

New School Plans for Leyton

The Council wants to include **George Mitchell School, Norlington Boys School** and **Beaumont Primary School** in their plans to create an all through school with a leisure area on part of the Leyton cricket ground and the George Mitchell site. Local consultation on the plans has taken place recently.

George Mitchell School would be demolished and moved to the northern end of the cricket ground where the bowls and derelict tennis courts are sited. A new Norlington Boys School would be built on the George Mitchell site. The cricket pitch and football pitches would not be affected.

New schools and improved sports facilities in Leyton are what is needed to give our children the best start in life, but 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 do have any questions or concerns that you have not already submitted then please contact the **Focus Team**.



Leyton ward Lib Dem Cllr. **Winnie Smith** outside the former cricket ground

Comment from Parliamentary Spokesperson **Farooq Qureshi**



The Lib Dem Parliamentary spokesman **Cllr. Farooq Qureshi** says: "We have given billions to our banks but they are failing to lend money for mortgages and businesses.

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 cope, with the ever deepening crisis, to make ends meet. To help out, the local Lib Dems have asked the Council to look at ways to help people with the financial problems they are facing.

Well, good news! The Council is planning to keep Council Tax down to below 2 per cent next year. They will also increase the instalment time to pay from 10 months to 12 months and the Council will settle their bills with local businesses within 10 days. **Action is better than words**".

Leyton Lib Dem Focus Team working for YOU

Riverley Primary School



Teachers and staff of the new **Riverley**

Primary School in Park Road are pleased to have received a glowing report from Government Inspectors. The school passed the inspection with flying colours. Not only is it a good school but it was deemed to be outstanding for its community cohesion activities and the way in which the children were looked after. Parents can be assured that our children are getting the best of starts in our local school.

York Road



The lake of water that forms in **York Road** every time it rains may be a thing of the past. Following pressure from the **Focus Team** the Council has carried out further works to the drainage in this area, which they say should solve the problem. **Focus** will continue to monitor this problem area.

Skeltons Lane Park

The **Lib Dem Focus Team** has previously reported in **Focus** how **Skeltons Lane Park** needs a park keeper due to the popularity of the park with local families. The Council is currently setting next year's budget and the **Lib Dem Team** are pressing that the park gets its park keeper.



Temple Mills shopping area

The long awaited agreement to have permanent police officers stationed at the Temple Mills shopping area has been agreed.

From the 1st March police will be permanently active in the shopping area. They will be using the ASDA store as their base. We hope that the police presence will, at last, stop the DVD sellers and cardsharps that have plagued the area for years.

Lea Hall Gardens

Residents of **Lea Hall Gardens** have been plagued with bird droppings from the pigeons roosting on their roofs. This has caused the front of their flats and balconies to be covered with an unhealthy mess. **Cllr. Bob Sullivan** has got Forest Homes L&Q to arrange for netting to be put up to stop the birds roosting.

Focus says: *Please do not encourage pigeons by feeding them, as they are a big health hazard.*



Security

Cllr. Bob Sullivan has got Forest Homes to put in a security door to the entrance to **Lea Hall Gardens**. The stair well has become a regular place for anti-social behaviour. Residents have been fearful of going in and out of their block in case of trouble. We hope the door will stop this problem and bring well-needed security to the residents.

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

Wilmot Road

The original plans to convert the small business at **20 Wilmot Road** into flats was thrown out by the Council last year. **Focus** has received notice of new plans submitted to the Council. **Focus** will be looking at them and consulting with local residents to make sure that these plans are not an over development of the site.

St Matthews Court

Residents of **St Matthews Court**, Capworth Street have complained about the rubbish bins continually left out by the entrance to the Court. **The Focus Team** has contacted Forest Homes to get the bins put back in the bin store and only to be taken out the day the rubbish is collected.

Liberal Democrat Focus Team getting things done for our area

Smelly crossing?

In **Focus 301** we mentioned that the drains in **Oliver Road** were smelly and needed cleaning. This was done, but a resident said that the smells were coming from the back of the **Score Centre**. Can other residents confirm this? Please contact the **Focus Team**.

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We want to hear from YOU

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I think something should be done about.....

RETURN TO: THE FOCUS TEAM, 24 THORNHILL ROAD, E10 5LL

The Liberal Democrats may contact you from time to time to keep you informed on issues we think you may find of interest. Please let us know if you do not wish the information above to be used for this purpose.

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