

Half price fares for all journeys before 7.30am?



Lib Dem Mayoral candidate
Caroline Pidgeon

Caroline Pidgeon, the Liberal Democrat candidate for Mayor of London, set out plans for half price fares on Underground, DLR, Overground and TfL Rail services for people who start their journeys before 7.30am.

Caroline Pidgeon said: "Half price fares on TfL's Tube and rail services would really help some of London's lowest paid workers who often have to work unsocial hours. This

is a genuine fare cut that can be delivered immediately. Half price fares up to 7.30am would also help tackle overcrowding by encouraging people to start their journeys earlier in the morning. Supporting those Londoners who get up early and making our city work is really important, providing real help with the cost of living in the capital. This is a win win policy for Londoners".

Focus says: Caroline Pidgeon is the most experienced candidate in the election, having served on the GLA since 2008 dealing with transport, crime, education, police and emergency services. Caroline is head and shoulders above the rest of the candidates and as Mayor will give residents the London they deserve.

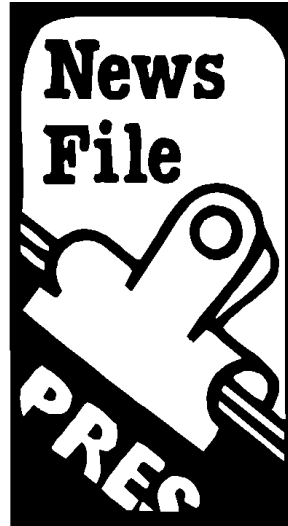


Brooks Farm - Skeltons Lane Park

The YMCA which run Brooks Farm in Skeltons Lane Park has until April to come up with another organisation to run the Farm. Latest information given to the **Focus Team** is that both YMCA and the Council are still looking for someone to run the farm.

Focus will keep you informed of any developments.

Drivers and businesses hit for six!



The Labour Council's decision to scrap the 15 minute free parking and replace it with a single free hour of parking between 1pm and 2pm is described by a resident as "ludicrous". Up to now residents and visitors around the borough could park free for 15 minutes all through the day, popping into local shops to pick up small items or go into the library to pick up information and CPZ parking permits. But now the 15 minute

parking is banned. Local businesses and shopping areas, where passing trade is their lifeblood, are under threat and will be hit by this damaging policy.

Focus says: No consultation with residents or businesses has taken place. A special Council meeting to get the Labour Council to change its mind failed, showing once again its unwillingness to listen to residents and review its daft decisions.

Liberal Democrats fighting for YOU

Leyton road closures survey - update



There was a massive response to the **Focus** survey on the Council's planned road closures in Leyton. The majority of residents said that they were not consulted about this and a further majority were not in favour of the planned road closures. **Focus says:** It

is not surprising that people have not been consulted as some residents have told **Focus** that they have been barred from meetings discussing the mini Holland plans because they had not registered on line to attend. The initial meetings were not open to the general public.

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Massive development planned on the Bywater's site

Lib Dem members visited the Bywater's/Gateway Road exhibition to see what they have planned for the site off the **Ruckholt Road roundabout** next to the current massive development on the Nissan showroom site. The plans are horrendous. The intended plans are for 650 units consisting of 2 x 15 storey blocks facing **Orient Way**. This includes 250 1 x bedrooms, 282 2 x bedrooms, 95 3 x bedrooms and 23 4 x bedrooms. This will house 1723 residents. 300 car parking spaces are planned where vehicles will enter the roundabout from **Orient Way**. **Focus says:** This will be a major development alongside the already massive development on the Nissan site. The 300 cars coming onto Ruckholt Road will add to the already congested roundabout. **Focus** hopes that the Council will seriously consider this as the local impact of vehicles and pollution will be overwhelming.

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Buckland Road, Sedgwick Road, Brunswick Road - rubbish fly-tipping

In the last **Focus** we reported fly-tipping in **Tyndall Road**. It has now broken out in **Buckland Road** as well. On a local ward walk by the **Focus Team** two fly-tips at each end of the road were reported. **Sedgwick Road** and **Brunswick Road** are two more fly-tipped areas that have also been reported. Please report any fly-tipping to the Council on **020 8496 3000** or get in touch with **The Focus Team**.



GOOD NEWS!

Norlington School has been recognised as one of the best schools in the country. The school analysis site **RAISE** online said the school was in the top two percent for performance nationally. Other indices showed that on average pupils was at least a grade higher than most students.

Focus says: These are great achievements for the school, the pupils and the teachers. They have set the standard for other schools in the borough. Well done **Norlington**.

High pollution rates recorded in Waltham Forest

Last year it was recorded that cancer causing nitrogen oxide dust particles in the air in **Waltham Forest** were the highest level since records began. Recent tests for nitrogen dioxide showed that **Walthamstow** far exceeded EU recommendations. Results in October showed that **Hoe Street** was nearly double the EU limit. Sixty-five per cent of this pollution comes from traffic.

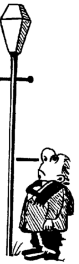
Focus says: This month new experiments will be carried out in **Walthamstow**. It will be interesting to see the results following the increase in traffic on the borough's main roads.

Focus Team Local Action



Let there be light - Hainault Road

The lamppost at the junction of **Hainault Road** and **Leyton High Road** had not worked since it was put up when the new flats were being built. A concerned elderly lady spoke to **Focus** member **Bob Sullivan** about this. She had reported it to the Police, the Council and the building company whose office overlooks the lamppost but nothing had been done. **Bob** is chasing the Council as he was promised it would be fixed. So far it is still out!



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