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Your Local Newsletter - 275



Merry Christmas
from your
Liberal Democrat
Focus Team



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Residents protest ignored!

The recent protest by over 1,200 residents against the road closures in Walthamstow showed that the Council's **Mini Holland** plans of closing local roads, does not have the support of all residents.

Protesters not against the scheme or cyclists, but against the road closures

The protesters went out of their way to say that they were not against the scheme or cyclists, but against the road closures. The Council's plans have succeeded in causing division and anger across the Borough. The closing of roads forces vehicles onto the already congested main roads like **Lea Bridge, Hoe Street, and Leyton High Road.**

Congestion and pollution bad for all

All of this is detrimental to residents, cyclists, pedestrians and bus users. Focus Team member Bob Sullivan, was in the Town Hall listening to the Mini Holland. He was shocked by the arrogant, illiberal attitude with which Labour Councillors treated residents' concerns. They were not prepared to review the Mini Holland plans despite residents' and their own Labour MP's request.



Residents protest outside the Town Hall against the road closures

Liberal Democrats: keeping you informed

What else is the Council planning for our area?

The Focus Team has seen plans showing more road closures are planned for Leyton.

Proposed plans East of Leyton High Road

Part of **Francis Road** is planned to be pedestrianised preventing east/west traffic and blocking **Norlington Road** at **Grosvenor Road** to prevent northbound traffic entering **Hainault Road.**

Proposed plans West of Leyton High Road

These include blocking the junction of **Vicarage Road** and **Capworth Street** – preventing north/south traffic on **Vicarage Road** and east/west traffic along **Capworth Street.** Blocking the junction of **Park Road** and **Farmer Road** - preventing north/south traffic along **Vicarage Road** and east/west traffic along **Farmer** and **Park Road.** Blocking **Brewster Road** at the entrance to **Vicarage Road.**

All vehicles forced to use the main roads

These plans, like those in Walthamstow, will stop drivers using the local roads and force all vehicles onto the main roads causing more congestion and pollution. Most of you will not know of the plans so we would like your views as road closures will affect all of us?

Survey

Have you been consulted about these planned closures? YES NO

Are you in favour of these road closures planned by the Council? YES NO

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____

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

You can also contact us with your views by email – see contact details overleaf.

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Merry Christmas from the Lib Dem Focus Team

The Council's callous disregard for our environment



The doomed picturesque copse on the Whipps Cross roundabout

The Focus Team were outraged when they found out that the picturesque copse of trees on the Whipps Cross roundabout is to be dug up.

The Council defended this planned vandalism by saying it can be dug up and replanted in Epping Forest. All this so that money can be spent in altering a roundabout into a t-

junction. It will be interesting to see how that works.

Focus says: This Council is acting with a callous disregard for our environment by allowing this very old, picturesque, copse to be dug up.

Liberal Democrats - Fighting for YOU

Ruckholt Road 'Mini Holland' update



There was a tremendous response to the Focus

Survey regarding the 'Mini Holland' development in Ruckholt Road. Focus Team member Bob Sullivan met with council officers to discuss the survey and petition and highlighted the concerns of residents that the only access to their houses would be to drive down Ruckholt Road from the direction of Hackney. Bob did not get a good response but did get assurances that they would look again at the Oliver Road junction with Ruckholt Road.

The Focus Team will be chasing up progress on this issue.

Ooops another costly mistake by the Council - or is it?

Focus 273 in July highlighted that the information signs erected by the Council at Coronation Gardens and at Ruckholt Road were excellent, but unfortunately were in the wrong place. After many months they are still in the wrong place. The Council are now blaming TFL who are contracted to maintain them.

Focus says: Surely there should not be an argument about who is to blame, but action to get them fixed now. They can argue later! Focus will chase for urgent action on this.



Brooks Farm - Skeltons Lane Park



There is still no news yet as to what is going to happen with Brooks Farm as the YMCA does not want to carry on managing it.

Focus will keep you informed of developments when they happen.

Focus Team Local Action



Tyndall Road - Fly tipping

A resident has highlighted the continuing fly tipping that goes on at the corner of Tyndall Road and Leyton High Road. Details of the possible culprit have been passed onto the Council for action.

Focus says: Fly tipping needs to be dealt with ASAP. If not, people think that they can go on tipping in the same place. If you know of any fly tipping hotspots then either phone the Council on 020 8496 3000 or get in touch with The Focus Team.

Coronation Gardens - update on fishpond

Lib Dem Bob Sullivan would still like to hear from interested residents in helping to set up a 'Friends of Coronation Gardens'. The Council have made some attempt to clean up the pond since Bob brought it to their attention. Bob's contact details are below.

Problems - Ideas - Views Contact Your Liberal Democrat Focus Team

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