

What Do You Think?

To help us help you, please take a few moments to complete this survey and return it **FREE** to:

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Dear resident,
I hope you will find the time to complete this survey. This is your chance to tell us what you think - do you have something to say about your street, your area, or your country? All replies will be read and we will make every effort to deal with your concerns.

Valerie Guglielmi
In Touch Editor

1. What are the 3 most important national issues affecting you or your family at the moment ?

Transport/congestion <input type="checkbox"/>	Education <input type="checkbox"/>	Health Service <input type="checkbox"/>	Crime <input type="checkbox"/>
Europe/Single Currency <input type="checkbox"/>	Pensions <input type="checkbox"/>	Rising Taxation <input type="checkbox"/>	Unemployment <input type="checkbox"/>
Asylum/Immigration <input type="checkbox"/>	Economy <input type="checkbox"/>	Climate Change <input type="checkbox"/>	Terrorism <input type="checkbox"/>
Iraq/Afghanistan War <input type="checkbox"/>	Other _____		

Do you believe the Labour Government is tackling your concerns adequately? Yes No

2. What are the 3 most important local issues affecting you or your family at the moment (please give details below)?

Anti-social behaviour <input type="checkbox"/>	Council Tax <input type="checkbox"/>	School standards <input type="checkbox"/>	Condition of roads & footpaths <input type="checkbox"/>
Vandalism/Graffiti <input type="checkbox"/>	Refuse collection <input type="checkbox"/>	Leisure facilities <input type="checkbox"/>	Facilities for young people <input type="checkbox"/>
Street Cleaning/Litter <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Transport <input type="checkbox"/>	Planning <input type="checkbox"/>	Housing <input type="checkbox"/>
Other _____			

3. In your view, which one of the following would make the biggest difference to:

a) Crime <input type="checkbox"/>	More Police <input type="checkbox"/>	Tougher sentences <input type="checkbox"/>	More CCTV <input type="checkbox"/>
b) Schools <input type="checkbox"/>	Cut teachers' paperwork <input type="checkbox"/>	Fewer exams <input type="checkbox"/>	Stronger discipline <input type="checkbox"/>
c) Hospitals <input type="checkbox"/>	More new hospitals <input type="checkbox"/>	Cleaner hospitals <input type="checkbox"/>	More nurses <input type="checkbox"/>
d) Immigration <input type="checkbox"/>	An annual limit <input type="checkbox"/>	24-hour surveillance at ports <input type="checkbox"/>	ID cards <input type="checkbox"/>
e) Tax <input type="checkbox"/>	Raise higher rate threshold <input type="checkbox"/>	Double Stamp Duty threshold <input type="checkbox"/>	Scrap Inheritance Tax <input type="checkbox"/>


Crime & Policing

4. Which, if any, of the following, do you think are serious law and order problems in your area?

<input type="checkbox"/> Burglary	<input type="checkbox"/> Graffiti
<input type="checkbox"/> Car theft	<input type="checkbox"/> Vandalism
<input type="checkbox"/> Anti-social behaviour	
Other _____	

5. Have you been a victim of crime in the last 5 years?
 Yes No

6. Do you think the area has enough Police Officers?
 Yes No



Rubbish & Recycling

7. Do you know of any local roads/areas which have a litter or fly-tipping problem?
 Yes No
 If yes, where? _____

8. How do you feel local recycling facilities could be improved? _____

Leisure

9. Which leisure centre/facilities (swimming pool etc.) do you and/or your family use? _____

Please continue overleaf...

With Lawford

Manningtree Car Park Sold

Concern that car park could be lost if Tesco opens
Despite a strong campaign, led by Cllr. Sarah Candy and Cllr. Neil Stock, to save Manningtree's free car park, the Liberal Democrat Cabinet Member responsible for car parks in Tendring has decided sell it to the Co-op.

Cllr. Sarah Candy said, "The campaign was successful enough to increase the length of time it must remain a free car park from 10 years to 15 years. However, if Tesco does come and the Co-op goes out of business, how reliable will that covenant be?"

"The Liberal Democrat Councillor who made the decision only consulted his Lib Dem colleagues who represent the area, ignoring strong local opposition and a petition collected by local shopkeepers and residents of over 3000 signatures", added Sarah.

TESCO? Bernard Jenkin, MP for North Essex, is keen to hear the views of local residents on plans for a new Tesco in Station Road. Please write to him at Unit C2 East Gores Farm, Colchester, CO6 1RZ.

