



Residents protest ignored!

The recent protest by over 1,200 residents against the road closures in Walthamstow showed that the Council's **Mini Holland** plans of closing local roads, does not have the support of all residents.

Protesters not against the scheme or cyclists, but against the road closures

The protesters went out of their way to say that they were not against the scheme or cyclists, but against the road closures. The Council's plans have succeeded in causing division and anger across the Borough. The closing of roads forces vehicles onto the already congested main roads like **Lea Bridge, Hoe Street, and Leyton High Road.**

Congestion and pollution bad for all

All of this is detrimental to residents, cyclists, pedestrians and bus users. **Focus Team member Bob Sullivan**, was in the Town Hall listening to the Mini Holland. He was shocked by the arrogant, illiberal attitude with which Labour Councillors treated residents' concerns. They were not prepared to review the Mini Holland plans despite residents' and their own Labour MP's request.



Residents protest outside the Town Hall against the road closures

Liberal Democrats: Keeping YOU informed

What else is the Council planning for our area?

The **Focus Team** has seen plans showing more road closures are planned for Leyton.

Proposed plans West of Leyton High Road

These include blocking the junction of **Vicarage Road** and **Capworth Street** – preventing north/south traffic on **Vicarage Road** and east/west traffic along **Capworth Street**. Blocking the junction of **Park Road** and **Farmer Road** - preventing north/south traffic along **Vicarage Road** and east/west traffic along **Farmer and Park Road**.

Blocking **Brewster Road** at the entrance to **Vicarage Road**.

Proposed plans East of Leyton High Road

Part of **Francis Road** is planned to be pedestrianised preventing east/west traffic and blocking **Norlington Road** at **Grosvenor Road** to prevent northbound traffic entering **Hainault Road**.

All vehicles forced to use the main roads

These plans, like those in Walthamstow, will stop drivers using the local roads and force all vehicles onto the main roads causing more congestion and pollution. Most of you will not know of the plans so we would like your views as road closures will affect all of us?

Survey

Have you been consulted about these planned closures? YES NO

Are you in favour of these road closures planned by the Council? YES NO

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____

PLEASE RETURN TO: **THE FOCUS TEAM, 24 THORNHILL ROAD, E10 5LL**

You can also contact us with your views by email – see contact details overleaf.

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The Council's callous disregard for our environment



The doomed copse on the Whipps Cross roundabout

The Focus Team were outraged when they found out that the copse of trees on the **Whipps Cross roundabout** is to be dug up.

The Council defended this planned vandalism by saying it can be dug up and replanted in Epping Forest.

All this so that money can be spent in altering a roundabout that works well and should be left alone.

Focus says: This Council is acting with a callous disregard for our environment by allowing this very old, picturesque, copse to be dug up.

Liberal Democrats - Fighting for YOU

Social Cleansing?

Waltham Forest is one of the worst Councils for housing people out of the borough. Homeless people have been placed in other areas including Luton, Margate and anywhere other than in Waltham Forest. This is not surprising as the Council is reducing social housing in the larger developments in the borough.

Focus says: We have already highlighted in **Focus** the reduction of social housing planned for the development of the two tower blocks in Leytonstone. In effect the Labour Council is getting rid of tenants who are, in the main, less well-off and instead inviting wealthier people to buy up the new flats.

Ruckholt Road 'Mini Holland' update

There was a tremendous response to the **Focus Survey** regarding the 'Mini Holland' development in **Ruckholt Road**.

Focus Team member Bob Sullivan met with council officers to discuss the survey and petition and highlighted the concerns of residents that the only access to their houses will be driving down **Ruckholt Road** from the direction of Hackney. Bob did not get a good response but did get assurances that they would look again at the **Oliver Road junction** with **Ruckholt Road** and at the times of the current CPZ.

The **Focus Team** will be chasing up progress on this issue.

Coopers Lane - flats

Following action by the **Focus Team**, the management company Hexagon, who own the untidy flats at the corner of **Coopers Lane**, have advised that they are planning major internal and external works on the building and some roof works. The bins are to be emptied weekly and fly tipping removed.

Beaumont drinkers



Residents have complained to **Focus** about the drinkers who congregate in the **East Square** by **Keats Road**. The **Focus Team** contacted L&Q and the Police to deal with this anti-social problem.

Focus Team Local Action



What a cop-out!

The outrageous application for a 24 hour alcohol license by the **BP/Spar** garage in **Leyton High Road** was reduced to 18 hours by the Council's Licensing Committee.

Local residents and one of the **Lib Dem Team** objected to the 24 hours but thought that it was a 'cop out' that the committee agreed to 18 hours.



Coronation Gardens - update on fishpond

Lib Dem Bob Sullivan would still like to hear from interested residents in helping to set up a 'Friends of **Coronation Gardens**'. The Council have made some attempt to clean up the pond since Bob brought it to their attention. Bob's contact details are below.

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