

Thurrock

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Related subject: Purfleet

Purfleet has seen a fairly big extension in terms of additional housing and population over the past 10 years. Whilst the proposed redevelopment of the centre around the railway station, Botany Way and part of the old Thames Board Mills site south of the railway line don't seem to have progressed very far there have been new additions which have severely impacted the infrastructure around that part of the village which were going to be improved as part of said redevelopment.

I recall going to a public consultation meeting regarding the Harris Academy prior to its construction and voicing my concerns regarding the twice daily 'school run' as it is close to the level crossing along a very busy stretch of London Road and also the possibility that it would pose serious access problems for the residents of the Beacon Hill/Linnet Way estate area opposite the Academy. The people running that public meeting said they didn't see there would be a problem as there would be adequate drop off/pick up areas within the Academy and that many of the students would be bussed into the school. My fears were realised very quickly as it turned out to be exactly as I predicted.

This all leads on to me saying that Purfleet is growing quickly, too quickly (there's another new housing development on the other side of the station) so even more traffic for London Road. Infrastructure in the village is almost at breaking point, only slightly alleviated by the construction of a new lorry entrance for the ever busier Purfleet Dock.

This all puts the village in a very different situation to the remainder of the current West Thurrock/South Stifford/Purfleet ward. It seems that West Thurrock takes centre stage with it's much more redeveloped Lakeside and limited new build housing compared to Purfleet. In addition we do have a couple of more prestigious sites in Purfleet, these being the Royal Opera House main workshops and studios, and the RSPB Rainham Marsh visitor centre/main car park are situated here rather than at Rainham.

Whilst I accept that it is unlikely we could have separate ward representation for the village I do feel that Purfleet should really be the 'senior'

partner rather than as at present where it feels like a more tacked on afterthought to our neighbouring districts. We are physically separated from the rest of the ward by the M25 so it doesn't feel very cohesive. Also I'd point out that Purfleet was at one time a large parish taking in those other places. I'd be happy to see it officially titled as the Purfleet-on-Thames, West Thurrock and South Stifford Ward.

Attached Documents:

None attached