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The All Year Round Newsletter

Are Heavy Lorries Shaking Your Foundations?



Councillor Martin Savage would like to hear from you if you feel that increased numbers of 5- and 6-axle lorries on the main roads through Ashdon, Hadstock and Sewards End are spoiling your quality of life.

How many do you see each day and how do they affect you personally? Please e-mail Martin or use the tear-off form on the back of this leaflet: no stamp is needed.

Area Panels

The Liberal Democrats are trying to make Uttlesford Council more efficient and more responsive to the needs of all Uttlesford's residents. Currently, we are considering a revision of the committee system that will include the creation of Area Panels.

With three panels in the district - one each for the areas around Stansted, Dunmow and Saffron Walden - it will be easier for residents and parish/town councils to influence the Council's decisions.



Lib Dem ~~£££~~ Uttlesford is Lowest for Council Tax

Most of your Council Tax goes to Essex County Council, with the rest going to District Councils, Parish Councils and the Police. Since the Conservatives took the lead on the County Council they have put their part of your Council Tax up by a shocking 93%.

By contrast, Liberal Democrat-led Uttlesford District Council has the lowest Council Tax of any District in Essex.

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If you can help, please call Martin on 01223 890062 for more details.

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Aircraft Noise Damages Children's Development?



"Exposure to high levels of aircraft noise could impair the development of reading and memory in children, suggests a study published this week. ... Increased exposure to aircraft noise was associated with increased stress and reduced quality of life. The authors conclude that schools exposed to high levels of aircraft noise are not healthy educational environments."

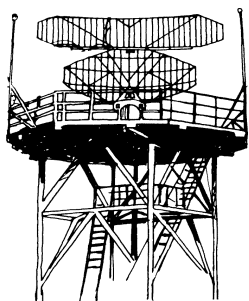
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Commenting on the report published in renowned medical journal *The Lancet* into the effect of aircraft noise on children, Liberal Democrat District Councillor Martin Savage said "This report should be another nail in the coffin of the Labour Government plans to expand Stansted."

"We already know that aircraft emissions are causing significant climate change damage. We now have evidence the noise they are producing is damaging children's development. The Government must not allow unbridled expansion of the aviation industry."

"Unlike the Conservatives, the Liberal Democrats are implacably opposed to expansion of runways in the South East."

Phone Masts



Liberal Democrat Councillor Martin Savage is calling for local councils to be given more power to make decisions on the siting of mobile phone masts. "Currently the rules are really stacked against local people" says Martin Savage.

Your local Liberal Democrats will support people's concerns. However current government planning rules prevent Uttlesford District Council refusing planning permission on health grounds alone. Liberal Democrat MP Andrew Stunnell has put forward proposals to Parliament to give councils like Uttlesford more power to say no to masts. Unfortunately there was not time for the Bill to be passed before the General Election. Liberal Democrat MP's will be backing plans to re-introduce the proposals in the current parliament.

Aircraft Noise Hotline



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Village News

"Sewards End has provided much work for both the new parish council and me. Traffic disruptions caused by the much-needed mains sewerage system and the issues surrounding Sewards End Farm continue," writes Martin Savage.



"Work on the parish plans in Ashdon and Hadstock is continuing. They provide excellent examples of community involvement to shape the future of our lives."



Raise an issue! Have your say!

Return to Liberal Democrats, FREEPOST CL2702, Stansted CM24 8BR.

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- Delivering a few leaflets
- Putting up a poster
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