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Your Local Newsletter



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Leyton High Road facelift!



The Council has been given a grant of £5m to improve the areas around the Olympic site. Schemes that are being worked on include street and shop fronts in **Leyton High Road**, the **Ruckholt Road** area, **Crownfield Road** and **Cann Hall Road**. Further schemes are being designed for **Leyton Mills**, **Bakers Arms** and pedestrian and cycle routes in **Lea Bridge Road**.

Focus says: *"This money is very welcome as Leyton is often overlooked. However it is strange that the government would not fund any work on*

Leytonstone High Road. We are trying to find out why."



Leyton High Road/Crownfield Road junction

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year from Naheed, Winnie & Bob



Planning News - Oliver Close



The controversial plans to build 18 houses and 16 flats on the small **Edith Pearson Lodge** site in **Oliver Close** was forced through the Council's planning committee by Labour councillors. All three **Lib Dem councillors** supported the residents and **Cllr. Bob Sullivan's** concerns about over development, parking and the possible increase in crime in this small area of

Oliver Close and voted against the plans.

Unfortunately this did not stop the four Labour councillors and the Labour chair from pushing the plans through.

More Police petition

There has been a massive response to the Focus and the Council's petition for more police on our streets. You can sign the petition online at <http://ourcampaign.org.uk/wfpolice>



Drivers beware at Leyton Underground



New CCTV cameras are to be positioned along **Leyton High Road**.

Your **Lib Dem councillors** have been warned that drivers stopping on double yellow lines and dropping off people outside the Underground station will be picked up by CCTV cameras and fined.

Are you a new mum wanting to make friends with other new mums in the area? Fed up with not having anywhere to go with babies or on your own? Then contact **Cllr.**

Naheed Qureshi who is the chair mum for **NETMUMS** in Leyton. Why not contact her in order to be notified of future meet ups such as coffee mornings, trips to parks and picnics? Naheed's details are on the back of this **Focus**.



Leyton Focus Team working all year round

Transport Double Whammy Fares Up and Freedom Pass Cut



Liberal Democrat councillors Naheed Qureshi, Winnie Smith and Bob Sullivan have joined London colleagues in reacting angrily to news that the Freedom Pass concessionary fares scheme in London is to be cut by £29m this coming year.

This is an outrageous proposal by the Labour Government who are insulting London's pensioners, disabled people, as well as council taxpayers. Labour is not cutting the grant in any other part of the country. London Council taxpayers will have to make up the shortfall. After Boris Johnson's decision to hike bus fares by 20 percent, Londoners now face a double whammy with fares going up and this savage cut in funding for the Freedom Pass.

Focus says: If you are angry as we are then sign up for our campaign online at: <http://www.ourcampaign.org.uk/freedompass> or get a campaign pack from Laura Willoughby - laura.Willoughby@londoncouncils.gov.uk

Lib Dem motion against aircraft noise

Cllr. **Bob Sullivan** seconded a **Liberal Democrat** motion to Council against the ever increasing aircraft noise over Leyton. The motion called amongst other things for the Council to write to the Borough of Newham and protest against their decision to grant permission for the expansion of London City Airport without consulting Waltham Forest Council.

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Focus says: "The Lib Dems are working with local voluntary groups to safeguard against this

attack on our quality of life. They also welcome cross-party support on this important issue."

**Comment from
Parliamentary
Spokesperson
Farooq Qureshi**



Following a disappointing response from my contact with London Underground, regarding Leyton Underground station, I have written to the Mayor of London, Director of Transport for Olympic Delivery Authority and Transport for London to review the situation at Leyton Underground station.

I have called upon the relevant authorities to act now and arrange for fresh consultation and re-assess the situation to ease the peak-time congestion on the east-bound platform of Leyton Underground.

Lib Dem Councillors Surgery/Advice Centre

The Liberal Democrats run a confidential

Surgery/Advice centre.

Every Saturday between 10.00am and 12.00 noon at:

Leyton Library temporarily in the former Nat West Bank offices opposite the Coach & Horses public house in Leyton High Road

No appointments are necessary

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**Seasons Greetings from
the Leyton Liberal Democrat Focus Team**