Wavertree roads and Elm-hurst Drive.

Residents in these roads will be contacted before the work commences. The new lamp posts may not be in the same position as the old ones.

Replacement street lights elsewhere in the ward have caused problems because they stayed on 24 hours a day. We hope this technical problem is sorted out by now.

But if not, let us know and we will chase up the officers.

Graffiti menace

It may be the warm summer evenings, but graffiti is back with a vengeance.

We have just reported a string of defaced sites for cleaning up

If you face this problem either let us know or email the council's **graffiti line at streetscene@redbridge.gov.uk**.

You can phone the Council direct - free from the Library. Ask for **Streetscene**. Or ring direct at **0208 708 3571**

You just have to identify where the graffiti is, and tell them it is in Area 2 where we have a special arrangement Commercial buildings can be cleaned if the owners sign an indemnity for the Council.

HOGS HEAD

Residents are still suffering from disturbance from this George Lane pub.

In summer when doors and windows have to be kept open loud music is particularly disturbing.

When we backed residents at a planning meeting recently we had hoped the management would not only be more sympathetic but also more diligent in controlling things.

Illegal car wash reported

Following complaints from residents we have reported the illegal car wash operating in the mews behind the High Road shops and Derby Road Methodist Church.

The operator needs permission to have a car wash there. He blatantly displays his signs, even tying one to the council's sign for Derby Rd. car park.

As the operator has ignored the warnings by Highways and Planning officers, we have asked for immediate enforcement action.

A report is coming to the next Area 2 meeting.

**Taking action
locally**