

FOCUS

Your Local Newsletter No. 166



Is development getting out of control in Waltham Forest?



"People, people! Will you stop going on about people. This is where we are going to build the next tower block."

Focus has previously reported on the massive high rise flat developments in Waltham Forest.

Focus Team member Amanda Connolly was with local residents at the planning committee when the Council agreed the over development of buildings, up to 18 storeys, in **Lea Bridge Road**.

Only recently **Focus Team member**

Bob Sullivan and residents spoke against the 16 storey block at the end of Dunedin 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 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: <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 flats.

The Lib Dem Focus Team Fighting to protect our area

Waltham Forest Master Plan Consultation

Will Teasdale, Head of Strategic Development said the council will be opening up a public consultation over Dec/Jan to look at ALL large development opportunities in a harmonious manner, including 97 Lea Bridge Road, Thames Water sites, Town Centre, Argyll Way, etc.

More flats planned!

Leyton Car Repairers at **404-424** **High Road** has received planning permission to convert the site into a retail outlet with 9 flats above.

Canterbury Road/Essex Road/Lea Bridge Road - Street lights

When the council updated the street lighting recently, we expected it would be cheaper, greener and more efficient. Instead, some are on all day, others off all night and some yet to be plugged in

Focus says: After many emails they are not all put right. **The Focus Team** believes that the Street Lighting Team needs to undertake a review of ALL the new lights (day and night) to ensure our lights work right!

Happy Christmas & a peaceful New Year from your Focus Team



Focus Team fighting the cuts

Focus Team member 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.

Sandringham Road pavements

With all the money that is being spent on cycle lanes and Mini Holland residents of **Sandringham Road** would like a little spent on their pavements. These need urgent resurfacing.



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A cry for help!

Jeanne Hill, a resident of **Forest Drive East**, called the Council to remove some asbestos sheeting that had been illegally dumped in her garage. At 78 years of age she was amazed when the Council insisted she single-handedly move the asbestos to another section of her garden for collection. Jeanne knew she wouldn't be able to move the sheets by herself and called the **Focus Team** to assist. She provided **Focus member Amanda Connolly** the necessary safety equipment for the job who got on to it straight away.

Jeanne said: "I'm grateful for the Lib Dems' help. There's so much fly tipping in our area I think it needs to be a Council priority."

Focus says: The Council needs to work with the residents to deal with this problem, telling us to do their job isn't good enough.

**When you want something done
it's the Lib Dem Focus Team
who get it done**

Fly-Tipping: Atkins Rd Focus Deliveries William St, Belmont Park, Nottingham Rd

More residents in local roads are reporting fly tipped rubbish. **The Focus Team** has reported many fly tips and are pleased to see some action from the Council.

The Council is now employing mobile CCTV cameras in hot spot areas to spot the culprits.

Focus says: Beware dumpers, you may be on camera.



A helping hand from Amanda Connolly - on the right in the photo

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

CPZ consultation turned into a shambles



The long awaited Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) consultation with residents south of **Essex Road** turned into a shambles when the Council's contractor failed to deliver consultation documents to many roads. The Council resorted to posting notices on lampposts and had to deliver leaflets themselves.

As some residents did not receive their documents in time the **Focus Team** got assurances that the consultation period would be extended.

Focus has been told that residents have now been informed of the results, which will be implemented after February 2017.



Problems - Ideas - Comments

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