

Do we really want to gamble with our families future and prosperity?

Every election is important but the referendum on June 23rd is the most important that many of us will vote on for a generation.

Being in Europe brings peace, prosperity and jobs. It helps us to work together to tackle global challenges like climate change, cross border crime and terrorism and it gives us the freedom to live, work and travel across the continent. These are the things worth fighting for.

Focus says: It is not surprising that all the countries in the Commonwealth, the USA, NATO and Europe believe it is better for Britain to be in Europe and not out of Europe. Breaking our ties with Europe will be a leap into the dark. Do we really want to ignore our friends and allies and put our jobs, our future and our families at risk?

If you would like to discuss the referendum, then please meet us at our street stalls in the area or contact us on www.walthamforestlibdems.org, www.facebook.com/walthamlibdems/ or www.twitter.com/walthamlibdems



Lib Dem campaigner Bob Sullivan & colleagues running an EU Remain street stall at Leyton Mills

15 Minute Parking Petition - update

Focus has had a massive response to the petition to keep the 15 minute free parking. They have been assisted by the businesses in **Leyton High Road** who have used the petition in their shops to get hundreds of signatures opposing the Council's plan. Shopkeepers are worried that this is another one of the Councils policies that attack local shops.



Focus will inform the Council of residents' and local shopkeepers' anger at this policy.

All very strange!



The block of flats on the corner of **Leyton High Road** and **Coopers Lane** called **Station Parade** is

being increased by another floor.

The Council agreed that it could be built without any consultation with anyone as the plans were agreed by a council officer with delegated powers. The lack of normal planning procedure came as a surprise to residents as the site has been the centre of many complaints for over a decade.

Focus says: We will be investigating why the plan for this building was treated in a special way.

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Bywater's and Oliver Road developments



Having reported that **Bywaters** are planning to build two 18 storey blocks of flats on its site, we now hear that the Council is also planning to build over 600 flats nearby.

This will mean demolishing the **Score Leisure Centre** in **Oliver Road** and transferring the football pitches to **Ive Farm** playing fields.

As the **Score** site is owned by the Council we expect that any development in **Oliver Road** will be social housing.

Focus will keep you informed of developments as they unfold.

Coronation Gardens Food Market

Local residents have been concerned about a licence application for a food market in **Coronation Gardens** which includes music and the sale of alcohol. The market would be every Saturday 9am to 5pm.

Focus Team member Bob Sullivan

visited the market on the two trial Saturdays in May. He was very impressed by the way the market was organised. He discussed residents' concerns about the sale of alcohol and music with the management of the market and the local police and he was assured that abuse, if any, would be dealt with. Bob has written to the Council and has suggested various conditions be attached to the licence. These deal with the size of the market and the concerns about noise and alcohol.

Focus says: The food market in Coronation Gardens is an excellent addition to the Gardens and should bring many people and families into the park to enjoy the surroundings.



Food Market stalls can be seen
in the background

Save the Lombardy Poplars

A row of Lombardy Poplars stands between the two planned developments by Bywaters and the Council.

The Focus Team has contacted the Council asking for assurance that these trees will not be cut down. They have been there for over 100 years and not only are they a feature in the area but also shield the area from winds coming off the marshes. **Focus** will keep you informed of developments.

Beaumont Estate residents refuse a CPZ

The Focus Team has heard that residents of Beaumont Estate have voted against making the estate a controlled parking zone (CPZ). L&Q, the Housing Association were to arrange for a private company to manage the CPZ for just over £17 a year which is much less than the Council CPZ scheme.

Meadows Close

Residents of **Meadows Close** are asking that the alleyway between **Meadows Close** and **Marsh Lane** be blocked off. They say it does not serve any purpose but encourages illegal parking in the Close so that people can pick up their children from local schools.

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Council overlooks Beaumont Estate residents' rat run concerns

The 'Mini Holland' plan for blocking **Vicarage Road** at **Capworth Street** were highlighted in **Focus 363** particularly as it will cause a rat-run through the narrow Beaumont Estate roads to get from the **High Road** to **Church Road**. A meeting with residents only produced a minor change to the original plans. The Council states that they are not considering any additional measures.

Focus says: Beaumont residents will now have to put up with increased traffic so that the Council can continue with their 'Mini Holland' plans.

Dunedin Road - post box

At last the post box on the corner of **Dunedin Road**, which was closed due to the building works, has now been reopened.

We Want To Hear From YOU - I Think Something Should Be Done About:

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