

Eastwood Park FOCUS

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DEMAND THE BEST FOR EASTWOOD PARK

2019



Cllr Paul Collins

Paul says **THANK YOU!**

Thank you to the 1,182 voters across Eastwood Park who voted for me in the Borough Council Elections on 2nd May. This support elected me as YOUR new Councillor for Eastwood Park, more than 600 votes ahead of the Conservative candidate. It's a great privilege to have your trust and support.

I aim to keep my promises to you, and to work hard for all Eastwood Park residents. I'm working to make progress on campaign pledges and will report back to you in FOCUS and on my FaceBook page *Cllr Paul Collins Reports on Eastwood*. I'm always available by telephone, and have already set up regular Councillor Surgeries in Kent Elms Library and the Oakwood – see details on the back.

The results of the election across Southend saw the Liberal Democrats and the Independents gain 3 seats each, and Labour gain 2 – the Conservatives lost a total of 8 seats. Residents showed clearly that they wanted a change from the Tories' dominance.

There is a desperate need in the country and the Borough for people to work together! So, after careful thought, Southend Lib Dems have helped form a joint administration, working to move the Borough forward, and sharing management of the town with Labour and the Independents.

See details of our priorities and key aims for Southend at

<https://eastwoodparkandstlaurenceiberaldemocrats.mycouncillor.org.uk/2019/06/05/moving-towards-a-better-southend/>

EASTWOOD'S NEW POST OFFICE!

Cllr Paul Collins says: "I'm delighted to report that Suneel Patel has been successful in his application to open **Post Office Plus** within his shop, **ZB News**, on the corner of Bellhouse Road and Rayleigh Road.

I spoke with Suneel at the beginning of June and he explained the changes to be made to his shop before the Post Office Plus Counters can open. These will take time, so the Post Office opening is a few weeks away yet.

I know you will join with me in congratulating Suneel on this excellent news and urge the Community to support the much-needed return of a Post Office to Jones Corner."



Cllr Paul Collins visits ZB News

LIBERAL DEMOCRATS – WORKING HARD FOR ALL OF EASTWOOD PARK



PAUL'S BUS CAMPAIGN – UPDATE

Cllr Paul Collins writes: "Thanks to everyone who completed our residents' survey, supporting a DIRECT bus service between Eastwood and Leigh-on-Sea. I'm discussing a workable solution with a bus company and the Council and will report back as soon as possible!"

Eastwood Park News Updates: Cllr Collins Reports

★ KENT ELMS – SLOW TO THE END!

Our long-awaited footbridge (or most of it) was finally in place in early May. Unbelievably, the hand and bike rails won't be delivered until July, so residents have been left to wait once again.

"I remain hugely disappointed with the lack of urgency displayed and have contacted Council Officers with a strong demand to know when it will all be finished and for a detailed report on the reasons for these final delays," says Paul.

"Never again can we have a major project like this suffer so many hold-ups from start to finish."

★ **THE BELL:** Road survey work began in June to prepare for junction improvements – watch for delays along the A127. One part of the plan is to stop right turns from the A127 (from Southend) into Rochford Rd. If this could affect you, please let Paul Collins or Kev Malone know your views.

KEEPING YOU INFORMED!

★ Springwater Road, Roach Vale, Byfield, Parkway Close

Councillor Paul Collins is pushing for junction protection for these 4 roads. He reports: "The Highways Dept confirmed to me in mid-June that plans are in their works programme. I will keep residents informed."

PAUL PRESSES FOR ROAD RESURFACING IN EASTWOOD PARK

*Paul reveals that he has reported a number of roads in Eastwood Park that need repair and resurfacing – "I am particularly concerned about **Eastwood Rise** and parts of **Green Lane**."*

***Paul says:** "The Council is reviewing these requests and I hope to have good news soon."*



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Here to help! Call us, email, visit us on FaceBook or come to a surgery!

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Eastwood Park Ward Councillor Surgeries

Come and meet Cllr Paul Collins at:

Kent Elms Library Every 2nd Saturday of the month, 10am - 12noon
Next dates: July 13th, September 14th

Or share a Coffee with the Councillor:

Oakwood PH Rayleigh Rd Every 4th Saturday of the month, 10am - 12noon
Next dates: July 27th, September 28th

Want to become a member or a supporter? Join other local people who have signed up as Lib Dem members or supporters – please contact Paul Collins or Kev Malone. You will be very welcome!