



Tories go ahead with the school budget cuts!



Arran Angus with the petition outside Newport School

We were hoping that when the Tories announced their new funding formula for schools recently the vicious proposed cuts to our local schools would be cancelled. No such luck. They proposed some more money but not nearly enough to stop budget cuts of £1,188,000 equal to the loss of 22 teachers from **Dawlish, Newport, Leytonstone, Connaught and Norlington schools.**

Lib Dem Focus Team member Arran Angus says: The budget cuts come at a time when inflation is rising so that local schools will be hit twice. We cannot sit back when our children's futures are at risk. We will continue to call on the Government to

reverse these cuts. We will keep our School Budget cuts petition open so that if you have not signed it you can link in to: www.walthamforestlibdems.org/save_our_schools

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Abbotts Park saga continues

Has the park keeper gone or has he not? **The Lib Dem Focus Team** met up with one of the temporary park keepers some weeks ago who said that Bernie the park keeper was back. **Focus Team member Naomi McCarthy** has now been told that Bernie will not be returning, instead new CCTV cameras will be introduced and the park will be cleaned daily by different officers during the day. There was no mention of the toilets remaining open, which given the number of people and families using the park, is a very important service that should not be lost.

Polluting factories plans turned down

The plans to build 3 asphalt and concrete producing plants next to the London Stadium have been turned down by the London Mayor's LLDC Planning Committee.

Focus members Ukou Obasi and Bob Sullivan who petitioned against these plans say: These factories would have produced pollution to and around the Olympic Park and across Leyton and Leytonstone. We are pleased that the vote to refuse the plans was unanimous.

Richmond and Twickenham Roads - one-way campaign

Following complaints about dangerous driving around Newport School, **Focus** petitioned the residents of **Richmond and Twickenham Roads**, as well as parents of children in Newport School, about making Richmond Road and Twickenham Road from St Annes Road back to St Annes Road a one-way loop.

Focus had 127 local residents join the campaign which is also supported by Newport School. Head Teacher Ashley Perridge said "The alterations to the road have meant that the road cannot facilitate 2-way traffic which has led to cars reversing, at full speed, down Twickenham Road at peak time. I feel that the road needs to be a one-way system as it cannot cope in its current state."

Liberal Democrat campaigners Arran Angus and Naomi McCarthy say "There is an easy solution to this problem but the Council have told us that because of other work already taking place locally they will not be looking at this until 2018". **This is not good enough!**

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Are Labour letting the lights go out?



Gloomy Twickenham Road

Despite being told about lights not working after changing old for new, Labour have failed to summon up a genie and get anything fixed. At the start of the year lights were out on **Claude Road** and there was a spate of car thefts. Now the council has let the lights go out on **Richmond Road,**

Twickenham Road, Newport Road and Francis Road. The Council have known about these lights all summer but as the nights are drawing in they are still not working.

Focus Team member Naomi McCarthy says "Lighting our streets is a basic service the Council is supposed to provide and time and again they are letting local residents down."

The Lib Dem Focus Team Fighting to protect our area

Leyton Midland Road area needs improving

The area around the **Leyton Midland Bridge** looks congested and scruffy. The bus stop areas need to be improved as they are completely unsuitable given the number of people who use them.

Focus Team member Naomi McCarthy says: Much work needs to be done to improve this area so I am pleased to hear that the Council is looking to make improvements to the bridge and the area around it. They are also preparing to make the shop owners near the bridge tidy up their shops. **Focus** will report any developments.

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

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Local Campaigner joins the Focus Team

Local campaigner Ukonu Obasi has joined the **Grove Green Lib Dem Focus.**

Team members **Arran Angus** and **Naomi McCarthy** welcome Ukonu who was the Parliamentary candidate for Walthamstow last year. Arran says: with Ukonu we will make a great team fighting for local residents in Grove Green Ward.

'Cut the Cap' - street campaign



The **Lib Dem Focus Team** took to the Leytonstone streets to campaign to

end the cap on public sector pay. New team member **Ukonu Obasi, Arran Angus** and other members of the party ran a stall at Leytonstone tube station collecting signatures for a petition to urge the government to end the 1% pay cap which with rising inflation public sector workers have effectively had a pay cut.

Lib Dem Team member Ukonu Obasi said: "Residents also brought up local issues which were affecting them, like street drinking and anti-social behaviour. It was great to speak with so many people".

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