



## Libraries before freebie fireworks! Council continues to spend your money?



The overwhelming response to the **Focus Survey** shows that 98 per cent of residents want the library at **Harrow Green** kept open. They preferred Council Tax payers' money to be spent on keeping the library open, rather than free half hour firework displays.

Residents had various suggestions on how to spend the £1million the Council has put aside for events.

Among other things they suggested

respite care for carers, opening up public toilets, more trees and more road repairs would be better ways to spend £1 million. Write to **Focus** if you have any other suggestions on how the Council should spend your money.



In the last **Focus** we highlighted the proposed spending of **£250,000** on a bridge we don't need.

We now hear that after spending **£650,000** on a new entrance to the

Town Hall in Walthamstow they have now forked out another **£18,000** of rate payers money on new committee room tables!

**Focus** says: *With some of the poorest primary school results in the country, is council money being spent on the right things?*

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## Richmond Road, Twickenham Road & Norlington Road - speeding cars

A number of residents in **Richmond, Twickenham and Norlington Roads** are complaining about cars and lorries speeding down their roads. They are asking for them to become a **20 mile per hour zone**.

**Focus** has taken this up with the Council who say that as part of the cycling action plan for Waltham Forest they are working to introduce a **20 mph speed limit** in all roads south of **Lea Bridge Road** by March 2014.



### Central Avenue



Following complaints about feeding and encouraging pigeons in **Central Avenue**, the **Focus Team** has asked the Council if 'No Feeding the Birds' notices can be put up.

### Brunswick Road

**Focus** spotted this damaged tree on a ward walk, and alerted the Tree Officer, to what appeared to be vandalism. It is now scheduled to be replaced.



## Norlington Road dangerous tree roots

A resident alerted the **Focus Team** about



the dangerous state of the trees outside **Norlington School**. The problem was roots growing up through the pavement causing it to crack.

Following **Focus Team** action the Council will be carrying out root prunes to these trees.

Unfortunately one tree opposite the school could not be pruned as it had not originally been planted properly. This tree will be removed and a new tree planted correctly. This will reduce the chances of this tree causing problems in the future.

## Primary School fire exit blocked

The fire exit from the **Noor Ul Islam Primary School** in **Dawlish Road** comes out in an alleyway off of **Francis Road**. The school unsuccessfully phoned the Council many times to get a mattress, rubbish and a skip, which had been there for some time, cleared from the alley.

The school then contacted **Focus Team member Imran Mahmood** who immediately organised the skip to be taken away and got the Council to clear the mattress and other rubbish.

The school is very pleased that the fire exit is now clear - see below:



Imran Mahmood checking the offending skip



## Focus - Keeping you in touch

### Police Surgery



Following the closure of **Leyton Police Station**, the local Police have arranged to hold an informal drop-in surgery twice a week at **Leyton Library**. A police officer will be present on Wednesdays from 5 until 7pm, and on Saturdays from 2 until 4pm.

Local people will be able to report a crime, report lost property, hand in found property, hand in self-reporting forms for a road traffic accident and obtain crime prevention advice

For further information see the **Leyton Safer Neighbourhood's Team** webpage at: <http://content.met.police.uk/Team/WalthamForest/LeytonTeam>

Please remember to dial **101** for non-urgent calls, and in an emergency call **999**.

## We want to hear from YOU

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ E. Mail \_\_\_\_\_

*I think something should be done about.....*

**RETURN TO: THE FOCUS TEAM, 24 THORNHILL ROAD, E10 5LL**

The Liberal Democrats may contact you from time to time to keep you informed on issues we think you may find of interest. Please let us know if you do not wish the information above to be used for this purpose.

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### USSR building plans refused



The plans to change the first floor of the **USSR** shop building in **Leyton High Road** from offices to a health/medical clinic has been refused by the Council.

Planners say the proposal would not be convenient or accessible to people using the services.

They also say that there would be insufficient parking particularly for those with disabilities and that the building would be visually prominent and would not improve the street scene in the **High Road**.

### Lib Dem Councillors Surgery

Every **Saturday** between  
10.00 am and 12 noon  
at **Leyton Library**  
corner of **Leyton High Road** and  
**Ruckholt Road**  
no appointments necessary

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