

**MDC Chief Exec Fiona Marshall – Annual Town Meeting ANSWERS.**

Below is my response to the various questions that were put to me on the evening of your Annual Town Meeting on 24 April. Apologies that it has taken me a few weeks to provide my response.

**Millfields Access Road - Concerns re the positioning of yellow lines**

The Council has taken the step to introduce parking restrictions in the area to maintain a clear path into the recreation ground, reduce congestion and inconsiderate parking by some motorists. The restriction is subject to a six month review. Officers are due to meet with Burnham Town Council to see if an alternative arrangement can be entered into, however the basic principles outlined above will have to be maintained. We hope to create approx. 25 parking spaces along the road but will still enable large vehicles which will service the caravan park to access it.

**Burnham Caravan site - Do we have an expected date for works to start on site and an opening date?**

Subject to Planning approval, works commence September 18, opens April 19

**Plastic Recycling - Can we explain where our recycled plastic goes and give some reassurance to the community that it does not go into landfill or the sea.**

Please check our website for information on where all the recycle we collect goes.

[https://www.maldon.gov.uk/info/20008/collections/6024/household\\_waste\\_and\\_recycling\\_collections/9](https://www.maldon.gov.uk/info/20008/collections/6024/household_waste_and_recycling_collections/9)

Currently the plastic materials that you recycle in your pink sack are also taken to Essex Reclamation where they are separated and sent to re processors in the UK for onward recycling into new plastic bottles or recycled plastic items

**Waste - Concerns re the use of thin plastic sacks for storage of waste, this is an invitation to vermin.**

The recycling content of a pink sack should be 'washed and squashed'. If it is clean it will not attract vermin. When people used to use the black bin liners for all waste, including food, if people found they had a vermin problem they used to buy plastic dustbins to store sacks in – this method could be used for pink sacks if there is a rodent problem but they must be taken out and placed at boundary of property on collection day.

**Issue of green food waste caddies – is an invitation to vermin - See email attached**

The food waste caddies are designed so that they have lockable lids. So long as the lid is locked (using the handle) there will not be a fox or vermin problem this has been extensively tested by the caddy manufacturers. The issue of a caddy without a lid was a one off mistake which has now been corrected.

**Waste Promotion - Will the Council support a promotion campaign to discourage use of single use plastic containers? There are examples elsewhere where authorities, in partnership with the community and schools are encouraging the use of reusable containers rather than disposable plastic bottles.**

**We may be able to provide support for this campaign, however we would need some indication on how much support is required as the Waste Team is very small and we already have a number of commitments for this year.**

### **Paper Copies of Planning Applications**

Message from Cllr Wendy Stamp, representing Dengie Group of Parish Councils – has not had a detailed response to their letter on this subject. Have we considered how authorities with a slow download speeds are able to properly consider the planning applications and whether the Council will consider revisiting their decision to stop providing paper copies of planning applications. The DGPC view that this is having a detrimental impact on the proper consideration of planning applications.

**A detailed response will be sent to Dengie Group of Parish Councils.**

### **Dog Fouling**

**The situation in Burnham is not getting any better – MDC Legal team has turned down a request to put in place a public space protection order requiring dogs to be kept on leads as a preventative approach to dog fouling. Apparently they have implemented similar measures in Chelmsford and Colchester. Can you confirm the rationale for turning this down and consider revisiting the decision?**

**Under the new Antisocial behaviour and Policing Act 2014 there is legislation already in place that provides for applying Fixed Penalty Notices for dog fouling in Burnham public spaces. If intelligence is given to the Community Protection Officers they will act upon it, but this has been sparse. If the CPOs are in the area and catch anybody they will apply the legislation**

**Maldon DC is currently investigating the appropriateness of introducing a PSPO for where dogs off leads could cause a nuisance, to people or other dogs, across the district.**

Kind regards

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