

With Bradfield, Wix & Wrabness



District Council U-Turn on Employment Land

Plans for a major new industrial development at Horsley Cross, including an industrial recycling centre, 80 bedroom hotel and truck stop, were recently granted by Tendring Council's Planning Committee.



Local campaigner and *In Touch* Editor, Matthew Patten, said, "Tendring Council did not allocate any land for Industrial use at Horsley Cross when drawing-up the Local Plan. In fact, they spent tens of thousands of pounds of Council Tax payers money on barristers defending this position against developers who wanted to use the site. Despite this, the Council's Planning Committee have now agreed to a 25-acre industrial development there next to the A120".



"I have written to the current District Councillor for Bradfield Wrabness & Wix, who sits on the Planning Committee that approved Horsley Cross, asking why instead of voting against this matter he chose to abstain."



As the decision goes against national, regional and local planning policy, the application will now be considered by the Government Office for the East of England.

Here to help:

Introducing Matthew Patten

Matthew writes: I am very proud to have been selected as the Prospective Conservative Candidate for Bradfield, Wix and Wrabness at the elections for Tendring District Council on 3 May.



Matthew Patten

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We moved with my parents to the area 30 years ago – and I have lived here with my own family for well over a decade now. I am 44, married with 4 children. Having worked in international sports sponsorship and marketing, I am now the Director of Communications for 'Clubs for Young People', one of the UK's leading voluntary youth organisations. I am also a director of The Sunday Times Oxford Literary Festival.



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Like most locals, I think that our green spaces and river need protection, want our towns to be prosperous and successful, believe that our young people need opportunity, and our elderly deserve more support. This corner of North Essex is under real pressure and needs proper championship within Tendring District Council.

If elected, I would work for better footpaths, particularly along Steam Mill Road, a local bobby to walk the three villages' beat, and a crackdown on speeding HGVs. I support Bradfield, Wix and Wrabness's demand for a fair share of local spending, fighting our corner against Clacton and Frinton which have received the vast majority of funds. I believe that everyone should be entitled to live a peaceful yet responsible life without undue interference from the state.



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Fighting for what you want



A big thank you to everyone who took the time to return the recent In Touch questionnaire. We surveyed all three villages - nearly 10% of people responded which is statistically much greater than usual. I think that it shows how much people in Bradfield, Wix and Wrabness care about where they live.

Footpaths: Footpaths, and particularly the lack of a footpath in part of Steam Mill Road, were overwhelmingly the single biggest unprompted issue. I have spoken to our County Councillor on this point and will write in more detail to those directly affected in Steam Mill Road about how we might get this sorted out once and for all. I have also taken the time to walk the road myself again – and agree that it is very unsatisfactory.

Policing: Only 5% think that there are enough police in the area – and a number of people took the time to write in more detail expressing their frustration with the difficulties in getting through to the police and Mistley police station opening hours. I have written to the Chief Constable and also asked our MP, Bernard Jenkin, to do the same to convey your concern on this matter.

Above: Matthew and Bernard Jenkin MP working to cut the number of HGVs travelling through Bradfield and Wrabness



Right: Fighting for a footpath on Steam Mill Road

Vandalism and graffiti are obviously a problem, but I was struck by the many positive solutions proposed for young people. I have spoken to the Chief Executive of Essex Boys Clubs and intend to find out what Tendring District Council is doing to fulfil the Government's new requirement for local authorities to provide a minimum 2 hours structured activities outside school for every young person in the UK.

Other Issues: There were many other important issues raised – ranging from speeding lorries and cars, dog mess, poor street lighting, lack of provision for the elderly, and inconsistencies over recycling. None of you will be surprised to learn that almost all of us are unhappy with the inflation-busting rise in Council Tax – particularly when so much of it seems to be spent in Frinton and Clacton!

National Issues: I was also grateful for the many national issues raised – ranging from immigration to the Iraqi war. I have passed all these comments on to our MP, Bernard Jenkin to take forward on your behalf.



Pictured above: Matthew fighting to save A120 access at Wix

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