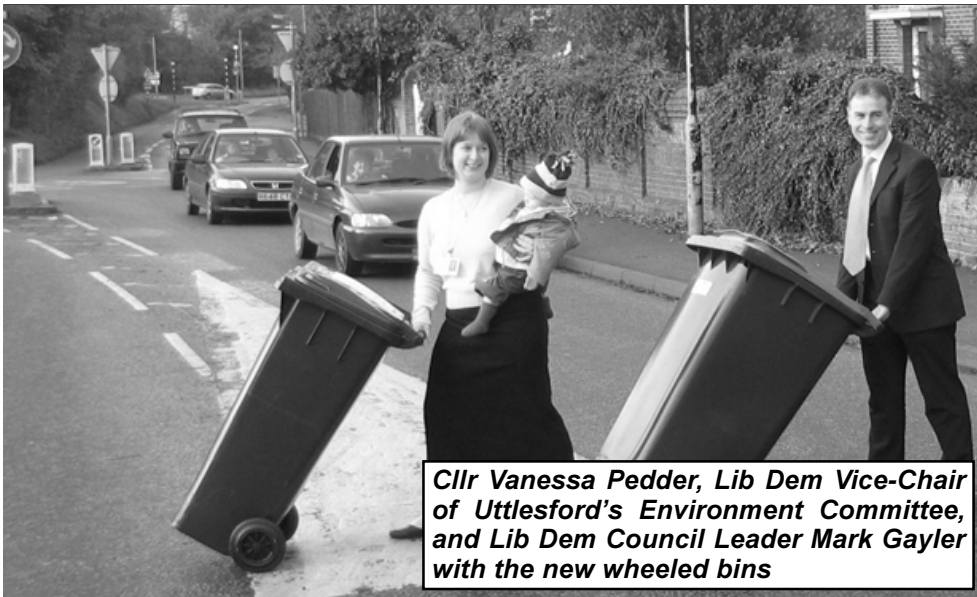


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The All Year Round Newsletter

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 Vanessa Pedder 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 in our villages are unsuitable for wheeled bins," added Cllr Peter Wilcock, "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



The wrong type of passenger?

We are used to the old British Rail blaming train delays on the 'wrong type of snow'. Now the private operator 'one', in league with BAA Stansted and the Government, seems interested mainly in getting passengers to and from the airport. Liberal Democrats don't accept that commuters and other local rail travellers are the 'wrong type of passenger'.

The rail timetable introduced last month has cut trains at local stations, including Newport, Elsenham and Stansted Mountfitchet, and lengthened journey times to London to make way for more Stansted Express trains.

Cllr Bill Bowker said: "Commuters have been having a hard time recently with our local rail services. Due to the introduction of the new timetables from December 2005 services have become more unreliable and have been reduced generally. On top of all this they now have to contend with above inflation fare increases."

"It seems that local needs have to play second fiddle to the Stansted Airport Express Service. This situation cannot be allowed to continue and I will do my best to improve this through the Uttlesford Transport Forum."



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

Said Lib Dem councillor Peter Wilcock "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 Bill Bowker commented: "This will make the Police services more remote and less accountable to local needs. Even now local calls made to the Saffron Walden Police station number are usually routed through to Braintree."



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