

Mount Pleasant News

*From your local Labour team: Peter Chowney, Jay Kramer & Jeremy Birch
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Today, we have been calling on residents to see if we can help with any problems you may have with the County or Borough Council. We have produced this newsletter to help keep you in touch with what's going on.

Ore Valley: Building Starts



Ore Valley development site

Ten years after the 'Millennium Communities' development was first proposed, work has now started. Contractors Bellway

Homes are building a development of 51 new homes (almost all of them houses), with a 'town square' and Tesco store, as well as offices for Orbit Housing Association and a new entrance to Ore Station. The railway companies will also be doing some improvements to the station itself.



Cllr. Peter Chowney

Peter Chowney said:
" It's good to see new homes finally being built there, but it's taken a long time to get this far. And I'm very concerned that no developer is interested in phases 2 and 3, on the old power station site, or indeed phase 4, on Frederick Road. And with the government having cut all future funding

for the scheme, we must make sure that these later phases aren't simply abandoned. The land is owned by Seaspace, the local regeneration company. We'll make sure they have a proper plan to manage the land, and for future uses of the land. When phase 1 is complete, the remaining phases will hopefully be more attractive to developers, especially if house prices start to rise again. But we will be doing everything we can to get this site developed. "

Mount Pleasant Traffic still a problem



Speed activated sign

After years of lobbying, East Sussex County Council finally agreed to safety improvements to Mount Pleasant Road. But although some of these were

installed (including the speed-activated sign and puffin crossing), further measures were scrapped after the government cut money to the county council.

Jay Kramer said:

" It's good that we got the signs and the puffin crossing, but it's bad news that the rest of the scheme was scrapped by the county when government funding was cut.



Cllr. Jay Kramer

We know that Mount Pleasant Road is still dangerous, both to pedestrians and drivers, and we're disappointed that no more improvements are now likely for years to come. With the decision on the link road postponed for a year, and now very

unlikely ever to happen, pressure on Mount Pleasant Road as the 'official' ring road will continue. Along with Jeremy Birch, the county councillor, we'll keep pressing East Sussex County Council for further improvements. But with councils facing an overall cut in funding of almost a third, it's unlikely there'll be much money available."

Some useful contacts ...



Dog mess and litter?

You can report any street cleansing or refuse problems on 0845 2741077, or contact the Litterline (free) on 0800 085 4500
e-mail: refuseandrecycling@hastings.gov.uk



Untaxed and abandoned cars?

You can report untaxed and abandoned cars by phoning 783376, giving the number, description and location of the car, or e-mail: abandoned-untaxedvehicles@hastings.gov.uk. Abandoned cars are often in a dangerous condition – report them, and they will be removed!



Crime and anti-social behaviour?

You can contact the Safer Hastings Partnership on freephone 0800 0854500, or e-mail antisocialbehaviour@hastings.gov.uk. Or you can contact Darren Fox, the Police Community Support Officer for Tressell Ward directly on his work mobile number: 08456 070999, extension 26453. He works shifts, so leave a message if he isn't on duty. But don't forget, if you see a crime in progress, ring 999!

You can contact your Labour councillors at:

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Jeremy is the County Councillor for Tressell and Old Hastings. Contact him about County Council matters.

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www.tressell.org.uk



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