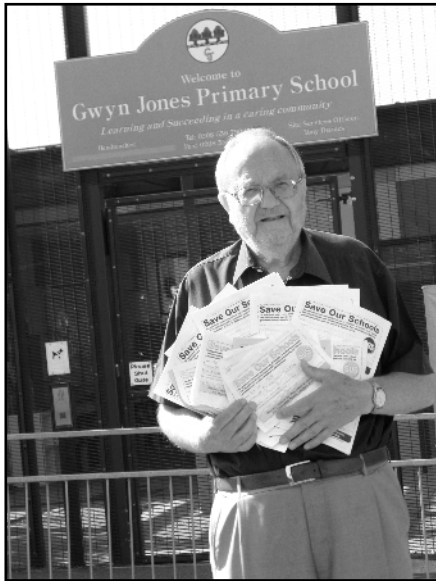




Will the school budget cuts now go ahead?



Lib Dem campaigner Bob Sullivan outside Gwyn Jones School with the petition

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 Farooq Qureshi 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

The Lib Dem Focus Team fighting to protect our children's education

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.

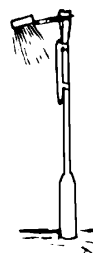
It would seem from discussions in the media that many tower blocks built, and being built, may have cladding and building materials that are not completely fire proof. **Focus** will keep you informed of developments.

Let there be light - if you are lucky!

Residents have contacted **Focus** for helping to get a street light in **Abbotts Park Road** working. The light was replaced a year ago, worked for a few days, then went out. It has been reported many times but it is still not working.

Focus says: To take over a year for a street light repair is a joke.

Focus has chased the Council for some action on this.



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

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Abbotts Park – park keeper fiasco



Residents are angry that after spending hundreds of thousands on refurbishing **Abbotts Park** the Council is now getting rid of the park keeper. Abbotts Park area is known for crime and anti social behaviour (ASB) but residents believe that the three CCTV cameras planned cannot replace the park keeper and reduce ASB. Residents say that the park keeper is vital in keeping the park a clean, tidy and safe place for people and families to meet and play.

Focus says: Getting rid of the park keeper is a folly. It is a cheap budget cut by the Council. The park keeper who has been there for over 20 years is part of the local community who can diffuse potential problems before they happen. Also without him the toilet block will have to remain closed.

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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.**



Colworth Road – CPZ

The Colworth Road CPZ consultation has now ended. How the residents of the area bounded by **Kings Road, Whipps Cross Road Hainault Road, north and south of Colworth and Poppleton Roads** and the roads in between will vote is still to come. But it will not be a surprise if the Council's figures will show that residents have voted for a CPZ. Nearby roads that have already become a CPZ has made parking in the above roads almost impossible for residents.

The consultation will show that residents previously against CPZs have been forced to vote for one so that they are able to park their cars.

Problems - Ideas - Comments

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Council sells off council homes and replaces none!

A Liberal Democrat Freedom of Information request reveals that in the last few years Waltham Forest Council has sold off 312 council homes for £41million but has built NO homes to replace them.



Focus says: This is disgraceful. It highlights the 'Social Cleansing' that is going on across the borough.



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