

FOCUS on **HALE END & HIGHAMS PARK**



Will this be the only Police Station we have left in the whole of Waltham Forest?



Massive cuts in London policing are being driven through by Mayor Boris Johnson.

He is cutting spending on policing by £500 million by 2015. That means a massive reduction in policing in the 32 London boroughs.

New Scotland Yard and up to half the 136 other London wide police stations will be sold off.

Hundreds of police officers and their civilian support staff will also lose their jobs.

Locally the only police station in Walthamstow is already up for sale. It was closed last year as a

'cost cutting' exercise. All the staff left have already been transferred to the Chingford Station.

Chingford will be the only 24 hour station in the whole borough.

Hale End & Highams Park Safer Neighbourhood Team has been merged with other teams & its office in Marloes Road has been closed down. Our local team have been transferred to Chingford Police Station in Kings Head Hill. Other changes are in the pipeline.

Focus says the Mayor's support for local policing is reducing. More centralisation, and fewer police stations and officers, means more local crime.

**How
can we
help
you ?**

**Please get in touch whenever you think we can help
or you have ideas to improve our area**

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**And follow the Chingford & Woodford Green website on
www.Chingford & Woodford Green Liberal Democrats**



**SEASON'S GREETINGS
FROM YOUR LOCAL
LIBERAL DEMOCRATS**



Tesco warning for local shops, as Highams Park CPZ given a big NO !

The majority of Highams Park residents consulted over having a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) in their area have overwhelmingly said "No".

Local businesses and shops welcomed the decision. They are already concerned about a drop in their trade since the opening of the massive Tesco.

Despite Tesco saying people can use their free car park this has not helped other local shops.

FOCUS says: Tesco is a tough trader and local businesses are losing out as shoppers desert local shopping areas like The Avenue and Hale End Road.

If this trend continues then local shops will disappear.



Dog Track Plans under fire again as Council rushes through planning permission

Residents and campaigners were angered that the Labour Council so quickly rushed through planning permission for the Walthamstow Stadium to be turned into a housing estate.

This stopped moves to save the Stow

Residents along with Save Our Stow (SOS) campaigners are now looking to apply for a 'Judicial Review' against the plans

AXE TAKEN TO CHINGFORDS FIRE SERVICE

The Focus Team have attacked plans by the Mayor of London that would take away one of our local Chingford fire engines.

A secret working paper drawn up by the London Fire & Emergency Planning Authority (LFEPA) also proposes taking fire engines from next door Leyton and Leytonstone

Shock reduction in fire cover !

As part of LFEPA's budget setting for the year ahead, secret plans have been drawn up that could see fire stations closed across London.

In addition areas like Chingford would lose the protection of one of our two fire engines.

Lib Dem Councillors on the London Fire Authority have vowed to protect our fire services.



Chingford, Leyton and Leytonstone each to lose a fire engine ?

No political party has a majority on the London Fire Authority.

It is up to the London Mayor to decide whether to impose the cuts.

Focus says " London needs a strong network of local fire stations and engines to ensure a speedy response when help is needed.

We will campaign to get Boris Johnson to drop these dangerous plans, and to provide the budget needed to keep us safe"

Problems from Napier Arms on Woodford New Road addressed

The Napier Arms pub had become a problem for residents in the Oak Hill area, and those on the other side of the High Road in next door Redbridge.

There was after hours drinking, noise in the early hours, even strippers and 'exotic' dancing.

The 3 Lib Dem Councillors for the Church End ward where the Napier stands worked with residents to get a full Licence Review.

Evidence to the Licensing Committee



showed that the licensee was not keeping to the conditions he should.

Residents and councillors persuaded the committee to restrict the licence. So the problems for residents were stopped.

New management and licensee have now taken over.

Hall Lane car park under threat !

The council-owned multi storey car park next to Sainsburys has been listed as a possible target for cost-cutting measures. The Council say it is no longer 'fit for purpose', and in order to improve parking facilities it is earmarked for redevelopment.

They have said that a condition of redevelopment would be to ensure ample new car parking was provided.

The FOCUS team will keep you informed of further developments

Campaigning for Hale End & Highams Park

**Keep our police up to strength -
keep our community safe**



As we reported on our front page, the MET Police Authority - headed by Mayor Boris Johnson - is planning to make major cuts in police stations and staff.

Nearby, the local police station in Walthamstow is being sold off and the Woodford police station is under threat of closure.

We believe local policing, with a regular visible police presence, keeps crime down and gives residents the feeling of greater security they are entitled to have.

Cutting police budgets as the MET is being forced to do does not make for better community safety and security.

**Government wants
building free-for-all !**



The government wants to scrap planning controls so that a massive extension could be built next door to you without even needing planning permission. You would not even be asked what you thought of it.

This dangerous plan will simply put neighbour against neighbour

The existing planning regulations allow residents to build reasonably. Don't let the Government destroy our community. We don't want a building free-for-all

Please back our campaign and sign the petitions below.

Please sign the petitions below return & them to us at 33 Nesta Rd IG8 9RG

Petition to the Mayor of London

We the undersigned call on you to provide the budget needed for police numbers and staffing to be maintained across the MET area.

Signed

Print your name

Address

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Email.....Tel

Petition to the Government

We the undersigned call on the Government to drop their plans for a building-free-for-all

Signed

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**Putting
our area
FIRST**

We demand action!

We know that Hale End and Highams Park is special. People who live round here care about the neighbourhoods in which we live. That makes a big difference.

Your Lib Dem FOCUS team cares too - we've been working hard and keeping in touch here for so many years.

The late Cllr John Beanse campaigned so hard locally

through Focus. Now we will work to try and maintain that commitment to our local area.

Please help us put our area FIRST by returning this survey to us at 33 Nesta Road Woodford Green IG8 9RG



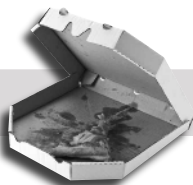
Litter and fly-tipping

Dirty streets? Lack of bins? Fly-tipping hot-spots? Let us know here!



Grot spots

Local eyesores? Unsightly or dangerous alleys? Rats and mice?



Local premises

Problems with take-aways, offices, pubs? Noise, litter or smoking?



Graffiti & vandalism

Graffiti? Anti-social behaviour? Vandalised public facilities and spaces?



Green spaces

Uncared-for parks, lawns and verges? Problems with dog fouling?



Your priorities

More bins

Very Important

Important

Not Important

Cleaning in streets

Dog fouling

Fly-tipping

Cleaning alleys

Other:

Other:

Parking CPZ for our area ?

Do you want new CPZ parking schemes for our area ?

Yes

No

Please tick your choice



Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Address: _____

(First line of your postal address)

Email: _____

(We'll email you the results of the survey)

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