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Your Local Newsletter



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Families cheated out of their homes



Lib Dem candidate Carl Quilliam at the tower blocks

In November a packed meeting of tenants voted for the option of refurbishment of kitchens and bathrooms for John Walsh and Fred Wigg tower blocks in Leytonstone.

Tenants Ignored

However, the Labour Council over-ruled the tenants, agreeing a plan to strip back the towers to the core, completely refurbish the flats and build a smaller block between them.

Labour Selling Off Flats

Brand new flats for the tenants? No! The Council wants to sell off one of the blocks to the private sector, thus reducing the number of Council flats from 232 to 160! Waltham Forest has thousands of families

on the waiting list, so a further reduction of affordable homes will dash the hopes of many people. In effect Labour is getting rid of tenants who are, in the main, less well-off and inviting wealthy people to buy up the flats.

Labour MP and councillors ignore cries for help

The residents have asked their Labour MP and Labour councillors for help but they stay quiet. They have even been ignored by one of their Labour councillors who was once a tenant in one of the blocks!

Focus says: The Council has said tenants can go back once the refurbishment is complete. This is rubbish as there will not be enough flats to house all of them! One of the tenants has said "The Council is treating us worse than something stuck on their shoe".

Focus will keep you informed of the tenants' campaign to save their homes.

Liberal Democrats: Fighting for you.

Etloe House

The elderly residents of Etloe House in Church Road have been complaining about water coming into the lounge/meeting room of the house.

They invited Lib Dem Focus member Bob Sullivan to a meeting with the Housing Association dealing with the problem. Many other problems were discussed and solutions agreed.

Bob will go to their next meeting to check if actions have been taken.



Lib Dem Advisor returns to fight parliamentary seat



The former Head of Office for the Lib Dems on Waltham

Forest council,

Carl Quilliam, has this week been selected to stand in the Leyton and Wanstead constituency by the local Lib Dem party.

Carl is a former civil servant who worked in regeneration under the last Labour government. He was Head of Office from October 2011 until October 2013 and now works for a large London-based housing association.

On being selected Carl said: "It's exciting to be selected to stand here in Leyton and Wanstead. The Lib Dems have been the main opposition to Ed Miliband's Labour here for over 20 years. And locally we've been at the forefront of campaigns on housing, children's services, school places and protecting our environment.

Lib Dem Focus Team Service & Action All Year Round

Local Lib Dem activist Bob Sullivan said, "It is great to have Carl as our Parliamentary Candidate. As the leader of the Lib Dem Group on the Council I spent two years working closely with him. He knows the people, the problems and the area. There is no doubt he will be the best person to represent our residents as our MP."

Lib Dem Focus Team Working for You

More noisy flights over Leyton and Leytonstone



The **Focus Team** has just heard that City Airport has asked Newham Council if they can double the size of the airport. As well as that they are intending to narrow the flight paths of the aircraft which will mean more noisy flights over Leyton and Leytonstone. **The Focus Team** and many residents will be objecting to the plans. **Please sign the petition on our websites.** We hope that Waltham Forest Council will also object but as they failed to respond to the previous consultation we won't hold our breath!

What's On - Leyton Sports Centre/Cricket Ground

Have you walked past the Cricket Ground in the **High Road** and thought 'what goes on there'?

Apart from big events nothing else seems to be happening. However, there are many activities that go on from Monday to Friday:

Monday - Zumba 7.00pm, Karate 4pm, Boxing 6.30pm

Tuesday - Maths tuition 3.30pm, Kick Boxing 7.30pm, Badminton 7pm

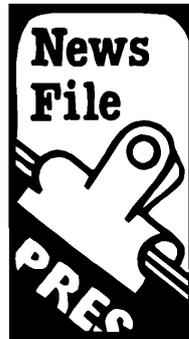
Wednesday - Boxing 6.30pm, Basketball 7.30pm

Thursday - Maths and English 3.30pm, Karate 5.00pm, Volleyball 7.00pm

Friday - Boxing 6.30pm, Martial Arts 5.00pm

Saturdays - Roller Skating 12.00pm

If interested in any, why not check them out!



Maud Road

Rubbish is still being dumped in **Maud Road** at the entrance to the Leyton Mills centre. If you know of anyone who is dumping rubbish there, or in other places, then please contact one of the **Focus Team**.

Dog walkers in Jubilee Park/Marshes

Following a complaint **Focus** has confirmed with the Council that dogs can be walked off-lead on the **Marshes/Jubilee Park**.

But, if the dog is deemed to cause a nuisance then the owner can be requested by a council or police officer to place the dog on a lead.

Wilmot Road

Focus is pleased to note that, following a complaint about the sweeping of **Wilmot Road**, a resident has reported that the road is now looking much tidier.

Beaumont Lights

Focus carried out a survey and highlighted the problem of defective lights on **Beaumont Estate** some years ago.

The Focus Team was disappointed when a further survey showed that many lights are still out.

Focus will contact London and Quadrant Housing Association again to get the lights fixed.



Lib Dems - keeping you informed

Glyn Hopkin Nissan site - more flats!

The Glyn Hopkin Nissan car showroom on the corner of **Ruckholt Road** and **Oliver Road** is to move in February. This not good news for residents as it is planned to build up to six storey blocks of flats to provide 116 residential units. Residents are particularly concerned about the limited car parking space and the noise and disturbance they will have to bear. **Ruckholt, Adelaide and Dunedin Roads** are already short of car parking spaces and this development will make parking worse.

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Problems - Ideas - Views

What do you think?
We want to hear from you

Name _____
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Would you like to help Focus & Carl's election campaign?

YES, I would like to help by:

- helping with local campaigning
- phoning voters for support
- displaying a poster
- enclosing a donation of £ _____

For more information contact Bob Sullivan on 020 8556 8335 or by email: bobsullivan@btinternet.com

Please return to **THE FOCUS TEAM, 24 THORNHILL ROAD E10 5LL,**

The Liberal Democrats may contact you from time to time to keep you informed on issues we think you may find of interest. Please let us know if you do not wish the information above to be used for this purpose.