



Will the school budget cuts now go ahead?



Lib Dem Campaigner Arran Angus with the petition outside Newport School

The Focus Team has been campaigning hard against the proposed cuts of millions from our local schools' budgets. Focus hopes that the failure of the Tories to get a majority in Parliament will mean that their policies on school budget cuts may not get the support of the majority of MPs.

Focus says: With the Liberal Democrats, Labour and the SNP voting against this policy the Tories will find it hard to get overall support for these cuts to be agreed.

Lib Dem Focus member Arran Angus says: Out of the shambles of the election the one good thing is that the vicious cuts to our local schools' budgets may be stopped.

If you have not signed our petition to stop these cuts then you can do so online at:

http://www.walthamforestlibdems.org/save_our_schools

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Council asked to review tower block safety

Following the disaster in West London, the Focus Team has contacted the Council to confirm that they are preparing to look at the tower and high rise blocks in Waltham Forest and review the planning permissions already given to developers. This review should include the checking of cladding, fascias and building materials used and planned to be used.

It would seem from discussions in the media that many tower blocks built, and being built, may have cladding and building materials that are not completely fire proof. Focus will keep you informed of developments.



Sidmouth Park

People have complained that Sidmouth Park has not been locked regularly at night. This has led to drinking and drug taking there late in the evening and overnight. The Focus Team has contacted the Council to make sure the park is locked regularly and have contacted the local police to check the park also. The police were surprised as they thought that the drug problem had been dealt with some time ago.

Focus says: Locking the park at night is very important and should not be overlooked.

A message from Ben Sims



Ben Sims

'Thank You' to all those who supported me in the General Election.

I will continue to fight for the NHS, oppose the school budget cuts and fight for a more open, tolerant and united Britain.



Save our Pharmacies Petition

We now have over 1,500 for our petition against the cuts to our local pharmacies.

Focus is finalising our latest returns before we send in our petition. A big 'Thank You' to those of you who have signed.

You can still sign online at: www.leytonfocusteam.org.uk



Campaigner Arran Angus with the petition at the pharmacy in Grove Green Road

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Francis Road - to be blocked off

Following a petition from both businesses and residents against the blocking of **Francis Road**, sent to the Council over a year ago, residents were surprised to receive a letter from the Council showing final plans which included the blocking off **Francis Road** and **Norlington Road**. The Council say the plans were drawn up taking into account consultation done in January 2016.



Francis Road - local shops

Focus says: When speaking to local residents it is clear that they believe the Council has totally ignored their views and those of businesses and is going ahead and doing what it was going to do in the first place. **So much for consultation!**

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The Lib Dem Focus Team Fighting to protect our area

Heathcote Pub - still under threat!



The Heathcote Arms

The owners of the **Heathcote Pub**, in **Grove Green Road**, want to turn it into a block of flats. Residents, some time ago, got the Council to designate the pub as an '**Asset of Community Value**'(ACV) which forces the Council's Planners to take this into account when deciding any planning application. We

understand that the Council has approached a local pub chain about taking it over. **Focus** will keep you informed of developments.

Dunedin Road - tower block

Having seen the ominous tower block picture displayed on the fencing surrounding the **Dunedin Road** site in **Ruckholt Road**, local residents are angry that their objections were completely ignored by the Council. The block will hover over them like a massive giant. One resident said it was a waste of time objecting to the Council as time after time they continue to agree that tower blocks be built in the borough.



The ominous tower block picture

Mini Holland road closures cause concerns!

Firefighters and ambulance crews have recently complained that road closures have caused delays in tackling a fire and paramedics have been

delayed getting to a stroke victim. **Focus says:** What is worrying is that a recent freedom of information request has revealed there has been nearly a 50 per cent rise in delays to fire crews in Walthamstow since the road closures.

Fortunately these delays have not ended with a fatality. We fully support making roads and pavements safe for cyclists and pedestrians but the arbitrary blocking of roads is not the answer.



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