



# SHOCK FOR SCHOOLS AND PARENTS

## Local schools to lose millions as budgets slashed

Local Liberal Democrats and local campaigner Farooq Qureshi are fighting against school funding cuts in Waltham Forest. Recent figures from the National Union of Teachers show that schools in Waltham Forest will lose £20,185,760 in real terms by 2020. This amounts to a loss of £538 a year for each child, - the equivalent to cutting 541 teachers from our local schools.

**Barclay, Gwyn Jones, Connaught and Leytonstone Schools** will lose £1,961,558.00 between them which could lead to a loss of 40 teachers. The **Leyton Sixth Form College** will lose £948,070 the equivalent to a loss of 24 teachers.

**Farooq Qureshi said**, "This is crazy. It is putting our children's future at risk. As a result of the Government cuts schools are having to consider drastic budget reductions such as reducing the number of teachers and, would you believe it, even introducing a four-day week."

Farooq and the Lib Dems are calling on the Government to reverse these cuts to schools funding.

The local **Lib Dem Team** is in contact with schools to better understand their funding problems and will be fighting hard for our local schools.

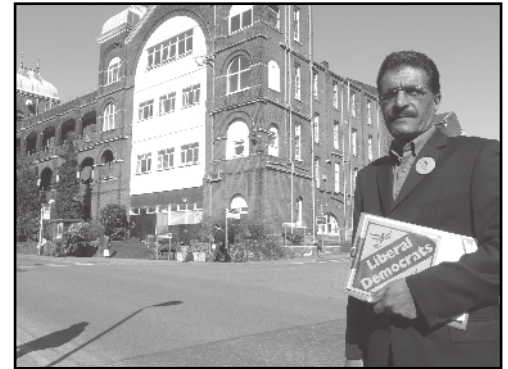
**Please sign below or on-line at:** [http://www.walthamforestlibdems.org/save\\_our\\_schools](http://www.walthamforestlibdems.org/save_our_schools)

**For a full breakdown of the cuts to our local schools in Leyton and Leytonstone check our websites.**



**BUDGET SLASHED - WALTHAM FOREST COUNCIL** will lose **£20,185,760** in real terms by 2020.

## Will Whipps Cross Hospital be re-built?



Lib Dem campaigner Farooq Qureshi at Whipps Cross Hospital

Older residents may remember that there were plans to rebuild **Whipps Cross Hospital** many years ago but it never happened. Well it might now happen.

The Barts NHS Health Trust which run the hospital are now considering tearing down the 100 year old building and spending £500 million to rebuild it. The Trust says it will be cheaper in the long run to rebuild it than to keep maintaining it.

**Lib Dem Focus member Farooq Qureshi says:** It would be nice to have a new hospital and apparently a group will be set up allowing residents to have their say on the proposals.

**Focus** will report any developments.



### Save Our Schools Petition

The government must reverse planned cuts of £20 million to Waltham Forest schools. I/we the undersigned want the Government to stop these devastating cuts NOW. The government must do better for children in Waltham Forest.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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I would like to help Farooq by delivering Focus in my street each month

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# Success - open space defended - building on the marshes stopped!



In the last **Focus** we highlighted that the Council were planning to buy the Waterworks site from the **Lea Valley Regional Park Authority (LVRPA)**. This site comprised of the Waterworks building and car park and the marshland behind it, which used to be a pitch and putt golf course. The Council's vision was to build on the site and the marshland at the back.

**Open Land at the rear of the Waterworks building - saved from developers** Lib Dem Focus Team member, **Bob Sullivan**, and other concerned environmentalists spoke at the recent meeting of the LVRPA urging the members not to allow any building on the marshes.

**Focus says:** We have received the report from LVRPA which says 'to restrict the land used for residential development to the actual building and car park only but will retain the rest of the site as public open space'.

**Bob says:** It is a pity that we are losing the Waterworks building, but we have saved the open land from being built on.

## The Lib Dem Focus Team Fighting to protect our area

### Chesterfield Road and others - yellow lines

Residents of **Chesterfield Road** and other roads in the area have complained that following the recent implementation of a Controlled Parking Scheme (CPZ) the Council have also restricted parking by painting yellow lines in their roads. The Council defence of this is that they say it is to allow large vehicles to pull in and pass. Residents say that now they have a CPZ there are more passing places and so there is no need for yellow lines.

**Focus** will be monitoring these roads now the CPZ is in place.



### Problems - Ideas - Comments

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### Save Our Pharmacies Petition



A big 'Thank You' to those of you who have returned your signed petitions. If you missed that one you can still sign by visiting your local pharmacy or online by visiting our website:

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