**GOVERNMENT PLANNING REFORMS PUT ON HOLD AFTER MOTION PASSED BY TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL**

A motion calling on the Government to protect the rights of people to object to planning applications was agreed, with no abstentions or objections by Tendring District Council (TDC) at its Full council meeting held on Tuesday,14th September.

The motion stated that “planning works best when developers and local communities work together to shape local areas” and called on the Government “to protect the rights of all communities to object to individual planning applications”.

Concerns related to the proposed planning reforms that put forward a zoning system of planning which would potentially remove the right for people to object to applications.

It was reported a few days later that the suggested reforms had been put on hold by the new Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government Michael Gove, citing both the Cabinet reshuffle and concerns over the proposals, as reasons for the delay.

To date there has been no official announcement.

**LIMITED ROAD CLOSURES CONFIRMED FOR WOMEN’S TOUR EVENT**

On Friday, 8th October, the world’s top female cyclists will race between Colchester and Clacton on Stage 5 of the AJ Bell Women’s Tour, World time trial champion Ellen van Dijk will be taking part and the defending event champion Lizzie Deignan.

It is expected that almost 100 riders will battle it out on the roads of North Essex for the stage win.

At 11.30am the peloton will leave from Colchester’s Northern Gateway Sports Park through the historic town centre, before the riders pedal out of the borough to Ardleigh and Great Bromley. They will then ride on to Clacton, via Elmstead Market, before completing a loop of Tendring district.

To enable the race to happen safely a rolling road closure will be in place along the majority of the route, meaning streets will be open either side of the event as riders head to the finish line.

A full road closure will be in place from 5am until 8pm along Marine Parade West and part of West Road in Clacton to facilitate the finish line and event.

The temporary closures are scheduled to start between 10.45am and 4.30pm. Alternative routes will be available for use as diversions, including the A12, A120, and A133. Access for emergency vehicles and pedestrians will be always maintained during the closure.

You can follow the Women’s Tour on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/thewomenstour) (#WomensTour), [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/thewomenstour/), and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/thewomenstour/) or via the event’s official website at [womenstour.co.uk](https://www.womenstour.co.uk/).

**FUEL DISRUPTION**

The situation was being monitored through TDC’s Emergency Planning Team and through communication with all relevant authorities. Hopefully, as I write the panic to buy fuel has started to settle down; however, from experience locally I believe we have been very fortunate to have received fuel deliveries.

**TENDRING DISTRICT** **COUNCIL IS SUPPORTING THE BABY LOSS AWARENESS WEEK**

The authority will be supporting parents and their families who have lost a young child.

Baby Loss Awareness Week will be held from the 9th to the 15th October, by lighting up Clacton Town Hall in pink and blue.

Remembrance Ribbon Displays will be hosted at the Clacton seafront gardens, where a ribbon can be left to remember a loved one. This is the third year the ribbon display will be held on the seafront.

**FESTIVE EVENTS – IS THERE AN EVENT THAT WOULD QUALIFY FOR A SUPPORT GRANT?**

Hallowe’en, Christmas, or Clacton 150 may qualify for a grant towards these festive activities.

Tendring District Council (TDC) is running an Events Grant scheme, offering £500 to £1,000 to help boost your activities in the area.

If you’re looking to hold an event celebrating Hallowe’en or Christmas, with perhaps say a yuletide market, you may qualify for this financial support.

Are you planning an event using local traders and/or performers then check out the scheme and see if you qualify?

The aim through TDC’s “Back to Business programme”, is to boost the local economy, especially in the run-up to Christmas.”

Businesses can also apply for a grant of either £500 or £1,000 towards events being held in town or village centres, or seafronts close to them, when using local traders or performers.

Event organisers need to supply cost plans and risk assessments as part of their application, as well as meeting the project criteria. Events also need to be held within three months of receiving a grant.

A total pot of £35,000 is available, with a number of grants already paid out.

To apply to the fund, visit [www.tendringdc.gov.uk/business/event-grant](http://www.tendringdc.gov.uk/business/event-grant).

Many thanks

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