



Residents protest ignored!

The recent protest by over 1,200 residents against the road closures in Walthamstow and Leyton showed that the Council's Mini Holland plans, including closing local roads, does not have the support of all residents despite the Council saying that they had.

Protesters not against the scheme or cyclists, but against road closures

The protesters went out of their way to say that they were not against the scheme or cyclists, but against the road closures. The Council's plans have succeeded in causing division and anger across the Borough. The closing of roads has forced vehicles onto the already congested main roads like Lea Bridge, Hoe Street, and Leyton High Road and has resulted in a massive slow down of traffic, increased congestion and increased pollution.

Congestion and pollution bad for all

All of this is detrimental to residents, cyclists, pedestrians and bus users. **Focus Team member Bob Sullivan**, who was in the Town Hall listening to the Mini Holland debate, was appalled by the Labour Council restricting residents from hearing the debate, as they only allowed 12 protesters in, although the chamber can hold over a hundred. He was shocked by the arrogant, illiberal attitude with which Labour Councillors treated residents' concerns. They were not prepared to review the Mini Holland plans despite residents' requests and their own Labour MP's request.

Council continues to ignore residents

They are, in fact, going to ignore residents and continue to put in similar divisive plans across Leyton, Leytonstone and Chingford!



Residents protest outside the Town Hall against the road closures

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Survey

Should the Councils Mini Holland scheme be reviewed in light of the increased road closures and congestion on our roads?

YES NO

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

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THE FOCUS TEAM 24 THORNHILL ROAD, E10 5LL

The Liberal Democrats may contact you from time to time to keep you informed on issues we think you may find of interest. Please let us know if you do not wish the information above to be used for this purpose.



Outrageous!

The **BP/Spar** (previously M&S) garage in **Leyton High Road**, applied to the Council for a license to sell alcohol 24 hours a day, every day.

Residents and the Focus Team were outraged that BP/Spar felt that this is what our area needs.

Local residents went to the Council's Licensing Committee and were angry that the Council gave the company a license for 18 hours.

The area already suffers with problem drinkers in nearby parks and granting a late at night drinking license can only encourage more anti-social behaviour.

As one resident put it "the result was a 'cop out' by the Council".

Message from Farooq Qureshi



Farooq Qureshi

I am pleased our regular **Forest Ward Focus Newsletter** is again going out in our area. I have not been very well over the last few years and unfortunately I am still not well enough to get round the ward as I used to.

My Lib Dem colleagues and **Suleman Ahmed** are assisting getting the Focus produced and delivered.

I would be obliged if you could help us in delivering Focus in your road. If you can help, then please contact me or **Suleman**, thank you.

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James Lane Fly tipping



James Lane is one of the areas plagued by fly tipping. **The Focus Team** is appalled that people think it is ok to dump rubbish. If you see anyone fly-tipping and you know who they are, or can get a vehicle registration number, then report it to the Council or **Focus**.

Focus says: There is no need to dump, as rubbish can be collected for **FREE** by the Council, just phone **020 8496 3000** explain what you want removed - you will be given a reference number and a date when it will be collected.

Labour Council continue to put propaganda before services

Can you believe it? Labour has recently promised to cut services by over £13million including adult social care, services for children, public health and street services but will still employ 11 full time staff producing Labour propaganda. We get 26 editions (one every two weeks) of **Waltham Forest News**, an 80 page glossy magazine and a 50 page **Enjoy Life** booklet. **Propaganda before services is the message this Labour Council is promoting.**

Abbotts Park - drinkers!



Before the Council continues to issue alcohol licenses to all and sundry in the area, it should do something about the drinkers in **Abbotts Park** and **Coronation Gardens**. We need to get tougher on park and pavement drinkers and not encourage more selling of alcohol.

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Focus Team Local Action



Lollypop lady needed

Focus is campaigning for a crossing and a lollypop lady to be brought back at the junction of **Essex Road** and **Canterbury Road** before some child is injured. This area is heavily used by families and children getting to the nursery and school.

Matlock Road

Since the road changes, a lot of vehicles use **Matlock Road** to get out to **Lea Bridge Road**. The road is heavily parked, narrow and has a dangerous bend. **Focus** is asking the Council to look again at all the road changes.

Whipps Cross development plans increases concerns

Plans have been submitted to build on parts of **Whipps Cross Hospital**. Nearby residents fear that these developments will increase traffic and increase the difficulty of parking.

Gregg Close - parking problems

Residents of **Gregg Close** are worried that poor parking stops emergency vehicles like fire engines getting into the Close. **Focus** is taking this up with the Council.

Abbotts Park Road, James Lane, Colchester Road - Dogs mess

Residents have asked the Council to do something about the dog's mess in **Abbotts Park Road**, **James Lane** and **Colchester Road**.

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