



Moseley & Kings Heath **Liberal Democrats**

RE-OPENING MOSELEY AND KINGS HEATH RAILWAY STATIONS MOVES A STEP CLOSER

The re-opening of both Moseley and Kings Heath railway stations moved a step closer in July. A consultants report showed there is a strong business case for re-opening them and its recommendations were approved by Centro.

A full copy of the report can be seen at
www.martinmullaney.co.uk

A bid has been submitted to the Government for re-opening these stations as part of the Transport Innovation Fund (TIF) by the West Midlands conurbation.

The re-opening of this railway line has been championed by both Councillor Mullaney of Moseley and Kings Heath Ward and Councillor Huxtable of Bournville Ward.

The proposal would involve the construction of a railway chord at Camp Hill, so that services could run into Moor Street Station. Construction of the chord will cost £35million, whilst stations at Moseley, Kings Heath and Hazelwell would cost slightly over £1million each.

A train service between Moor Street and Kings Norton would run every 20 minutes.

The earliest the stations could re-open is 2017. This is due to the lengthy bidding process involved in getting money from the Government for railway infrastructure improvements.



This is where the entrance to a future Moseley station would be on St.Marys Row



This is where a future Kings Heath station would be located. Immediately south of Kings Heath High Street bridge.

TOP AWARDS FOR MOSELEY AND KINGS HEATH IN THE REGIONAL BRITAIN IN BLOOM AWARDS 2007

Martin, Emily and Ernie would like to congratulate the organisers and volunteers of Moseley in Bloom and Kings Heath Floral Trail, who achieved outstanding results in the recent Britain in Bloom Awards.

Moseley won the Midlands Britain in Bloom Award 2007 for Best Community Regeneration. Moseley has also been selected to represent the entire Midlands region in next years national Britain in Bloom competition. Only three other Midland areas have been commended with this duty: Solihull, Bridgnorth and Upton.

Kings Heath Floral Trail won a Merit in the Midlands Britain in Bloom Award—this is the highest award a first attempt can achieve and the Trail will enter the main competition next year.

Emily, Ernie and Martin have been active supporters of both Moseley in Bloom and the Kings Heath Floral Trail. They co-ordinated Council services in the weeks leading up to judging day to ensure the streets were clean, graffiti removed and the pavements de-weeded. In the case of Moseley they even had the pavements jet blasted clean.

For Kings Heath Floral Trail, the original Edwardian railings in Kings Heath Market Square were repainted—see photo right. Lamp posts in Avenue Road and Vicarage Road were also repainted, as well as the original Kings Heath railway station railings opposite Valentine Road.

If Moseley in Bloom is successful in the national competition in 2008, it could see Moseley representing the UK in the European competition.



KINGS HEATH BECOMES A BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

The shops of Kings Heath have successfully voted to become the second suburban shopping centre in the UK to become a Business Improvement District (BID). Other areas in Birmingham that have a BID in place are Broad Street, City Centre and Erdington.

The BID potentially releases £120,000 per year which can be spent on improvements to the shopping centre. The £120,000 is raised by a 1% levy on the business rates in Kings Heath shopping centre. The Kings Heath BID was the initiative of Martin Mullaney who pushed for its creation soon after he was elected in June 2004.

Negotiations are now taking place with the Kings Heath businesses as to how the £120,000 will be spent—one of the initial proposals is to employ a Town Centre Manager.

Negotiations are also now taking place to create a Night Time Economy BID for Moseley which could potentially fund extra police officers during the late evenings in Moseley centre.

CONTACTING YOUR LIBERAL DEMOCRAT COUNCILLORS

We are here to help you 7 days a week, 365 days a year. You can contact us on the following telephone numbers or e-mail addresses:

For planning or environmental (eg graffiti, dumped rubbish) issues contact:
Councillor Martin Mullaney—689 4372—mullaney3@blueyonder.co.uk
Website: - www.martinmullaney.co.uk

For housing or social benefits issues contact:
Councillor Emily Cox—442 2070 — emily.cox@jhc.co.uk

For general issues contact:
Councillor Ernie Hendricks—256 1310—e.hendricks@liberaldem.co.uk

If you require a home visit, telephone 689 4372

You can also meet us at our Advice Bureaux. These are held **every Monday (except Bank Holidays and during the month of August)** at the following times and locations:

6.30 - 7.00pm Kings Heath Community Centre, 8 Heathfield Road, Kings Heath
7.15 - 7.45pm, Moseley Community Development Trust, The Post Office Building, 149-153 Alcester Road, Moseley

JOIN MARTIN'S E-MAIL LIST

Martin runs an e-mail list for local residents to help keep them up to date with what the Council, your Councillors and Wardens are doing in the area. It is entirely non-political and is designed to keep people informed on what is happening locally.

If you would like to be added to this list please e-mail a blank e-mail message to Martin on mullaney3@blueyonder.co.uk with the title 'Councillor E-mail list'. Please include the road you live in and he will ensure you only get information relevant to your part of the Ward.

Please use the space below to tell us your concerns. **Return to: Moseley & Kings Heath Liberal Democrats, FREEPOST RRBY-KLUR-RRUB, 12 Southlands Road, Birmingham B13 9RJ.** This is **FREE**, but using a stamp helps the Liberal Democrats

4 ways to support our campaign

1. I support the Lib Dems
2. I will put a poster up during election
3. I will help deliver leaflets
4. I would like to join the Lib Dems

(To join or donate please send cheques made out to ' Liberal Democrats' - membership costs £9 minimum).

Your name _____

Address _____

Phone no: _____

E-mail address _____

Return to: Moseley & Kings Heath Liberal Democrats, FREEPOST RRBY-KLUR-RRUB, 12 Southlands Road, Birmingham B13 9RJ. This is **FREE**, but using a stamp helps the Liberal Democrats