

How high can we allow developers to build?



Focus has previously reported on the massive high rise flat developments in Leyton. Only recently **Focus Team member Bob Sullivan** and residents spoke against the 16 storey block at the end of **Dunedin Road** which followed the 18 storey development in **Lea Bridge Road**. It appears that developers are having a field day as the Council continually agree the building of unaffordable multi high rise flats in the borough.

The latest plan submitted by the owners of the Mall shopping centre in Walthamstow is to build four blocks including one of 27 storeys! Currently local residents have presented a 2,000 plus petition to

the Council in protest against the plans. If you would like to support the local residents then contact 'Save Walthamstow Town Centre' on line:

<http://wfoc.blogspot.co.uk/2016/10/save-town-centre.html>

Focus says: In our experience the Labour Council never listens to residents and carries on agreeing the over development of every bit of land for multi high rise unaffordable flats.

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Ive Farm Close - major works needed

Following residents' complaints about the poor condition of the road and pavements and other areas in **Ive Farm Close**, London and Quadrant Housing Association (L&Q) has contacted the Council to adopt the road and pavements.

If agreed this would mean that the Council will have the responsibility for the road, footpaths, lighting and trees within **Ive Farm Close** including putting in new parking restrictions and double yellow lines. L&Q say there will be full resident consultation to discuss the plans.

Focus says: There are a number of vehicles that park illegally on the pavement without crossovers. Residents should contact L&Q if they require a dropped kerb.



Where are our Local Labour Councillors now?

Where are our local councillors? Well they are not in our area. They do not even live in our area.

One lives in another ward, another lives in another borough and we believe that the other is still at University in Glasgow doing a full time course. They will all give the impression that they are local councillors, but they have been deceiving you.

Focus believes that at least one of our local councillors should live in and know what is going on in the area, but none is a bit of a joke.

What do you think?

Contact **Focus** with your views.

Focus Team fighting the cuts

Focus Team member Amanda Connolly was in Parliament on 16th Oct with Crisis (the Homeless Charity) in support of the Homelessness Reduction Bill. The government has pledged its "full and unfettered" support for the bill, aimed at forcing councils in England to do more to tackle homelessness.

Focus says: How has our Labour Council reacted? They have shamelessly slashed £1million off the homeless budget, at a time when they were giving themselves backdated pay rises and spending millions on "free" papers and summer parties.



Park Rd, Grange Park Rd and Goldsmith Rd - Parking fears for residents

The consultation for a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) in the Vicarage and Beaumont Road area has worried residents in nearby roads like Park Road, Grange Park Road and Goldsmith Road.

These roads are already heavily parked owing to nearby roads with CPZs.

If the residents of Vicarage and Beaumont area opt for a CPZ their roads will become more heavily parked.

Focus says: The Council's creeping CPZ policy will inevitably force every road in Leyton to become a CPZ. Maybe they should then review their charging policy.



Grange Park Road - already heavily parked

Manor Road/ Capworth Street/ Park Road works - update



The Council is planning a number of works in the local area which will form part of the Leyton to Blackhorse walking and cycling route. They include a new zebra crossing outside Riverley School on Park Road, improve the existing closure on Manor Road at the junction with Park Road and raising the road to pavement level at the Manor Road and Capworth Street junction.

More flats planned



Leyton Service Centre - yet more flats

Leyton Service Centre at 404 - 424 Leyton High Road has been given planning permission to convert the business into a retail outlet on the ground floor and 9 flats above. It seems the Council can't wait to give developers permission to build more expensive flats that local people cannot afford.

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Jubilee Park - dogs mess

The children's play area and Pirate Ship in Jubilee Park is very welcoming to children and families but residents have complained about the number of dogs off-lead who mess on the open grass area.

Focus on behalf of an angry resident took this up with the Council to get some action. Their reply was - 'Whilst Jubilee Park is a park where dogs

can be walked off lead it still has certain restrictions that apply to dogs being walked there under Dog Control Orders (DCO)'.

Focus says: This is not enough. There should be notices put up with the restrictions to dog walkers and the Council should look at banning dogs off lead in the children's play areas. Focus will keep you informed of developments.

Bakers Arms - disappearing bins!

Have you noticed that bins are disappearing from well populated areas such as the Bakers Arms recently? This is leading to an increase in littering.

Focus says: Please let us know if noticed bin/s missing in your area.

Problems - Ideas - Views Contact Your Liberal Democrat Focus Team

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