



## Canterbury Road rat-run nightmare!



Part of **Canterbury Road**, by the side of the school, has become a nightmare rat-run for vehicles from **Peterborough Road** trying to get to **James Lane**. Originally the Council blocked **Peterborough Road** at **Nottingham Road** causing mayhem and protests from residents'. To overcome the problem the Council extended the one-way to

**Canterbury Road**. This caused further outrage from **Canterbury Road** and **Essex Road** residents.

**Lib Dem Focus member Jordan Sullivan** has contacted the Council asking that the east-west restriction on **Peterborough Road** be lifted. This would allow vehicles to enter **James Lane** and alleviate the vehicle pressure on **Canterbury Road** and the **Barclay School** entrance.

**Focus says:** This simple measure would decrease congestion on **Canterbury Road**, decrease noise, pollution and improve the safety of the children using the school. **Focus** will keep you informed of developments.

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## Eatington Road/Fulready Road/ Essex Road – poor road surfaces

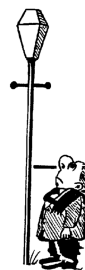
The **Lib Dem Focus Team** has reported to the Council that **Eatington, Fulready and Essex Roads** are in a poor condition and need re-surfacing. Also a number of roads are being affected by pot-holes. Please contact the **Focus Team** if your road needs attention.



## Atwell Close – faulty light

**Atwell Close**, off **Belmont Park Road**, has had a faulty light for some time. The lack of lighting has led to residents feeling unsafe walking home and alleged prostitution on the Close. The Council say that it is not their responsibility to repair the light as it is on private land.

**Lib Dem Focus member Rupert Pickering** is investigating whether **Atwell Close** is truly a private estate and whether the land owner or the council have an obligation to act to prevent any criminal activity.



**The Lib Dem Focus Team wishes all our readers a very Happy New Year**

## Dog mess

There is nothing worse than treading on dog mess. Residents have reported that this is a problem around the **Leyton 6th Form College** in **Essex Road** and **Colchester Road**.

**Lib Dem Focus member Jordan Sullivan** has asked the Council for signs to be put up warning dog owners of their responsibility to keep the pavements clean.

## Colchester Road – various issues

Residents have brought to the attention of the **Focus Team** various problems with **Colchester Road**. They are asking that the road should be made one-way, the CPZ times should be changed and trees need to be pruned back as the roots are damaging the pavements.

**Focus Team member Dave Sherwood** has asked the Council if these issues can be resolved.

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# Homelessness rises while Labour council builds luxury flats



In December at a residents' meeting, your Forest Ward Labour councillors were unable to tell residents how much social housing had been built in Waltham Forest in the last four years. The Labour Council has in fact built only 47 social units, while they allowed over 2,200 units for sale at market rate.

Now they have approved building 4 tower blocks, one of 29 storeys, on top of a public park by Walthamstow Tube. **The Lib Dems have strongly opposed this decision.** The Council are failing to provide anything in this development for the needy residents of our Borough and the flats will be too expensive for most people who already live and work locally.

Furthermore, research from the **Lib Dems** has revealed that only 13 councils in England and Wales have used their powers to take over properties that have been empty for over 10 years. Waltham Forest has never used these powers despite London being in the middle of a housing crisis. **222 homes in the borough are lying empty and 26 of those have been left empty for over 10 years.**

**Lib Dem Focus Team member Dave Sherwood says:** "Waltham Forest Council has failed to make use of the powers that can be used to take over properties that have been empty for 10 years while local families are having to spend Christmas without a home. **This is outrageous!**"

## Lib Dems: Fighting for YOU

### Lib Dems' Unlimited "Hopper" Bus Fare policy starts this month

**Caroline Pidgeon, Liberal Democrat London Assembly Member** commenting on Sadiq Khan's announcement that the Hopper bus fare will start to take unlimited trips within an hour from later this month, said: "Lib Dems have been campaigning for a 1-hour bus ticket for a decade. Londoners and visitors to the capital will this month start benefiting from a Lib Dem policy finally being delivered."



## Problems - Ideas - Comments

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## St Helier Road – steep road camber

Parking a car in **St Helier Road** is difficult as the camber of the road is very steep. and makes it difficult to get out.

**Lib Dem Focus Team member Rupert Pickering** is asking the Council to level out the road

## Cromer Road, Atkins Road, Colchester Road and Forest Drive West - Litter and rubbish bins

Residents of **Cromer Road, Colchester Road, Atkins Road and Forest Drive West** have noticed that there have been many instances when rubbish bins have not been emptied on time and that their roads are not being swept weekly.

**The Focus Team says:** We believe these roads are not the only ones. Is this just a blip or is the Council's contractor, Urbaser, not doing their job properly? So that we can get a fuller picture please get in touch with **Focus** if your bins are not collected on time or your road or street has been left untidy for long periods.

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