



New School Plans for Leyton

The Council has recently been consulting on plans to build an all-through school on part of the Leyton cricket ground.

George Mitchell School would be demolished and, together with **Beaumont Primary School**, moved to the northern end of the cricket ground where the bowls and tennis courts are. **Norlington Boys School** would then be relocated to a new building on the George Mitchell site in Farmer Road.

Whilst new schools and improved sports facilities in Leyton are what are needed to give our children the best start in life, your **Lib Dem Focus Team** will be closely monitoring the results of the consultation. We will make sure that residents' concerns and questions are not overlooked. If you have any questions or concerns that you have not already submitted then please contact the **Focus Team**.



Focus Team campaigner Neal Chubb at Leyton cricket ground

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Dawlish Primary School

Teachers and support staff of **Dawlish Primary School**



are pleased to have received a glowing report from the Government Ofsted Inspectors. The school passed with flying colours.

The report states that Dawlish is a good school where pupils enjoy working in a caring, nurturing environment where every child matters. Community cohesion is excellent and the staff work hard to ensure that pupils are cared for and make good progress in class. Parents can be assured that their children are getting a really good start.

Well done, everyone!

Double by-election win for local Lib Dems



Two more **Lib Dem Focus Team** activists have been elected to Waltham Forest Council. The victory in **Hale End and Highams Park ward**, in Chingford, takes the number of **Lib Dem** councillors to 20 – the highest in the history of the Council.

Lib Dem Focus Team members won 4 out of the 5 local by-elections in the borough during 2008 and are still the only party with councillors in Leyton, Leytonstone, Walthamstow and Chingford.

Lib Dem Focus Team member, Neal Chubb said: *"The result just goes to show that residents appreciate and reward our commitment to year round hard work and accountability through the local Focus newsletter. Local people know they can trust the Lib Dem team to produce action all year round – not just at election time."*

Leyton Mills - update

An article in **Focus 233** highlighted the problem of placing police, full time, at **Leyton Mills**. Your **Lib Dem Focus Team** is pleased, therefore, to report that additional police will be permanently active in the shopping area. We hope that their presence, based in **ASDA**, will, at last stop the illegal DVD sellers and three card tricksters who have plagued the area for so long.



Confusion over Give Way markings

The Lib Dem Focus Team has been approached by a number of drivers confused by the junction of **Dawlish and Murchison Roads**. Following the implementation of the new, and long awaited, one-way system, the signs and road markings appear to encourage everyone to 'give way' This results in hesitation from all drivers wondering who has the right of way.

Lib Dem Focus Team member, Paul Olford is asking for clarification and the removal of redundant signs and marking.

Grove Green Lib Dem Focus Team working for local people

Lib Dem Councillors Surgery/Advice Centre

The Liberal Democrats run a confidential

Surgery/Advice centre.

Every Saturday between 10.00am and 12.00 noon at:

Leyton Library corner of Leyton High Rd and Ruckholt Rd
No appointments are necessary

Focus Team Action File

Focus Team member, **Jenny Sullivan** has reported that **Murchison Road** between **Francis and Norlington Roads** needs to be swept more often or more effectively.

Whilst visiting **Pretoria Road**, **Lib Dem Focus Team member, Neal Chubb** noted that the road was very dirty has asked that it be cleaned as a matter of priority.

Paul Olford, a member of the **Focus Team**, has asked that the blocked drain outside **103 Newport Road** be dealt with urgently.

The broken road sign column at the junction of **Beaconsfield and Leyton Park Roads** has been reported.

Neal Chubb has asked for a new road name sign for **Lindley Road**, at the High Road end.

Planning News



The proposal to change a family home in **Grove Green Road** into a residential care home for up to five adults has been refused. The plan submitted did not meet 'Access for All' guidelines.

Comment from Parliamentary Spokesperson Farooq Oureshi



Lib Dem Parliamentary spokesperson, Cllr Farooq Oureshi, like most people, is concerned about the way the Government is addressing the financial crisis. He says: "We have given billions to the banks but they are failing to lend money for mortgages and businesses. This is why **Nick Clegg, the Leader of the Liberal Democrats**, has challenged the Prime Minister to use one of the part-nationalised banks as a state bank to lend money directly to struggling British businesses.

Locally many people and families are wondering how they will make ends meet in an ever deepening crisis. With this in mind the local **Lib Dems** have asked the Council to look at ways to help people with the financial problems they are facing. The good news is that the Council is planning to keep Council Tax increases to below 2 per cent next year and will let people pay in 12 instalments rather than ten. The Council will also settle their bills with local businesses within 10 days. It is important that we keep looking for ways to help. Actions are far better than words."

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