

FOCUS

Your Local Newsletter No. 135



Save Our Pharmacies



Pharmacy near Tesco

The Government has recently announced a cut of £170M for the funding of community pharmacies (chemists) in England this year and further cuts have not been ruled out. It is believed that potentially 3,000 pharmacies could be closed.

Local Lib Dem campaigner Sheila Smith-Pryor says: "These cuts will be particularly hard

for older and infirm people if our local pharmacies are forced to close. I'm asking you to sign our petition below to stop the cuts to our local pharmacies, or you can sign online at:

www.walthamforestlibdems/save-our-pharmacies

Naseberry Court - Larkshall Road

Outline planning permission has been given to demolish Naseberry Court, and to build 48 residential units with landscaping, roads and car parking

The Focus Team will be monitoring any detailed plans and report any developments.

The Lib Dem Focus Team Fighting to protect our area

Save Our Pharmacies

I/We the undersigned want the Government to think again about the devastating cuts to local pharmacies that could lead to the closure of some Hale End and Highams Park pharmacies. This will leave vulnerable residents with long, expensive journeys to get vital medicines.

Name _____

Post code _____ Telephone _____

Email _____

SEND A MESSAGE TODAY

- I would like to help deliver the Focus Newsletter in my area
- I would like to join the local Liberal Democrats

Please return to:

THE LIB DEM FOCUS TEAM, 24 THORNHILL ROAD, E10 5LL

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Hale End and Highams Park residents meetings to be abolished



All the Community Ward Forums, where residents can question their local councillors and council officers, are to be abolished by

the Council. The local Hale End and Highams Park Forum held in December may be one of the last as the Council is looking to close the meetings by the end of March.

Focus says: The Forums are the one place that residents can have their say and hold the Council and their local councillors to account.

To cut this vital link with residents is scandalous.

Highams Park station upgrades

Higham Park station is going through some upgrading which will include new CCTV throughout the station, a new ceiling, improved lighting in the ticket office, widening of the entrance and the installation of new automatic ticket gates.

Residents will be pleased that the ticket office will not be closed.



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A cry for help!

Jeanne Hill, a Leytonstone resident, called the Council to remove some asbestos sheeting that had been illegally dumped in her garage. At 78 years of age she was amazed when the Council insisted she single-handedly move the asbestos to another section of her garden for collection. Jeanne knew she wouldn't be able to move the sheets by herself and called the **Focus Team** to assist. She provided **Focus Team** member, **Amanda Connolly**, the necessary safety equipment and she got on to it straight away.

Jeanne said: "I'm grateful for the Lib Dems' help. There's so much fly tipping in our area I think it needs to be a Council priority."

Focus says: The Council needs to work with the residents to deal with this problem. Telling residents to do the Council's job isn't good enough.



Jeanne Hill with Amanda Connolly

When you want something done it's the Lib Dem Focus Team who get it done

Highams Park Lake

The Highams Park Planning Group are looking to lease the community building by the lake so that they can bring it back into community use as a café with toilets.

Selwyn Avenue

Residents have sensibly voted against the Council's plans for **Selwyn Avenue** to have two way cycling as the road is too narrow.

Council breaks the law - but what do our councillors care!

For over two years the Government has instructed the Council to stop producing their twice a month expensive propaganda newspaper Waltham Forest News saying that four a year is sufficient. Labour councillors have voted to spend thousands of taxpayers money to fight the Government's ruling.

Focus says: To cover up their incompetence and the cuts to services the Labour Council continue to spend hundreds of thousands of taxpayers money on their propaganda paper which must have cost taxpayers millions over the years. **Will the councillors, who made the decision, pay the thousands of pounds in court costs? No - they will expect you to fork out the cash.**

Problems - Ideas - Views - We'd Like to Hear From You

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ADDRESS _____

EMAIL/PHONE _____

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Are car owners the Council's cash cows?

Well are they? You may think so as the Council pocketed £5.7 million in fines and charges in 2015/16. A massive 72% higher than 2014/15 which is 8 times higher than any other local authority.

Focus says: Residents in controlled parking zone (CPZ) areas, seeing the Council receiving this massive amount of money from fines and charges, might wonder why their parking fees are not being reduced.

Mini Holland road closures could cause lives!

Firefighters and ambulance crews have recently complained that road closures have caused delays in tackling a fire and paramedics delayed in getting to a stroke victim.

Focus says: 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.

Why not join the Lib Dems - contact Bob Sullivan - (020) 8556 8335 or email: bobsullivan@btinternet.com

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