



## Tower block safety still a worry



Artist impression of the refurbished tower blocks in Leytonstone

Following the **Lib Dem Focus Team's** enquiry, the Council has confirmed that they are reviewing all the high residential blocks in Waltham Forest including the ones under construction or have planning permission. The Council has few tower blocks as most have been demolished over the years.

However many private ones are to be built. This is a worry as permission was given with no mention of fire safety.

**Focus** is also concerned that the Council is about to refurbish **Fred Wigg and John Walsh towers** in Leytonstone. The 'transformation' plans included cladding to the buildings (pictured) also with no mention of fire safety.

**New Focus Team member Rupert Pickering says:** We are petitioning the **Waltham Forest Council** to pledge that no cladding will be added to the building unless it is 100% non-flammable to meet the highest safety standards and that a sprinkler system should be added to both towers and the link building.

## Labour Councillors increase their allowances again!

Once again our arrogant Labour Council has increased the allowances for their councillors to total well over £1 million.

Our Forest Ward Labour councillors have all got a rise. None of them live in the area.

**Focus says:** Do they contact you? Do they keep you informed? No they don't. **They take the money and take you all for granted.**

## Pharmacy and School budget cuts petitions are still open



If you have yet to sign our petitions to Save our Pharmacies and School Budget cuts then link in to:

[www.walthamforestlibdems.org/save\\_our\\_schools](http://www.walthamforestlibdems.org/save_our_schools)

or  
[www.walthamforestlibdems.org/save\\_our\\_pharmacies](http://www.walthamforestlibdems.org/save_our_pharmacies) on the Internet.

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### The main Leyton Post Office to move



The main Post Office in **Lea Bridge Road** is to be moved down the road to the **PoundPlaza** shop. This follows the Post Office plans to move post offices into retail shops.

Residents' comments and views on this move will be accepted up to 13th September.

## 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 Bob Sullivan 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 around **Leyton Midland Road station** tidy up their shops. **Focus** will report any developments.



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## Abbotts Park fiasco – would you believe it!

The Councils answer to having to close the toilets in **Abbotts Park**, because they are getting rid of the park keeper, is that people can use the toilets in shops and cafes in the **High Road** that have signed up to the ‘Community Toilet’ scheme.

The nearest one that we can see is probably Tesco’s. When you want to spend a penny then you will have to rush out of the park and search for a loo.

**Focus Team member Dave Sherwood says:** Getting rid of the park keeper after 20 years of service is a cheap budget cut which the Council needs to review.

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## Colworth Road – CPZ latest

The **Focus Team** is still waiting for the results of the Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) consultation in **Kings Road, Whipps Cross Road, Hainault Road, Poppleton Road and Colworth Road** to find out if the residents have voted for a CPZ in their roads. Our next **Focus** will inform you of the result.



## Gregg Close action needed



Residents of **Gregg Close** are up in arms about the state of their close which seems to have been neglected by East Thames Housing Association. One resident has labelled the Close as a real eyesore.

The main problems seem to be anti social behaviour, lack of ground maintenance, lack of external repairs, dumped rubbish and a dumped van left for years.

**Focus Team member Bob Sullivan** is taking up these problems but understands that East Thames having now merged with L&Q Housing Association which hopefully will improve the situation.

We will report any action in our next **Focus**.

## 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

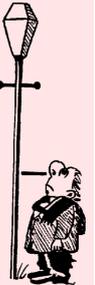
Waltham Forest Council has sold off 312 council homes for £41million but has built NO homes to replace them.

**Focus says:** This is disgraceful. It highlights the ‘Social Cleansing’ that is going

## Street Lights on all the time

The lights in **Liverpool Road and Matlock Road** do not go out. They have been on 24 hours for months. The Council have been informed but they have done nothing.

**Focus says:** Leaving lights on all through the day is a waste of money. Money that could be saved and used to keeping the park keeper for **Abbotts Park**.



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