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## Dear Resident,

I'm pleased to bring you some local news updates, including the new housing scheme on Nags Head Lane, as well as some exciting projects that County Cllr Lesley Wagland and I are pursuing in your area. As always, if you have any questions, please do get in contact .

*Tom*  
**Cllr Tom McLaren**

### **NAGS HEAD LANE New Housing Development**

Crest Nicholson have submitted an application for 121 new homes on Nags Head Lane, south east of the junction with Brook Street. The site forms part of the recently approved Local Plan, and unlike the Brentwood Gateway site is not classified as Green Belt. Details are on the Council's website, ref 22/01347/FUL, and whilst initial responses are due by 31st October, Planning have confirmed they will definitely include replies received after this date.

This is a large and complex application, with 87 documents initially submitted (the best place to start is with the "Design and Access Statement") and initial resident feedback is only the first stage of a long process of

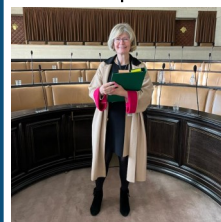
consultation by Planning. Public consultees will include the emergency services, Essex Highways (Brook St, Nags Head Lane, etc), and National Highways (M25, A12 and Brook St Roundabout), and any changes to the application will be uploaded to the planning website. Any comments you raise on new or amended documents will be also be taken into account by Officers.

Finally, I am pleased to report that a residents association has been created by residents of Mascalls Gardens. Lesley and I are committed to working with them, and any other interested parties, to try and ensure the best possible outcome from the final development, whatever form it may take.

### **COXTIE GREEN ROAD Speed Survey Follow Up**



Thank you to everyone who responded to our petition, which was handed in by Lesley to Essex County Council at Full Council.



Lesley with the petition

As previously reported, two Speed Surveys were carried out earlier this year on either side of the junction with Mores Lane, showing an average speed of over 30mph but just under the "10% + 2" that Essex use as their cut off for action.

Given the nature of the location (near a junction, with traffic naturally slowing) in the summer we asked County to carry out more surveys on the fast stretch of road after Bellhouse Lane.

Once the data is available Highways have agreed to meet Lesley and I on site to discuss options for addressing problem speeding. I'll update you as soon as I have more information.



Nags Head Lane application

# BROOK STREET

## Roundabout Improvements

National Highways has begun constructing the new exit slip road from the M25 which will take traffic directly from the M25 anti-clockwise to the eastbound A12. Details of the scheme, including the build schedule, can be found on their website.



You may remember that, alongside our local MP Alex Burghart, we have been working on obtaining further improvements related to Brook Street Roundabout and the A12 since 2018.

I am therefore extremely pleased to report that National Highways have finally agreed to include a number of additional improvements for the area as part of these works, including:

- Sonic shielding on the A12, to protect residents from road noise on the A12
- An improvement to the phasing of lights on the roundabout, making it easier to exit Brook Street, and
- Full reworking of the road markings on the roundabout, to make lane changing clearer and easier for drivers

I am confident that these improvements, combined with the new exit slip road, should dramatically improve both the functioning of the Roundabout and the quality of life for both local residents, and Brentwood as a whole.

# PARKING SURVEY LEADS TO NEW SAFETY MEASURES

Following resident requests, South Essex Parking Partnership (SEPP) carried out a parking review covering Westbourne Drive, Shevon Way, Lilley Close and Lindsey Close. Unfortunately, the response rate was 46%, below the required 50% threshold in SEPP policy, with no clear majority for a scheme, so there will be no formal consultation on a parking scheme. However, SEPP also asked whether residents would support new double yellow lines (DYLs) on the junctions, and have decided on safety grounds to move ahead with consultation. Should they go ahead these new lines would extend 10 metres from each junction, dramatically improving sight lines as well as access for residents, emergency services, and refuse services alike.

# RECORD POLICE NUMBERS FOR ESSEX Highest Number Ever

On Friday the 19th of August, 52 new officers



joined Essex Police, taking the Full Time



Equivalent number of officers to 3,623. This is a record number for the force in its 182-year history. The community safety hub at the town hall continues to be a success where enforcement officers at the council can work closely with Essex Police Officers to resolve issues.

# RIVER ROAD PLAY AREA Possible Expansion

We are in conversation with National Highways about a potential expansion to River Road play area, funded by National Highways, based on taking over the woodland between the play area and the A12.



Conversations are at an early stage, but we have discussed a design for a woodland walk or dog walking area, linking the play area with the footpath behind Wingrave Court. Further updates to follow.

# HIGH STREET PARKING Taking Action to stop illegal and inconsiderate parking



Many residents have contacted us about the situation with pavement parking in the High Street.

We have responded by putting planters in place to act as barrier to prevent vehicles mounting the pavement but we also continue to ticket vehicles at the highest rate in Essex for drivers who park illegally and inconsiderately, its unacceptable in the High Street and we need to keep pedestrians safe.

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