

St Laurence Voice

ST LAURENCE WARD,
SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

KEEPING YOU INFORMED THROUGHOUT COVID-19



COVID-19, lockdown and the need for social distancing has changed many things but it hasn't stopped us from working hard for St Laurence

We've been keeping residents informed of the council's reaction to the COVID-19 pandemic

The COVID-19 pandemic and lockdown has been challenging for us all. The council has continued to deliver vital services as well as setting up a Coronavirus hotline and volunteer service. We should all be extremely proud of how our community has come together to support each other and help protect our NHS.

Cllr Daniel Cowan has worked through lockdown to keep residents informed of community initiatives, the council's own response to COVID-19, and more. He lobbied early for Pillar 2 testing information to be reported locally and shares regular updates on his Facebook

page. You can follow the latest information on <http://facebook.com/cllrcowan>.

Daniel says "St Laurence ward has many key workers and this crisis has shown just how much we rely on them. They have been putting themselves at risk to care for those suffering with this virus. I'm really proud of our key workers, community, council officers and the administration in how we've faced this virus down. The near future is going to be quite different to life as we knew it but I will continue to work hard as your councillor and ensure that you are well informed about what the council is doing."

We're standing up for St Laurence

-  **CHALLENGING SPEEDING**
We know how much speeding affects our area. Cllr Cowan is the only St Laurence councillor to speak in favour of 20mph zones around our schools
-  **KEEPING ST LAURENCE TIDY**
We do regular walkabouts of the ward reporting fly-tipping, potholes, cracked pavements and other issues that need attention to keep St Laurence tidy
-  **PLANTING MORE TREES**
We have successfully fought for the budget to plant new trees across St Laurence to improve our air quality and street scene and will continue to press for more
-  **TACKLING PARKING ISSUES**
Nuisance parking is a concern across the ward and whilst publicly popular schemes were rejected by Conservative councillors, Labour continues to work to find solutions
-  **MONTHLY SURGERY DATES**
First Wednesday, 6.30pm, Loyal Toast
First Saturday, 10am, Ekco Club
Third Wednesday, 6.30pm, Holiday Inn

FUTURE OF THE AIRPORT

Residents under the flight path have suffered from fractured sleep since cargo night flights started in October. Cllr Daniel Cowan and councillors of other affected wards understand that COVID-19 has deeply affected the airport and we are clear that protecting jobs is extremely important, as is the right to a good night's sleep.

We will work constructively and in good faith with the airport to support them as well as improve the night noise issue for our residents.



Residents are raising concerns about noise at night from cargo flights at Southend Airport

STANDING UP TO SPEEDERS



Damien is concerned about severe speeding issues in the area

"More needs to be done to combat speeding and dangerous driving on our roads"

Damien Errington

St Laurence ward is officially the worst ward for speeding issues with 10 of the top 50 worst roads in the borough found here.

Damien Errington says "It's a disgrace that one area can have such a large share of the

speeding problems. We are determined to tackle the problem head on and with two Labour councillors we'll have the majority to push ahead with getting more solutions considered by the traffic committee."

KEEP IN TOUCH



DAMIEN ERRINGTON

Candidate for St Laurence ward

Damien is a local teacher and father. He is standing to be the second Labour councillor in St Laurence ward

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CLLR DANIEL COWAN

Councillor for St Laurence ward

Daniel Cowan was elected in 2019 as St Laurence's first-ever Labour councillor.

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TORIES BLOCK AIRPORT PARKING CONSULTATION

At the February meeting of the Traffic Regulations Working Party the request to consult residents on parking solutions around Eastwoodbury Crescent, Eastwoodbury Lane and the roads off Wells Avenue was kicked into the long grass by the Tory councillors when it came to a vote.

Only Cllr Cowan spoke in favour of the scheme which was popular with most local residents. One Tory councillor didn't bother to show up and the other refused an invite to speak.

Cllr Daniel Cowan says "I'm disappointed that residents weren't given the chance to have a say on parking issues in their area. Much smaller solutions in less troubled areas were voted through by the Tories but this was not.

"I'm frustrated that my residents are being left to suffer but have pressed to ensure that this area is the top priority once the outcome of the parking review is published."



Cllr Cowan - frustrated that under pressure roads are being used as political footballs