



Council's Francis Road plans opposed by residents and businesses



Parade of small businesses in Francis Road

A petition has been submitted to the Council by residents and businesses in **Francis Road** opposing the 'Mini Holland' scheme planned for **Francis Road**. They say that the ban on vehicle access between **Claude Road** and **Albert Road** is ill conceived with little consideration given to the implications on businesses and residents, particularly in regard to access and parking.

Nine out of ten businesses in **Francis Road** and a number of residents in and around **Francis Road** signed the petition. The nearby roads in the area are already highly parked and the loss of 32 parking bays will only make the problem worse.

The Lib Dem Focus Team informed the Council, and their response was that they are still reviewing and analysing the results of the consultation process, including the petition, in order to determine the most appropriate way forward.

Focus says: Our experience shows that the Council completely ignores the views of residents and businesses and carries on doing what it was going to do in the first place. **Focus** will keep you informed of developments.

Disappointing exam results for borough schools



The league tables for last summer's GCSE exams were published in January and showed that over half of our secondary schools in Waltham Forest were below the national average of 57.1 per cent whereas all the secondary schools in Redbridge were all above the national average.

Focus says: The Council needs to address why our schools are lagging behind most schools in England and, particularly, why nearby Redbridge again out performs Waltham Forest.

Join Caroline Pidgeon's fight to keep London and Britain in Europe

Lib Dem Mayoral candidate **Caroline Pidgeon** today warned that leaving Europe will lose millions in investment for London.

With her Conservative opponent advocating leaving the EU and the Tory and Labour parties torn and divided over Europe, **Caroline** and the Lib Dems are the only major party calling for Britain to remain in the EU.

Caroline Pidgeon told Focus: "Let's be clear, withdrawing from Europe will be a disaster for London. I support a thriving Britain with real influence across the globe; we should stay in to fight climate change, tackle cross border crime and terrorism and protect jobs."

Join the fight to stay in Europe at: www.libdems.org.uk/europe-petition



Lib Dem Mayoral candidate **Caroline Pidgeon**

Don't let the divided Labour and Tories ruin our future
Join the Lib Dem fight for London and Europe

LOCAL SURVEY

- I will be voting for **Caroline Pigeon** to be the Mayor of London YES NO
- I will be voting for **Lib Dem candidates** for the London Assembly YES NO
- Join us in voting in the Referendum for the U.K. to remain in the EU YES NO

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Council Tax payers charged for Labour's propaganda

Labours free events, fireworks and propaganda paper delivered every two weeks as well as the allowances that they pay to themselves costs millions. Although taxpayers have always paid for this, they want you to pay more.

Council Tax going up

Having frozen Council Tax before the local and General Elections they are now going to increase it. As from 1st April your Council Tax will go up 1.86 per cent. The Councils charge to Band D payers is an extra £26.97 a year.

CPZ fees going up

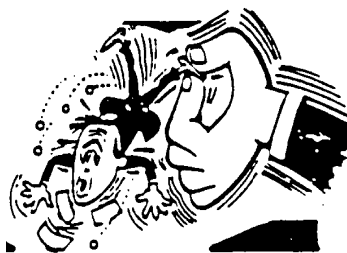
Having reduced CPZ fees to £25 before the elections they are now putting them up 40 per cent to £35.

Council Tax benefit receivers take a hit

Having kept low charges to council tax benefit receivers before elections, those who are the most vulnerable in our society will have to pay a swingeing 24 percent of their Council Tax bill.

Councillor allowances

Having cut councillors' allowances by 5 percent before the elections they are now granting themselves a whacking increase. Council taxpayers will be forking out over £1 million to give to councillors. Labour councillors will pay a percentage of this straight to the local Labour Party.



Bring back the Post-box in Francis Road!

Many years ago the Post Office in Francis Road was closed and the post box removed. Residents have contacted



Focus saying that **Francis Road** needs the post box put back. Other suggestions for **Francis Road** are the return of a bakers, a grocers and a chemist. Another suggestion is that a small market of stalls on a Saturday should be set up.

Focus is contacting Royal Mail about bringing back the post box. We will keep you informed of developments.

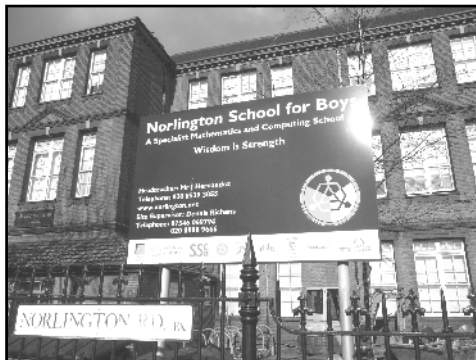
Focus would like your views on the other suggestions.

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Norlington School branching out!

Governors and Head teacher of the successful **Norlington School** are applying to the Government to build a **Free School** in the centre of Waltham Forest.

The Free School will accommodate 1200 co-educational students. The Council supports the project and if successful it is planned to open in 2018.



Focus will keep you updated on the progress.



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