

FOCUS



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The big turn-off!

for lights in Carnarvon, Liverpool, Matlock, Nottingham, Canterbury, Colchester, Forest Drive West and Peterborough Roads



Rupert Pickering checking one of the problem street lights in Canterbury Road

The Lib Dem Focus Team has uncovered a major Council mess with the lights on the roads off **Essex Road**. The lights are always on and have been for over a year, some say 18 months.

Apparently the new lamps were installed to run on a Central Management System (CMS) that would control them.

It was only after the **Focus Team** reported them and then chased the Council to fix the lights in the roads, that officers found that the CMS was not working.

Focus has now been told that they are dropping the system and all the lamps will be fitted with photo cells which will turn them off when it is light and on, when it gets dark.

Lib Dem Focus Team member Rupert Pickering says:

Residents have reported the lights for over a year so why has it taken so long to fix them? At last the Council has adopted a simple solution. We are pleased that our campaign to get the lights fixed has been taken seriously and we and the residents will be looking forward to see them working properly.

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Chesterfield Road – trees



During one of the Team's walkabouts in **Chesterfield Road**, residents have pointed out two very large trees opposite each other that dominate the road.

Jordan Sullivan of the Focus Team has asked that the Council look into pruning back the trees or planting smaller trees in their place.



Massive trees in Chesterfield Road

Dumping – Cavendish/Hainault

This problem of dumped furniture beside the flank wall of **1 The Pavement Hainault Road** has been on-going for a considerable time.

Focus is in regular contact with the council's Neighbourhood Manager who has arranged for the area to be cleared swiftly. He identified it as a 'hotspot' and confirmed that CCTV coverage has been ordered. Unfortunately, delivery is taking some time.

Gregg Close – update



Abandoned van in Gregg Close

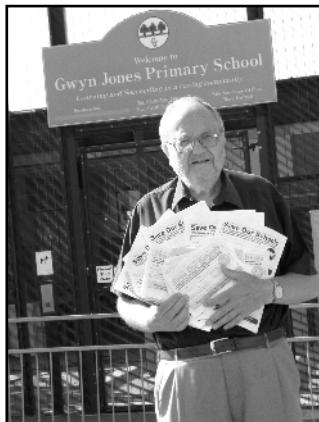
The Focus Team has got assurances from the East Thames local officer that unsocial behaviour, maintenance, repairs and dumped rubbish will get dealt with and the van that has been dumped in the Close for 4 years will be removed. Removing a van after 4 years being reported cannot be seen as a success for East Thames but it is something.

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Tories go ahead with the school budget cuts!



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

We were hoping that when the Tories announced their new funding formula for schools recently the vicious proposed cuts to our local schools would be cancelled. No such luck. They proposed some more money but not nearly enough to stop budget cuts of £1,812,158 equal to the loss of 27 teachers from **Barclay, Gwyn Jones, Connaught, Lammas and Leytonstone schools.**

Lib Dem Focus team member Jordan Sullivan says:

The budget cuts come at a time when inflation is rising so that local schools will be hit twice. We cannot sit back when our children's futures are at risk. We will continue to call on the Government to reverse these cuts. We will keep our School

Budget cuts petition open so that if you have not signed it you can link in to our petition at:

www.walthamforestlibdems.org/save_our_schools

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Abbotts Park - the saga continues

Has the park keeper gone or has he not? **The Lib Dem Focus Team** met up with one of the temporary park keepers some weeks ago who said that Bernie the park keeper was back.

Focus Team member Rupert Pickering has now been told that Bernie will not be returning, instead new CCTV cameras will be introduced and the park will be cleaned daily by different officers during the day.

There was no mention of the toilets remaining open, which given the number of people and families using the park, is a very important service that should not be lost.



Focus Team member Rupert Pickering with one of the temporary park keepers

Problems - Ideas - Comments

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Barclay School – crossing needed

Residents in Canterbury Road near to **Barclay School** are saying that the one-way system in their road, by the school, has caused masses of traffic to use it. They believe a school crossing is needed.

Lib Dem Focus member Dave Sherwood says: A few years ago the **Focus Team**

unsuccessfully campaigned for a lollipop lady at the top of the road but the traffic has increased along Canterbury Road even more since then, so there is an urgent need for a zebra crossing at the entrance to the school.

Griggs Road - students loitering

Residents in **Griggs Road** have contacted the **Lib Dem Focus Team** about the number of students who hang around in the alleyway off of the road.

Residents have complained of anti-social behaviour, noise and possible drug taking.

The Focus Team has asked the local Safer Neighbourhood Police to investigate.

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