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Half price fares for all journeys before 7.30am?



Lib Dem Mayoral candidate
Caroline Pidgeon

Caroline Pidgeon, the Liberal Democrat candidate for Mayor of London, set out plans for half price fares on Underground, DLR, Overground and TfL Rail services for people who start their journeys before 7.30am.

Caroline Pidgeon said: "Half price fares on TfL's Tube and rail services would really help some of London's lowest paid workers who often have to work unsocial hours. This

is a genuine fare cut that can be delivered immediately.

Half price fares up to 7.30am would also help tackle overcrowding by encouraging people to start their journeys earlier in the morning. Supporting those Londoners who get up early and making our city work is really important, providing real help with the cost of living in the capital. This is a win win policy for Londoners".

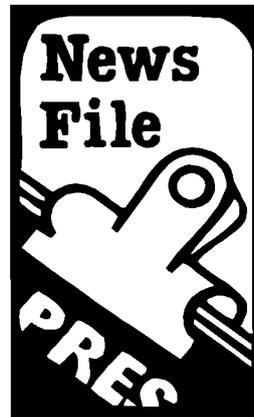
Focus says: Caroline Pidgeon is the most experienced candidate in the election, having served on the GLA since 2008 dealing with transport, crime, education, police and emergency services. Caroline is head and shoulders above the rest of the candidates and as Mayor will give residents the London they deserve.

Ive Farm Close

Following the complaints by residents the **Focus Team** is contacting L&Q and the Council regarding the condition of the road and pavements in **Ive Farm Close**. **Focus** will keep you informed of any progress.



Drivers and businesses hit for six!



The Labour Council's decision to scrap the 15 minute free parking and replace it with a single free hour of parking between 1pm and 2pm is described by a resident as "ludicrous". Up to now residents and visitors around the borough could park free for 15 minutes all through the day, popping into local shops to pick up small items or go into the library to

pick up information and CPZ parking permits. But now the 15 minute parking is banned. Local businesses and shopping areas, where passing trade is their lifeblood, are under threat and will be hit by this damaging policy.

Focus says: No consultation with residents or businesses has taken place. A special Council meeting to get the Labour Council to change its mind failed, showing once again its unwillingness to listen to residents and review its daft decisions.

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Oliver Close CPZ survey



Residents of **Osier Way, Pine Close, Tupelo Road and Palm Close** find it very difficult to park their cars after nearby roads were made into a CPZ.

Following residents' concerns **Focus** surveyed these roads and found that over 75% now wanted the Council to consult them about a CPZ in their area. **Focus** has contacted the Council who will make a decision when their budget has been decided in Feb/March. **Focus** will keep you informed of developments.

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Massive development planned on the Bywater's site

Lib Dem members visited the Bywater's/Gateway Road exhibition to see what they have planned for the site off the **Ruckholt Road roundabout** next to the current massive

development on the Nissan showroom site.

The plans are horrendous. The intended plans are for 650 units consisting of 2 x 15 storey blocks facing **Orient Way**. This includes 250 x 1 bedrooms, 282 x 2 bedrooms, 95 x 3 bedrooms and 23 x 4 bedrooms. This will house 1723 residents. 300 car parking spaces are planned where vehicles will enter the roundabout from **Orient Way**.

Focus says: This will be a major development alongside the already massive development on the Nissan site. The 300 cars coming onto **Ruckholt Road** will add to the already congested roundabout. **Focus** hopes that the Council will seriously consider this as the local impact of vehicles and pollution will be overwhelming.

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Leyton road closures survey - update

There was a massive response to the Focus survey on the Council's planned road closures in Leyton. The majority of residents said that they were not consulted about this and a further majority were not in favour of the planned road closures.

Focus says: It is not surprising that people have not been consulted as some residents have told Focus that they have been barred from meetings discussing the mini Holland plans because they had not registered on line to attend. The initial meetings were not open to the general public.



Brewery opened up in a local Business Park?

A resident in nearby **Etloe Road** was shocked to see a drunken man coming out of the **Leyton Business Park** opposite and urinate near his house. The resident contacted the **Focus Team** having found that a brewery had been set up in one of the industrial units.

Focus has contacted the Police and the Council. The owner of the brewery said that the incident was a one off and he will consult with the residents as he is applying for a Premise license from the Council.

Brooks Farm - Skeltons Lane Park

The YMCA which run **Brooks Farm** in **Skeltons Lane Park** has until April to come up with another organisation to run the Farm. Latest information given to the **Focus Team** is that both YMCA and the Council are still looking for someone to run the farm.

Focus will keep you informed of any developments.



Focus Team Local Action



Windsor Road - one-way

A resident has asked **Focus** about the possibility of **Windsor Road** becoming one-way. The narrowness of the road causes arguments as drivers refuse to back off particularly on the corners. Readers may remember **Focus** did a survey on this some years ago.

Focus will investigate that survey and also contact the Council.

Beaumont drinkers

Focus is still to hear from L&Q and the police about the drinkers who congregate in the **East Square** by **Keats Road**.

Focus will chase this up.

Coronation Gardens

Good news – things are happening and **Focus** has been told that fish have been seen in the pond.

Focus member Bob Sullivan is still interested in setting up a 'Friends' group. Get in touch with him if you are interested.

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