



Tower block safety still a worry



Artist impression of the refurbished tower blocks in Leytonstone

Following the **Lib Dem Focus Team's** enquiry, the Council has confirmed that they are reviewing all the tall residential blocks in Waltham Forest including the ones under construction or have planning permission. The Council has few tower blocks as most have been demolished over the years. However many private ones are to be built.

This is a worry as permission was given with no mention of fire safety. **Focus** is also concerned that the Council is about to refurbish **Fred Wigg** and **John Walsh** towers in Leytonstone. The 'transformation' plans included cladding to the buildings (pictured) also with no mention of fire safety.

Focus says: A Focus Team petition is calling on **Waltham Forest Council** to pledge that no cladding will be added to the building unless it is 100% non-flammable to meet the highest safety standards and that a sprinkler system should be added to both towers and the link building.

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Oliver Close residents forced to ask for a CPZ in their roads

Parking in **Oliver Close** has become a nightmare since nearby roads have been turned into CPZs (Controlled Parking Zones).

A **Focus Team survey** last year highlighted resident parking concerns to the Council. The Council has now carried out a CPZ consultation asking them if they would like a CPZ.

Focus will report back on the results.



Goldsmith Road residents petition for a CPZ

Like **Oliver Close** above, residents of **Goldsmith Road** have been forced to petition the Council asking to be consulted about a CPZ, as parking in their road is now almost impossible.

The good news is that the Council has notified **Focus** that **Goldsmith Road**, including the area that is not currently a CPZ, between **Grange Park Road** to the east and **Church Road** to the west and south and bounded by **Capworth Street** to the north will be consulted in September. All residents are urged, whatever their views, to complete and return the consultation.

The Davis Centre - 192 Vicarage Road



Local residents have said that the **Davis Centre** at **192 Vicarage Road** was given to the Council on the understanding it

was for educational use. This was done, but for many years the Council has left it derelict and run down. It has now been put up for development by auction. The Council refutes any educational connection.

Focus says: Once again a Council owned building is being sold to developers for probably a large block of flats which no local resident can afford to rent.

The Council could build social housing on this land but prefer to sell it off to private developers.

Farmer Road - closure?

The part mini Holland closure of **Farmer Road** at the bend by **George Mitchell School** will take place late spring of 2018.

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Abbotts Park – park keeper fiasco



Residents are angry that after spending hundreds of thousands on refurbishing **Abbotts Park** the Council is now getting rid of the park keeper. Abbotts Park area is known for crime and anti social behaviour (ASB) but residents believe that the three CCTV cameras planned cannot replace the park keeper and reduce ASB. Residents say that the park keeper is vital in keeping the park a clean, tidy and safe place for people and families to meet and play.

Focus says: Getting rid of the park keeper is a folly. It is a cheap budget cut by the Council. The park keeper who

has been there for over 20 years is part of the local community who can diffuse potential problems before they happen. Also without him the toilet block will have to remain closed.

Residents again taken for granted!

Once again our Labour Council has increased allowances for councillors. Our Labour councillors in Leyton have all got a rise. **None of them live in the area.** One lives in another ward and one lives in another borough and we believe that the other is still at University in Glasgow. Do they contact you? Do they keep you informed? No they don't. **They take the money and they take you for granted.**

Windsor Road one - way survey results

Following **Windsor Road** residents request for a one-way system the **Focus Team** carried out a survey. The result was that 90% of residents

agreed that there were traffic problems in Windsor Road and 80% wanted

a one-way system. 65% wanted the one-way to run from

Leyton High Road to Oliver Road and 35% to run the other way. All the results have been given to the Council for their decision.

Focus will report any developments.



Wilmot Road

A petition from residents in **Wilmot Road** objected to the plans to demolish **Miller House**, the existing single floor warehouse at number **30 Wilmot Road**, to build a two storey block of flats.

Good News

The **Focus Team** is pleased to hear that a **Residents' Association** has been set up in **Oliver Close** and that the proposed **Neighbourhood Watch** in **Thornhill Road** is now official.

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

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Down your way

Oliver Close/Grosvenor Court – overflowing bins

On a recent walkabout **Lib Dem Focus member Bob Sullivan** was approached by residents of **Oliver Close** and **Grosvenor Court** as their bins had not been cleared for weeks.

He immediately got onto the Council for action.

Manor Hall Gardens – alleyway

The alleyway between the houses in **Manor Hall Gardens** has been an area where youths hang out. Residents have said that they not only engage in anti social behaviour but there have been incidents of gardens being broken into. **The Focus Team** has been in contact with L&Q housing association and the local police to deal with this matter.

Council sells off homes and replaces none

A **Liberal Democrat** Freedom of information request reveals that in the last few years Waltham Forest Council has sold 312 council homes for £41 million but has built NO homes to replace them.

Focus says: This is a disgraceful. It highlights the 'Social Cleansing' that is going on across the borough.

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