

GREEN VIEW #9

BROMBOROUGH, PORT SUNLIGHT & NEW FERRY



MAJOR NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

New planning applications across our area have been submitted to Wirral Council. Here are the key details and how you can have your say.

1. Biffa plc and Covanta Energy have applied to store and process up to 240,000 tonnes of incinerator ash every year next to **River Park**. The ash would be transported by lorry (15 per hour) from Ellesmere Port and also imported by boat from Dublin.

Local campaigner Ruth Molyneux says *“Such heavy industry is completely unsuitable next to residential homes. Along with many people who live nearby, I am opposed to this application. Thousands of people would be affected by new noise, air, odour and traffic pollution. The site is also next to our Site of Special Scientific Interest including habitat for seals, herons, egrets and oystercatchers.”*



Kieran, Ruth and Jo at the River Park site – application number **APP/22/01973**



3. Unilever wants to expand its facilities at the main entrance on **Sunlight Way**. Residents have submitted a petition in opposition to the disturbance more lorries will bring. **APP/22/01951**.

4. **Rebuilding New Ferry**: Almost six years after the devastating explosion, a planning application has at last been submitted to rebuild New Ferry precinct. Regenda Homes plans 32 affordable apartments on the flattened explosion site. Vehicles will be more restricted on the pedestrian precinct.

For many years, Cllr Jo Bird and local people have been calling for affordable, warm homes, in addition to nearby shops. Over 100 people took part in a community consultation last September and the proposals received broad support. **APP/22/02137**.

2. **Bromborough Pool**: Persimmon plans to build another 124 houses off **Pool Lane** and **Dock Road South**, on the former Croda chemical factory site, next to **Mersey View**. The housing developer promises a riverside walk along Dibbinsdale Brook. **APP/22/01890**.

Meanwhile, Persimmon has finally settled the case about mis-selling leasehold with Mersey View and other home buyers, as reported in Green View #3.



Jo, Kieran and Ruth are pleased that plans have finally been submitted for housing on the New Ferry explosion site

Have Your Say! To view or comment on the plans log on at <https://online.wirral.gov.uk> and enter the planning application number

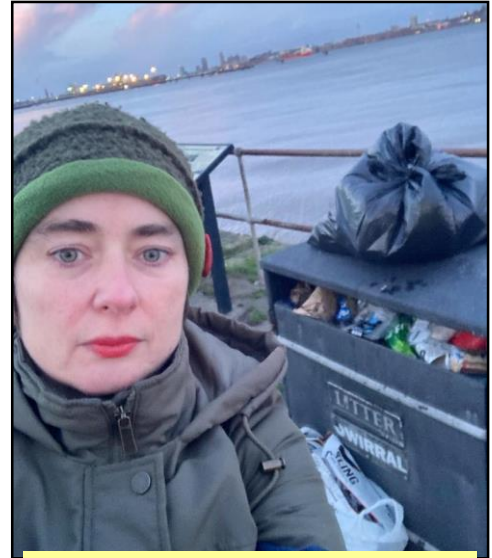
BIN CHAOS: TIME FOR A RETHINK?

Greens want more control over recycling and waste services

Recent delays to bin collections left many residents feeling angry. Some streets saw no green bin collection for over a month. That's no excuse for littering and fly-tipping but residents are right to ask if the current service provides value for money.

Waste services are run by Biffa, a private company. Its contract with Wirral Council still has four years to run. The company is so profitable it has paid out £53 million to shareholders since 2018. Also, Biffa is being investigated by HMRC for possibly breaking tax rules and in 2021 it was found guilty of exporting banned household waste items, including plastic bags, tins, clothing and condoms - incorrectly identified as waste paper.

Kieran Murphy says, "Biffa is a very profitable company. Its workers should not have to go on strike to be paid properly. Many councils manage their own waste collection and we think Wirral should do the same. That way, profits can be reinvested into services and we can make sure that workers get decent pay and conditions."



Overflowing litter bins were a common site when Biffa workers took action for a fair pay award.

SUSTAINABLE HOMES GRANT – DO YOU QUALIFY?

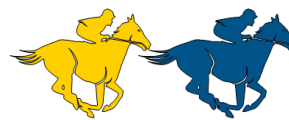
A new round of funding to help households reduce their energy consumption is now available. Grants of up to £10,000 for home upgrades including insulation, solar panels or air source heat pumps are available. To be eligible, your household income must be less than £30,000. Also, your home should have an Energy Performance Certificate of E, F or G. Some D-rated properties also qualify.

Further details and an application form are available at www.wirral.gov.uk/warmth

On May 4th you will have a big decision to make. **All three of your ward councillors are up for election.** This will be your last chance to vote in local elections until 2027.

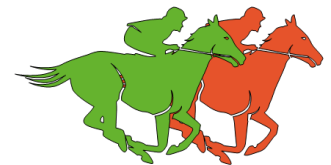
Last time, the Green Party came a clear second place here. Your hard working Green team is the only challenger to Labour for local elections in Bromborough, Port Sunlight and New Ferry.

COUNCIL ELECTION: GREEN OR LABOUR



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