



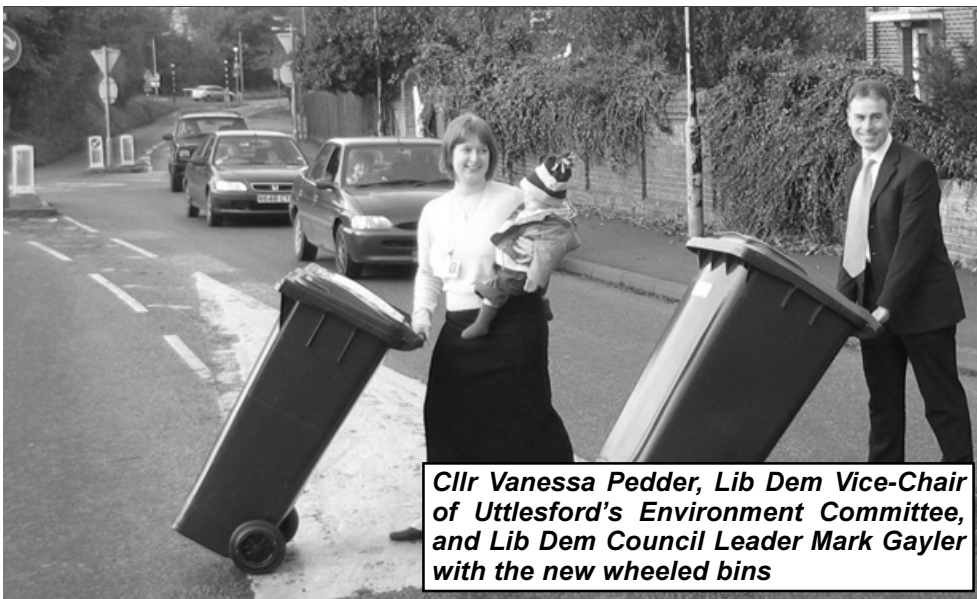
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Wheeled bins will boost recycling



Cllr Vanessa Pedder, Lib Dem Vice-Chair of Uttlesford's Environment Committee, and Lib Dem Council Leader Mark Gayler with the new wheeled bins

Uttlesford District Council is bringing in a new system of refuse collection to boost recycling rates, protect the environment, and save you money.

Cllr Mark Gayler said "Burying waste in the ground produces methane which in turn contributes to global warming. We need to recycle more, and the new system of wheeled bins will help us to do so."

"We know that some places are unsuitable for wheeled bins," added Cllr Emily Gower, "We will be talking to local residents and providing alternatives where appropriate. Frail or disabled people that have difficulty with them will receive extra assistance."

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Waste Plan - The Facts

- Smelly kitchen waste will be collected weekly, as now. Dry recyclable material and any remaining waste will be collected separately in alternate weeks.
- Uttlesford Council recognises that not every property is suitable for a wheeled bin. Alternatives will be available where that is the case.
- Frail and disabled people who cannot cope with moving the wheeled bins will be given extra assistance by the refuse collectors.
- The cost of burying waste in the ground is huge, both financially and environmentally.
- The council aims to increase recycling rates from 23% to 50% over the next three years.
- The current system will not achieve the 50% target. It has been shown that the use of wheeled bins makes it easier for people to recycle.
- The cost of fines imposed on Councils not achieving the targets will be much higher than the cost of the new system.

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Uttlesford bares its teeth on airport impact



North West Bypass

The Lib Dem leader of Uttlesford District Council has promised the people of Great Dunmow that the Council is still doing its utmost to pursue completion of the North West bypass.

"There has been much speculation in the local press about the legal agreement between the Council and Wickford Development Company," said Cllr Gayler, "but the position is the same as it has always been. Wickford still have to build the bypass on the same timescale agreed back in 1993."

"This could still be some time off, but I hope that we can secure the completion of the bypass ahead of schedule. The roundabout on the Thaxted road is now being constructed, and that will only leave a short stretch of road left to complete."

Uttlesford councillors have unanimously agreed tough conditions for BAA Stansted to meet if the airport is to grow beyond 25 million passengers a year.

Local Lib Dem councillor Emily Gower commented: "The council has made a clear statement to BAA that any new planning application will not be a walkover".

The Lib Dem controlled council wants BAA to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from aircraft, to stop impacting local services such as train services, so recently hit by the airport, reduce car use for passengers and workers, including cutting car parking spaces. The council has said BAA must demonstrate that the environmental impacts on those living nearby will be reduced and minimised.

Council Leader Mark Gayler added: "The council is responding to the strong community opposition to more airport growth and has asked BAA to take this opposition seriously."

Lib Dems Oppose Police Merger

Local Lib Dems have criticised Home Office plans to merge Essex Police with neighbouring forces.



Cllr Frank Silver commented: "What we need is more and better local policing. We will support moves to provide more visible policing in our towns and villages. But if the Essex Police Force is merged with other counties in the region then they will be less likely to listen to local opinion."

School Safety A Priority

Uttlesford's East Area Panel addressed both the safety of the children and the interests of local residents in discussing Dunmow's new school at its first meeting.

Local councillors called for:

* School warning signs and a 20mph limit along the Stortford Road between the Tesco Roundabout and the town.

* Safety barriers along the edge of the pavement between Tesco and the new layby, and along the centre of the main road outside the school.

Cllr Mark Gayler commented: "I am delighted that after much negotiation one of the entrances on Woodlands Park Drive is now open, but we also need to look after the safety of the children entering the school from both Stortford Road and Woodlands Park Drive. At the same time local residents should not be severely inconvenienced by parking problems associated with the school."

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