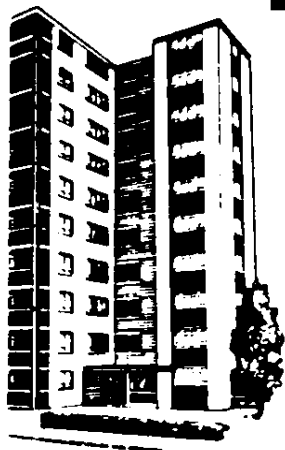


How high can we allow developers to build?



Focus has previously reported on the massive high rise flat developments in Leyton. Only recently **Focus Team member Bob Sullivan** and residents spoke against the 16 storey block at the end of **Dunedin Road** which followed the 18 storey development in **Lea Bridge Road**. It appears that developers are having a field day as the Council continually agree the building of unaffordable multi high rise flats in the borough.

The latest plan submitted by the owners of the Mall shopping centre in Walthamstow is to build four blocks including one of 27 storeys! Currently local residents have presented a 2,000 plus petition to

the Council in protest against the plans. If you would like to support the local residents then contact 'Save Walthamstow Town Centre' on line:

<http://wfoc.blogspot.co.uk/2016/10/save-town-centre.html>

Focus says: In our experience the Labour Council never listens to residents and carries on agreeing the over development of every bit of land for multi high rise unaffordable flats.

Liberal Democrats - Fighting for YOU

Good News - Tyndall Gardens to be knocked down and large family houses to be built

Tyndall Gardens is a block of 30 flats in the middle of Tyndall Road. It is owned by London and Quadrant Housing Association (L&Q). The big housing demand in this borough is for large family houses. The good news is that L&Q are to replace the flats with 14x4 bed houses on the site.



Focus says: Well done L&Q. This is not the first time they have built large family houses. Families in **Claude** and **Murchison Roads** have already benefited from them. This is shame on the Council who only seem to give permission for multi high rise flats.

Newport Road - unswept

Residents have contacted the **Focus Team** complaining that **Newport Road** has not been swept for months. The Council is to contact the cleansing contractor for urgent cleaning.

Focus says: The increasing fallen leaves have made the matter worse.

The Focus Team fighting the cuts

Focus campaigner **Amanda Connolly** was in Parliament on 16th Oct with Crisis (the Homeless Charity) in support of the Homelessness Reduction Bill. The government has pledged its "full and unfettered" support for the bill, aimed at forcing councils in England to do more to tackle homelessness.

Focus says: How has our Labour Council reacted? They have shamelessly slashed £1million off the homeless budget, at a time when they were giving themselves backdated pay rises and spending millions on "free" papers and summer parties.

Norlington Road - fly tipping?



Old Walbrook Works factory

The area in **Norlington Road** outside the old **Walbrook** factory has been a hot spot for what looks like fly-tipping for some time. **Focus** says: The Council's response is that the bulky waste comes from the people who live and work in the factory and is not classified as fly-tipping. They say that the owner of the premises clears it up quickly. Local residents seem to have a different view.

Jubilee Park – dogs mess

The children's play area and Pirate Ship in Jubilee Park is very welcoming to children and families but residents have complained about the number of dogs off-lead who mess on the open grass area.

Focus on behalf of an angry resident took this up with the Council to get some action. Their reply was – 'Whilst Jubilee Park is a park where dogs can be walked off lead it still has certain restrictions that apply to dogs being walked there under Dog Control Orders (DCO)'.

Focus says: This is not enough. There should be notices put up with the restrictions to dog walkers and the Council should look at banning dogs off lead in the children's play areas.

Focus will keep you informed of developments.



The Lib Dem Focus Team Local People - Local Action All Year Round

Leyton Midland station - Better bus stops and pavements needed



Leyton Midland Road (LMR) station is at present shut for electrification works until February next year. LMR is already a busy station and when the line reopens there will be an increase in the numbers of commuters using the station.

The bus stops in the **High Road** do not have any shelters so passengers have no cover in the event of rain. Some have difficulty standing and have nowhere to sit. The bus stop on the Stratford side of the High Road is situated on a very narrow pavement forcing passengers to take up the space and thus forcing passing pedestrians to walk in the road.

Focus is supporting a local resident in calling for bus shelters and enlarged pavements to be included in the proposed Mini Holland works due at the junction of **Coopers Lane** and the **High Road**.



Bakers Arms – disappearing bins!

Have you noticed that bins are disappearing from well populated areas such as the **Bakers Arms** recently? This is leading to an increase in littering.

Focus says: Please let us know if noticed bin/s missing in your area.

Problems - Ideas - Views - We'd Like to Hear From You

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Help your local Lib Dems

We welcome residents who would like to help deliver the Focus Newsletter in their area.

We are also encouraging any local people who may be interested in standing for the Lib Dems in the local council elections in 2018.

Please get in touch with
Bob Sullivan - details below

Francis/Twickenham/ Richmond Roads area works update

The Council is starting a number of works in the local area to improve safety and appearance and to make it easier to walk and cycle, including a new pedestrian and cycle crossing on **Francis Road** by **St Marys** and **Twickenham Roads**.

Improvements to the already closed area on the junction of **Twickenham** and **Francis Road** and have small tree planting at the junction of **Richmond Road** with **Elm Road**. The pavement in **Twickenham Road** outside **Newport School** will be widened with cycle stands and trees to slow down traffic.



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