

Outlook

Molewood
Residents'
Association

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Double yellow lines at Sacombe Road



Sacombe road where the yellow lines are proposed

As previously reported in Outlook, Hertfordshire County Council propose to implement new 'No Waiting At Any Time' (double yellow lines) and "No Waiting 8am to 5pm" waiting restrictions on specified lengths of Sacombe Road.

Parents, concerned about the impact upon parking at school pickup/drop off times have responded to the council during a consultation period, which ended on the 8th October. The council in turn, acknowledged the overwhelming request that parents be allowed to drop off their children.

The measures are primarily to cope with the extra cars associated with the Buckwells Field development and promoted for reasons of safety.

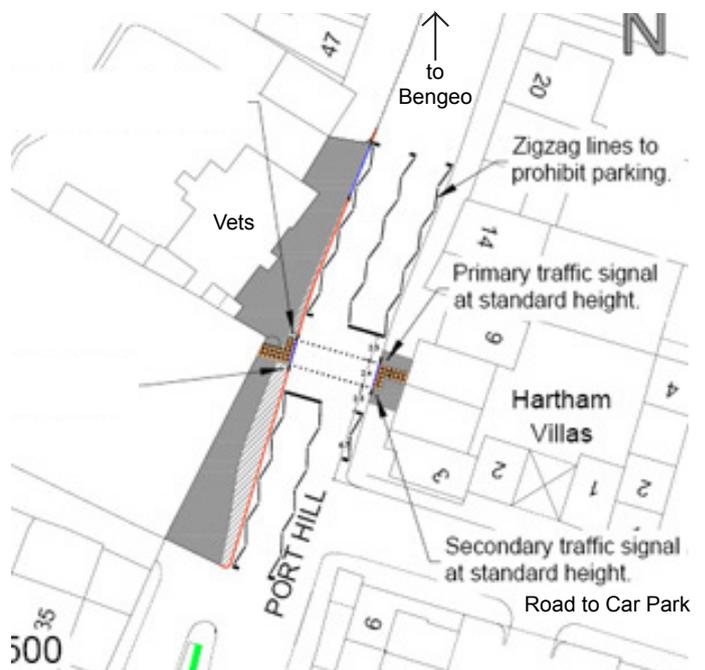
Parents who travel to the school by car can use the car park at Bengo Nursery but invariably this will have an impact on the surrounding streets, such as The Wick and Cowper Crescent, as parents try to find spaces to park further away from the school. As we find out more, we will update our website <http://www.molewood.org.uk> accordingly.

Port Hill traffic lights given the 'Green Light'

For many years, crossing the road to Hartham from Port Hill has involved nerves of steel, quick feet and eyes in the back of your head!

Finally, the County Council are supporting the installation of a crossing, proposed at the location in the below map.

The Molewood Resident's Association can confirm that work won't begin until 2015/16, but I'm sure you are as pleased with this result as we are.



Plan showing the location of the proposed crossing on Port Hill

Banner Image Competition

How would you like to see your photograph or drawing as the background to the Outlook banner? Please email your entry to enquiries@molewood.org.uk and we will select the best for each edition. It should be seasonal and reflect the Molewood area. Good Luck!

Woodhall Close Summer Party



Woodhall Close kicked off the summer holidays with a street barbecue on the 20th of July. Many burgers and sausages were consumed along with summer salads donated by the residents. Delicious desserts of the chocolate variety rounded off the splendid barbecued feast. Games for the children on the green included sack and egg and spoon races, parachute fun and a tug of war. It was a well attended occasion giving party goers a chance to welcome some new neighbours on to the close and say good-bye to a few who were leaving. The hot sunny weather was an added bonus for the great afternoon!

The Molewood Residents' Association is happy to make a contribution to community events, as with the Woodhall Close barbeque, so please feel free to contact us.

Planning a Christmas Party?



As Christmas comes ever closer, some residents may be thinking about getting together with their neighbours for a festive celebration. Drop us a line if you'd like to arrange an event for your street and the Association may be able to support with some sponsorship money. You can contact one of the committee or by emailing enquiries@molewood.org.uk.

Volunteers to represent Sacombe Road Development

Lafarge Tarmac are to build 8 homes on land adjoining Sacombe Rd. We welcome the fact that as part of the scheme they would extend the pavement from where it stops just before the Orchard to the car park/ lay by at the entrance to the heath and then on as a footpath to the junction with Vicarage Lane.

As part of the development process, there is a requirement to set up a liaison group to act as community representatives while the works are taking place. They will ensure the company is keeping to their commitments and will raise any complaints from local residents. They are looking for a willing volunteer or two to represent the interests of those living on Sacombe Road.



Plan of the proposed 8 homes on Sacombe Road

For Molewood residents, that is members in The Orchard and Buckwells Field and the top end of The Wick. If you wish to join the liaison group, please contact us. For more information, see our website at <http://www.molewood.org.uk>.

