



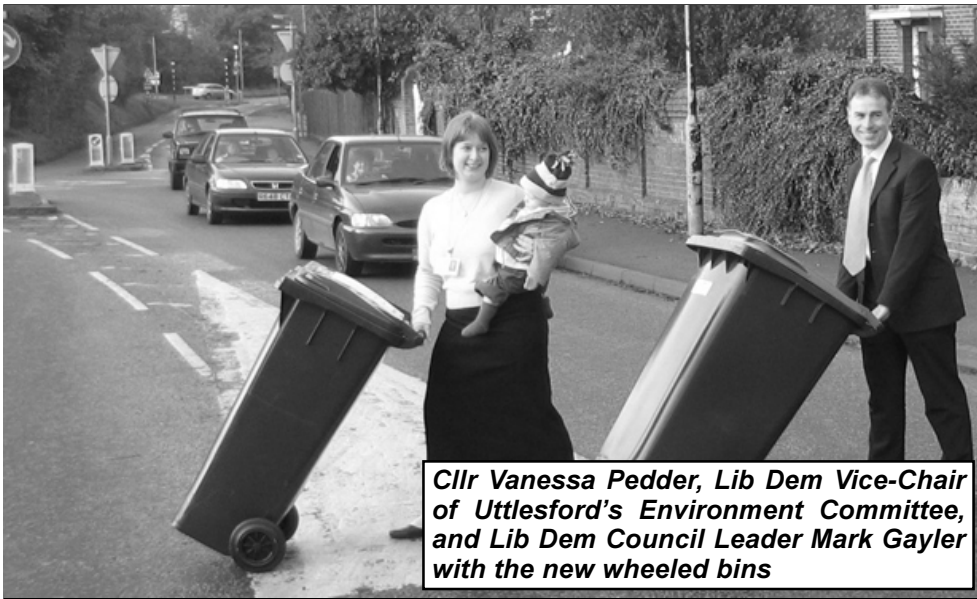
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Wheeled bins will boost recycling



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 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 are unsuitable for wheeled bins," added Cllr Antoinette Wattebot, "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



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 Martin Foley 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."

New Plans For Thaxted Day Centre

Uttlesford District Council is exploring three options for making improvements to Thaxted Day Centre. The options are:

- Refurbishment of the existing centre.
- Refurbishment plus an extension to increase the size of the day centre.
- Demolition of the existing building and construction of a new larger day centre on the same site.

Thaxted Lib Dem Cllr Antoinette Wattebot said "The Council recognises that the day centre does not meet current standards. It is also catering for a larger number of people, and is now not big enough to meet the demand from the community."

Cllr Martin Foley added: "Thaxted Day Centre is a valuable resource to the local community. I am pleased that the Council is committed to making it into a centre that Thaxted can be proud of."

The three options will be discussed at the next East Area Panel meeting, which takes place on Wednesday 1st March at 7.30pm, at Thaxted Day Centre. Local residents will be able to put forward their views at the meeting, so if you want to have your say on how the day centre should be improved then please come along.

Lib Dems Oppose Police Merger

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



Cllr Antoinette Wattebot 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."



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