

# FOCUS



Your Local Newsletter

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# We need to protect our children



## Council decides to limit child abuse checks

Waltham Forest Councillors will no longer be the subject of checks to protect our vulnerable children and adults unless they meet them once a week or more than 3 days per month or between the hours of 2am and 6am.

All councillors are Corporate Parents to all of the children in Council care, so they should actively safeguard and protect those who are looked after. Abuse of children has now been shown to have taken place for many years in and out of Council homes across the country.

It is important therefore that residents are confident that all of our Councillors are people who

All Councillors should have a criminal records check even if they never work with children or only do so rarely.

can be trusted with our children.

**Bob Sullivan** says, *"All councillors therefore should be checked."*

If you agree with our views on protecting our children then please fill in the petition below:

## Petition

To ensure that we do the utmost to safeguard and protect our children in care we ask that the Council instruct all elected councillors to have a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

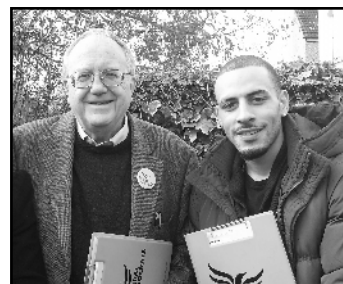
I would like to help with the petition

**Please send to:** LIBERAL DEMOCRAT FOCUS TEAM  
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# Thank You



Bob - Jerome

**Bob Sullivan, Jerome Harvey-Agyei, Audrey Lee** and the whole of the local **Lib Dem team** would like to say a huge 'thank you' for the support they received in the recent elections.

Although the result was very disappointing, the response from residents has been hugely positive. The team will continue to work hard for residents, keeping you informed through **Focus** and fighting the Labour Council's waste and incompetence.

## Can You Trust Labour To Run The Council?

# Brooks Farm – Skeltons Lane

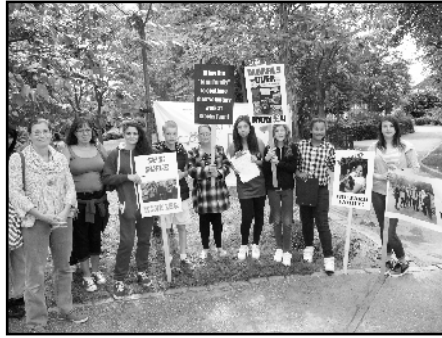


Skeltons Lane Park is also home to **Brooks Farm**, a city farm that has been run by the Council for many years. The farm has recently been taken over by the YMCA who have acquired funding to renovate it. The farm looks very smart and even has a café.

**Focus Team member Bob Sullivan** who has been associated with the farm for over 30 years says; “It is more a venue that has animals than a real city farm, but it is well worth a visit”

## Residents protest at YMCA changes

Unfortunately the children who had, over the years, worked at Brooks Farm as volunteers have been told that they are not wanted. The YMCA has said that there will be events which children can participate on the farm but they will need to pay for the privilege. The children’s parents have been protesting about this and have launched a petition. They believe the previous Farm Family is being broken up.



Local residents protesting outside Brooks Farm

**Bob Sullivan** is currently trying to organise a meeting between the parents and the YMCA to try to get an agreeable solution.

**Focus** will keep you informed of the outcome.

## Liberal Democrats: Fighting for you.

### Graylaw House now Coronation House



The owners of **Graylaw House** last year were refused planning permission by the Council to convert it into a hotel. **The Focus Team** has noticed it is now called Coronation House. From the team’s investigation it looks as if it has been turned into a bed and breakfast place. A revised planning

application has not been received by the Council. **The Team** has asked the Council’s Planning Enforcement officer to investigate.

**Focus** will keep you informed of the outcome.

# Lion and Key?



The former Lion and Key pub at the junction of Church Road and Leyton High Road

A few years ago the owners of the **Lion and Key pub** got permission to turn it into a mental health drop in centre. The Council was pleased as the façade of the pub was kept and a useful health facility was built. Local residents were pleased as they were not now woken up with disturbances from the pub.

Well, can you believe it, the Council has now agreed that the building can be turned into a hotel and has recently agreed a further floor can be built on the top. **Focus** is not aware of any consultation on this with local residents. It is more bizarre as only last year they refused a planning application to turn the old **Graylaw House** site, which is only a stone’s throw from the **Lion and Key**, into a hotel.



What is the Council up to! **Focus** will be investigating and will report back.

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## Problems - Ideas - Views

What do you think?

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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