

## Save Our Pharmacies



Leyton High Road Pharmacy

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 Bob Sullivan 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:  
<https://www.change.org/p/jeremy-hunt-secretary-of-state-for-health-save-our-local-pharmacies>

*The Lib Dem Focus Team wish all their readers a Happy & Prosperous New Year*

## Farmer Road/George Mitchell School - update

It was always part of the Council's 'Mini Holland' scheme to block off **Farmer Road** to stop through traffic. Following residents' suggestions, the Council has decided to block the road on the bend at **George Mitchell School** as it was difficult for students, using the school site opposite, to cross the road at the corner. This will provide a safe crossing. It will also include some trees and cycle parking facilities.

**Focus says:** Overall we do not agree with blocking roads, but if this will help to keep the students safe then the **Farmer Road** bend is the most sensible place.

## 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 Leyton and Leytonstone 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, LEYTON, E10 5LL**

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## Our open spaces under threat?

People concerned about building on the marshes need to be vigilant. The Council has produced a paper called **Lea Valley Eastside** where, under the vision of 'intensifying the centres of Lea Bridge and Leyton through redevelopment and release of sites,' they are looking at the area as a key growth site and a Housing Zone.

**Focus says:** There is already a petition to 'Stop the Councils plan to build on Leyton marshes'. More information on:  
<http://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/stop-the-council-s-plan-to-build-on-leyton-marshes>

## They seek them here, they seek them there, they seek our Labour councillors everywhere

It is not surprising when none of our Leyton Ward Councillors live in the area. One is in Glasgow, another in Redbridge and the other is in another ward. Shouldn't at least one councillor live in the ward they represent?

**Focus says:** The cost of Waltham Forest councillors to represent local residents is over £1million. Last year they voted themselves a massive 7% rise and had the arrogance to back date the rise to the previous year as well.

**The Lib Dem Focus Team working for YOU all year round - not just at election time**

# A cry for help!

Jeanne Hill, a resident of **Forest Drive East**, 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.



Focus Team member  
Amanda Connolly  
with Jeanne Hill

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 Councils job isn't good enough.

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



## Goldsmith Road/Oliver Close - parking nightmare awaits?

Residents of **Goldsmith Road** and **Oliver Close** already have major parking problems. It is set to get worse. The Council is currently consulting on extending the **Brewster**

**Road Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ)** area. This will include the nearby roads like **Grange Park Road, Vicarage Road, Farmer Road and Park Road.**

If there is a vote for a CPZ in these roads then parking in **Goldsmith Road** and **Oliver Close** will get worse. **The Focus Team** did an extensive parking survey last year and found that many residents would reluctantly vote for a CPZ although previously they had voted against it. The Council noted the results but did not fit **Oliver Close** and **Goldsmith Road** into their timetable. **The Focus Team** are planning to do another parking survey early this year.

## Are car owners the Councils 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.

**We want to hear from YOU - I think something should be done about:**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ POST CODE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE No. \_\_\_\_\_

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## 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** feeling 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.**

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