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CPZ – opposition crumbles



Focus Team activist Imran Khan in a heavily parked road

The Council has finished consulting all residents in the area of Grove Green Ward, from **Hainault Road to St Georges Road** and **High Road to Francis Road**, about having a **Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ)** in their roads.

61% in favour of CPZ

The Council has announced that 61% of residents voted in favour of a CPZ. All roads therefore, excepting Brunswick and Lawton Roads where residents voted against, will have a CPZ set up by

April/May. There will be two zones, Grove Green North (GGN) and Grove Green South (GGS). GGS will be Monday to Friday 8am to 6.30pm and GGN will be the same hours but Monday to Saturday.

Focus says: The CPZs already set up in nearby roads forced residents to re-think their views. Many residents contacted **Focus** about the lack of parking spaces in those roads without a CPZ. A **Focus** survey confirmed residents were now asking for a CPZ. This was a big change, as it was only a few years ago that residents voted overwhelmingly against a CPZ in their road. Some residents still vigorously oppose a CPZ, but the majority vote means there will be more CPZs in the area. The discussion is still not over as the impact of these CPZs on neighbouring roads like **Thornhill, Wilmot, Grange Park, Brewster and Goldsmith Roads** may also force residents of these roads to re-think their views.

Liberal Democrats: Fighting for you.

Parking fines should pay for potholes

Last year Waltham Forest received over **£10 million in parking fines**. This is an enormous amount, but where does it go?

Focus says: Local roads are in a terrible state due to potholes. If drivers thought their fines were going to get rid of potholes they would not be so angry at paying them.

What do you think? Write to Focus.



Potholes reported in Sedgwick Road

Lib Dem Advisor returns to fight parliamentary seat



The former Head of Office for the Lib Dems on Waltham Forest council,

Carl Quilliam, has this week been selected to stand in the Leyton and Wanstead constituency by the local Lib Dem party.

Carl is a former civil servant who worked in regeneration under the last Labour government. He was Head of Office from October 2011 until October 2013 and now works for a large London-based housing association.

On being selected Carl said: "It's exciting to be selected to stand here in Leyton and Wanstead. The Lib Dems have been the main opposition to Ed Miliband's Labour here for over 20 years. And locally we've been at the forefront of campaigns on housing, children's services, school places and protecting our environment."

Lib Dem Focus Team Service & Action All Year Round

Local Lib Dem activist Bob Sullivan said, " It is great to have Carl as our Parliamentary Candidate. As the leader of the Lib Dem Group on the Council I spent two years working closely with him. He knows the people, the problems and the area. There is no doubt he will be the best person to represent our residents as our MP."

Liberal Democrats - keeping you informed

Families cheated out of their homes



Lib Dem candidate Carl Quilliam at the tower blocks

In November a packed meeting of tenants voted for the option of refurbishment of kitchens and bathrooms for John Walsh and Fred Wigg tower blocks in Leytonstone.

Tenants Ignored

However, the Labour Council over-ruled the tenants, agreeing a plan to strip back the towers to the core, completely refurbish the flats and build a smaller block between them.

Labour Selling Off Flats

Brand new flats for the tenants? No! The Council wants to sell off one of the blocks to the private sector, thus reducing the number of

Council flats from 232 to 160! Waltham Forest has thousands of families on the waiting list, so a further reduction of affordable homes will dash the hopes of many people. In effect Labour is getting rid of tenants who are, in the main, less well-off and inviting wealthy people to buy up the flats.

Labour MP and councillors ignore cries for help

The residents have asked their Labour MP and Labour councillors for help but they stay quiet. They have even been ignored by one of their Labour councillors who was once a tenant in one of the blocks!

Focus says: The Council has said tenants can go back once the refurbishment is complete. This is rubbish as there will not be enough flats to house all of them! One of the tenants has said "The Council is treating us worse than something stuck on their shoe".

Focus will keep you informed of the tenants' campaign to save their homes.

Heathcote Arms to re-open

After a long local residents' campaign **Focus** understands that



The Heathcote Arms

the owners have granted a local businessman a three-year lease. Further details can be found on our website.

Hainault Road

The **Focus Team** alerted the Council to tree root damage on the footpath near the junction with **Norlington Road**.

They checked recently and were pleased that it had been repaired.

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Problems - Ideas - Views

What do you think?

We want to hear from you

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Opportunity for Everyone.



Liberal Democrat Manifesto 2015 A Strong Economy and a Fair Society

1. Prosperity for all

Balance the budget fairly and invest to build a high skill, low carbon economy.

2. Fair taxes

Cut taxes by an additional £400 by raising the tax-free allowance to £12,500

3. Opportunity for every child

Guarantee education funding from nursery to 19 and qualified teachers in every class.

4. Quality healthcare for all

Invest £8bn to improve our NHS and guarantee equal care for mental health.

5. Our environment protected

Protect nature and fight climate change with five green laws.

Would you like to help Focus & Carl's election campaign?

YES, I would like to help by:

- helping with local campaigning
- phoning voters for support
- displaying a poster
- enclosing a donation of £ _____

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