Meet the Editor... Val Guglielmi



In Touch Editor, Valerie Guglielmi (pictured left with Carlo and Cllr. Sarah Candy), lives in Lawford with husband Carlo, who is the sub-postmaster at the Waldegrave Way Post Office. Born in Ardleigh, she attended Manningtree High School and has lived in the Tendring/Colchester

area all her life. She has two daughters and three granddaughters. Very active in all aspects of the community, Val is Chairman of Dedham Parish Council, and is a Trustee of the Mary Barfield Almshouses, a Trustee of the Dedham In Relief of Sickness charity and the Treasurer of the Friends of Foundry Court.

Val said, "By working in the local Post Office, I keep in touch with local people's hopes and concerns. The area needs more facilities for teenagers, because boredom breeds problems, and more affordable housing. It is becoming impossible for young people to get onto the housing ladder".



Pictured above: Free... but for how long? Sarah Candy and Carlo Guglielmi at the under threat car park

Here to help:



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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, Valerie Guglielmi, 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 adjacent to the A120".

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

If you want your views heard on this proposal, please contact Go East or Bernard Jenkin MP



Local Plan Update

A public enquiry that will decide how and by how much our area is developed is due to report soon. The Local Plan agreed following the enquiry will establish which land is allocated for development and the criteria by which all planning applications will be judged.

Sarah said, "There is one last consultation, involving three land allocations, currently being undertaken by Tendring Council. One of the areas being considered is land east of Colchester Road in Lawford (right), which is being earmarked for housing".



The consultation period runs from 12th February till 23rd March. If you would like to get involved in the consultation or know more about the proposals, please contact the Local Plan Inquiry Office on (01255) 686192.



Are there too many swans along The Walls? Let us know what you think by completing and returning the survey on the back of this leaflet.



Advice Surgery
Bernard Jenkin MP will be holding an advice bureau in Lawford at the Venture Centre on Friday 2nd March (3-5pm). To book an appointment, please phone 01376 564292 or 020 7219 0253.

Where does your Council Tax go..?

Tendring District Council recently set their annual budget. Once again, however, there was little in the budget that supports our area of Tendring.

- For the past 4 years, Cllr. Sarah Candy has been fighting for funding to take over the running of Manningtree School swimming pool, during the summer holidays, from Lawford Parish Council. **Yet there is still no funding in the budget to do this.**
- For the past 4 years, Cllr. Sarah Candy has been fighting to secure funding from Tendring Council for a skateboard park or mobile skateboard park. **Yet there is still no funding in the budget to do this.**

Cllr. Candy said, "If these projects are not what Tendring wants to spend money on, how is it being spent? The budget sees vast sums spent on a gym in Clacton and £½ million to replace a toilet block in Frinton. I urge residents to find out how there councillors voted on this budget".



Roads & Traffic

10. Is speeding traffic a problem in your area?

Yes No

11. Please tell us about any unsafe or poorly maintained roads and footpaths in your area: _____

Public Transport

17. Which form of transport do you use most?

Car Bus
 Motorcycle Train
 Bicycle Walking

18. Are you satisfied with public transport in this area?

Yes No

Tendring Council

12. Do you receive *Tendring Matters* - Tendring Council's colour newspaper?

Yes No

The Swans

19. Do you think there are too many swans colonising The Walls?

Yes No

Planning

13. Do you think there should be a new town built adjacent to the A120?

Yes No

14. Do you support the construction of a major industrial site at Horsley Cross, including truck stop and industrial recycling centre?

Yes No

15. Do you support plans to open a new Tesco on Station Road?

Yes No

16. Do you support land east of Colchester Road being used for a housing development?

Yes No

Local Improvements

20. What improvements, if any, would you like to see made in the area?

About You

20. Age range:

Under 20 20 to 29
 30 to 39 40 to 49
 50 to 59 Over 60

21. Are you a parent or guardian of school-age children?

Yes No

22. Which Party do you usually vote for at elections?

Conservative Labour
 Lib Dem UKIP
 Other Don't vote

23. If your chosen Party did not have a candidate standing at an election, for which Party would you vote?

Conservative Labour
 Lib Dem UKIP
 Other Don't vote

24. Would you, or anyone in your household, like to vote by post or proxy at future elections?

Postal Proxy (Permanent)
 No Proxy (One Election)

25. Would you be willing to deliver *In Touch* leaflets?

Yes No

26. Would you like to meet your local Member of Parliament, Bernard Jenkin?

Yes No

What have we forgotten?

Please use this space to let us know about any other issues that are concerning you (feel free to use an additional piece of paper if required).

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr/Other _____ E-mail _____

Address _____ Post Code _____

Home Tel. No. _____ Mobile Tel. No. _____