At 7:30pm on 29th October at Stapleford Village Hall there will be an open house for a further opportunity to discuss the finer details of the application.

Molewood café trip

Your committee would like to offer our older residents something. Marie Archer suggested a trip to the Oasis Café at on Ware Road funded by the Association. If you or someone you know might be interested please contact Marie Archer at 55 The Wick.

District Plan Update

As many of you know already, there are plans to expand housing and infrastructure in East Herts. Known as the 'District Plan', this has reached a 'review' phase following a huge surge of opinion by locals during the recent consultation stage.



Proposed housing allocation sites within Hertford in the District Plan

With over 3,700 responses from district residents, organisations, landowners and developers, the council have many considerations, including technical studies which are likely to result in a number of amendments to the District Plan. If this happens, a further consultation will need to be sought.

The MRA had placed a banner on the Sacombe Road roundabout to highlight the issues with the District Plan. However at the request of the chair of the Town Council's allotment committee we have since removed it. The process for agreeing and building the homes indicated in the Plan will be a long one, and the banner is being stored ready for the next stage in the campaign!

To find out more, you can go directly to the East Herts website by using this web address: www.eastherts.gov.uk/districtplan. To view the comments given during consultation, use: <http://consult.eastherts.gov.uk/portal>.

Sacombe Road Recreation Ground

Some of you may have seen the recent bout of fly tipping on Sacombe Road. A member of the Association contacted East Herts Council and we have been informed that if residents notice litter or graffiti they should contact Lee Flack at East Herts Council on 01279 655261.

There have been reports of people being disruptive at the playing field on Sacombe Road on occasion. For any anti-social behaviour, call 101 and PCSO Andy Nash will investigate. Please report anything you see, to help protect our community from disruptive behaviour and keep our park as a great place to meet and play.

Near Miss on Wellington Street

We were contacted by a resident who nearly had a collision with a pedestrian on Wellington Street. Turning right into the street from Byde Street, the driver was shocked to see the mother with her young child in a pram in the centre of the street. The mother explained that due to the cars parked on both sides this was the only option left to her.

The resident reported the incident to East Herts Council who manage parking in the town.



The junction of Wellington Street and Byde Street

Town Green Project

Residents may remember that we want to see if we could get extra protection to stop a greedy developer trying to get hold of the playing field between Desborough Close and Sacombe Road.

If you would like to help, you can contact Colin Broomfield at 73 Buckwells Field or Ben Penrose at 104 Cowper Crescent. Contact us via enquiries@molewood.org.uk.

School Crossing Patrol Wanted!

Bengeo Primary School are urgently looking for someone who would be interested in becoming the school crossing patrol.

The pay is £6.47 per hour (excluding holiday pay and retainer)

If you are interested or would like further information, please contact;

Heather Hill
01992 556815
Hertfordshire County Council,
Transport, Access and Safety,
County Hall, Pegs Lane,
Hertford, SG13 8DN.

Your Association

Molewood Residents' Association was formed in the late 1960's soon after the estate was built. The aim of the association is to support Molewood residents and enhance their enjoyment of the Molewood neighbourhood. The association organises events and contributes to community events arranged by residents. The Association issues 4 Outlook newsletters each year. If you would like to read about the early days of the estate our website has copies of early newsletters.

Annual membership of Molewood Residents' Association costs £2 and runs from June each year. Members of the committee begin collecting subscription payments, door to door, in June. This gives people the opportunity to discuss how the committee is doing and how it can work best to represent residents.

If you would like to pay in advance or if it is more convenient you can drop the payment along with contact details through the letterbox of our treasurer, Alan Sewell, 16 The Avenue.

Your Committee

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What's On?

27th - 31st October

Bengeo Primary School half term break

31st October

The Big Draw exhibition at Hertford Theatre
1.30 - 3pm

28th November

A Christmas Spectacular at Hertford Museum
4 - 8pm

Sunday 7th December

Think Christmas, Think Hertford
Free parking in Hertford town.
Free samples, promotions and in-store entertainment.
Santa, street performers, singers, choirs, musicians and much more

19th December

Bengeo Primary School end of term

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Thinking of moving...?
Unsure of the value of your home..?
We can help!

We have seen a significant uplift in property sale prices over the last 12 months and I would be delighted to provide you with an up to date valuation of your home – completely free of charge and without obligation.

Contact me James Luton;
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Reduced selling fees for members of Molewood Residents' Association!



To join for 2014/ 15 complete the slip and put it through the letterbox of our treasurer, Alan Sewell, 16 The Avenue.

I/ we want to join the MRA for 2014/15. I enclose my £2 payment for this year's subscription.

My/ our name is

and I/ we live at

I/ we would be happy to be contacted by email about local issues by the residents' association so here is my

email address