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Lib Dems Oppose Fire Service Cuts!



Lib Dems launching their petition at Leytonstone Fire Station some months ago

The grass fires in Leytonstone emphasised why we need our local fire engines to stay and not to be cut back. Recently **Lib Dems** along with other elected members of the London Fire Authority voted once again to reject the widespread closure of fire stations being pushed forward by the Mayor Boris Johnson.

The plans included removing one engine from each station in Leytonstone, Leyton and Chingford.

Focus team member Cllr Bob Sullivan says: *Lib Dems continue to oppose these cuts to our local fire service. We are still running our online petition which you can sign at: <http://eepurl.com/uzftb>*

Lib Dem Focus Team working for you

St Joseph's Hall – disappointment!

The plan to bring back **St Joseph's Hall**, on the corner of **Vicarage Road** and **Primrose Road**, for community use, has been scuppered by the church diocesan board. Mother Maria of the Marian Mission in Colchester Road has been told that her plan has been rejected and the board is to sell to a developer.

Focus says: *The decision to sell to a developer is a disaster for residents of the area as they are likely to build flats. Bringing the hall back into community use would be much more beneficial to our area.*



Mother Maria at the Marian Mission in Colchester Road

Leyton Library to close temporarily

The refurbishment of **Leyton Library** will take about 6 months to complete. It is closing on the 2nd September and opening up early next year. Temporary Libraries will be provided at the **Cricket Ground pavilion** and **Sidmouth House** in **Sidmouth Road**.

Coopers Lane

Residents are concerned about the plans by the YMCA to turn the old Anglo Standard premises at number **20 Coopers Lane** into a young person's hostel using self-contained containers for them to live in. Focus will keep you informed of the development as it has still to get planning permission.

A date for your diary! Leyton Residents' Ward Forum

Don't miss our next Leyton Residents Forum meeting on **Wednesday 4th September** 7pm to 9pm at the **Score Complex** in **Oliver Road E.10**.

Apart from getting updates from the local police and discussion of local issues there will be information about the temporary closure of Leyton Library and alternative library provision.

Service & Action All Year Round

Capworth Street skip lorries

Residents have contacted the **Focus Team** about the GBN skip lorries that continue to ignore speed humps in **Capworth Street**.

They do not slow down but accelerate over the humps, causing a loud crash and vibrations.

The Focus Team has been informed that GBN have advised their drivers not to use **Capworth Street** because of the weight restriction and the police have threatened to prosecute anyone they catch driving down **Capworth Street** without a job ticket for a local address.

Focus says: *Please contact us if this continues with the registration number of the offending vehicle.*

Oliver Twist pub

Focus has heard that work to turn the old **Oliver Twist pub** into flats is due to start.



The Oliver Twist

Lib Dem Focus Team Cllrs - Keeping YOU informed

What does the Council have to hide?

A scrutiny panel, set up to investigate what happened to the £8 or £9 million that was allocated to put unemployed people in Waltham Forest into a job, has been closed down by the Labour Party.

Liberal Democrats and Tory councillors were astounded as the panel needed only a few more weeks to finish its investigations.

Focus says: *This is a scandal! What has the Council got to hide? Millions of pounds look like they have been wasted. This follows a previous council failure of not properly managing millions of pounds earmarked for poor areas like Leyton and Leytonstone over a number of years. Our unemployed and young people have lost out once again!*

Liberal Democrat Focus Team Working for YOU All Year Round



Graylaw House, former council offices in the High Road

A Hotel for Leyton?

Plans have been received to develop **Graylaw House** in the one-way part of the **High Road** into a hotel. The plans are to raise the height of the building by another 4 floors and develop the building into an 81 bed hotel with retail units on the ground floor.

Focus says: *This is a massive development of the building which, over the years, has been the centre for education and school services. Do we need a hotel in the High Road? Let Focus know what you think.*

Marsh Lane

The Focus Team has taken up the complaints of residents with the Council and the Police about the number of people drinking and sleeping overnight on the marshes off **Marsh Lane**, and using the marsh as a toilet.

Adelaide Road

The Focus Team are following up complaints about the all night drinking and sleeping on the steps of the old **Leyton Town Hall** in **Adelaide Road**.

We want to hear from YOU

Name _____

Address _____

Tel/Email _____

I think something should be done about ...

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.

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Liberal Democrat Councillors Surgery

Every Saturday between
10.00 am and 12 noon
at **Leyton Library**
corner of Leyton High Road and
Ruckholt Road
no appointments necessary

CPZ creep

The recent Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) in **Balmoral, Osborne, Brisbane and Windsor Roads** is causing parking problems in nearby **Murchison, Tyndall, Huxley and Thornhill Roads**.

Residents of **Murchison Road** have now sent in a petition asking for their road to become a CPZ. This is a common problem with CPZs, when roads become a CPZ nearby roads develop parking problems.



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