

Save Our Pharmacies



Focus Team member Arran Angus with the petition outside the Grove Green Road Pharmacy

The Government has recently announced a cut of £170M for the funding of community pharmacies (chemists) in England this year and further cuts have not been ruled out. It is believed that potentially 3,000 pharmacies could be closed.

Local Lib Dem campaigner Bob Sullivan says:

“These cuts will be particularly hard for older and infirm people if our local pharmacies are forced to close. I’m asking you to sign our petition below to stop the cuts to our local pharmacies, or you can sign online at:

<https://www.change.org/p/jeremy-hunt-secretary-of-state-for-health-save-our-local-pharmacies>

The Lib Dem Focus Team wish all their readers a Happy & Prosperous New Year

Our open spaces under threat?

People concerned about building on the marshes need to be vigilant. The Council has produced a paper called **Lea Valley Eastside** where, under the vision of ‘intensifying the centres of Lea Bridge and Leyton through redevelopment and release of sites,’ they are looking at the area as a key growth site and a Housing Zone.

Focus says: There is already a petition to ‘Stop the Councils plan to build on Leyton marshes’. More information on:

<http://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/stop-the-council-s-plan-to-build-on-leyton-marshes>

Murchison Road, Claude Road, Pretoria Road – faulty street lights

Residents of Murchison, Claude and Pretoria Roads have been kept in the dark for months as their faulty lights fail to be repaired! Some old working lights have been replaced with new ones that do not work. Complaints to the Council by the **Focus Team** and residents since October have still not seen any action.

Focus says: The Team is chasing the repairs to the above lights, but the dark nights are showing up many faulty lights in many roads. If you have faulty lights in your road then please report them to the Council and the **Focus Team**.

The Lib Dem Focus Team Fighting to protect our area

Save Our Pharmacies

I/We the undersigned want the Government to think again about the devastating cuts to local pharmacies that could lead to the closure of some Leyton and Leytonstone pharmacies. This will leave vulnerable residents with long, expensive journeys to get vital medicines.

Name _____

Post code _____ Telephone _____

Email _____

SEND A MESSAGE TODAY

- I would like to help deliver the Focus Newsletter in my area

- I would like to join the local Liberal Democrats

Please return to:

THE LIB DEM FOCUS TEAM, 24 THORNHILL ROAD, LEYTON, E10 5LL

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Hainault Road - trees and parking bays

Residents and the **Focus Team** are chasing the Council to replace the trees that were cut down when the new flats were being built in **Hainault Road**. The Council’s response is that ‘it is the plans’?

Focus says: Trees are cut down very quickly when developers want to build flats, but any replacements seem to take forever.



A cry for help!

Jeanne Hill, a resident of **Forest Drive East**, called the Council to remove some asbestos sheeting that had been illegally dumped in her garage. At 78 years of age she was amazed when the Council insisted she single-handedly move the asbestos to another section of her garden for collection. Jeanne knew she wouldn't be able to move the sheets by herself and called the **Focus Team** to assist. She provided **Focus Team member Amanda Connolly** the necessary safety equipment and she got on to it straight away. Jeanne said: "I'm grateful for the Lib Dems' help. There's so much fly tipping in our area I think it needs to be a Council priority." **Focus says:** The Council needs to work with the residents to deal with this problem. Telling residents to do the Council's job isn't good enough.



Focus Team member Amanda Connolly with Jeanne Hill

Council breaks the law- but what do our councillors care!

For over two years the Government has instructed the Council to stop producing their twice a month expensive propaganda newspaper Waltham Forest News feeling that four a year is sufficient. Labour councillors have voted to spend thousands of taxpayers' money to fight the Government's ruling. **Focus says:** To cover up their incompetence and the cuts to services the Labour Council continue to spend hundreds of thousands of taxpayers money on their propaganda paper which must have cost taxpayers £millions over the years. **Will the councillors who made the decision pay the thousands of pounds in Court costs? No - they will expect you to fork out**

When you want something done it's the Lib Dem Focus Team who get it done

Ashville Road, Pearcroft Road, Oakdale Road, Elm Road and Rhodesia Road - Parking nightmare - is a CPZ needed?



Residents in the roads above are finding that it is a major problem, if not impossible, for them to park their car in their road. The problem is that nearby roads have been turned into Controlled Parking Zones (CPZ) which is forcing residents to reluctantly consider a CPZ in their road, although they have previously voted against it.

The Focus Team have been told that the Council has no plans in 2017/18 to consult residents about a CPZ, although they may review this. To aid the Councils review, the **Lib Dem Focus Team** are looking to survey residents views on whether they want a CPZ or not.

Are car owners the Councils cash cows?

Well are they? You may think so as the Council pocketed £5.7 million in fines and charges in 2015/16. A massive 72% higher than 2014/15 which is 8 times higher than any other local authority.

Focus says: Residents in controlled parking zone (CPZ) areas, seeing the Council receiving this massive amount of money from fines and charges, might wonder why their parking fees are not being reduced.

Problems - Ideas - Views - We'd Like to Hear From You

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