

**Focus**

**Church End**

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## **Massive Eastwood Close apartment block application turned down !**

**Councillors and residents combined to reject the developers application to build a massive 9 - storey apartment block on the Station Estate, off Eastwood Close.**

The application was for 150 flats, including 34 suites, 54 one bedroom flats, 56 two bedroom flats and 6 three bedroom flats. There was only provision for 59 parking spaces. The 'amenity space' was mainly on balcony terraces overlooking the Central Line

Cllr Richard Hoskins had asked for the Regulatory Planning committee members to visit the site, so that they could see the impact of the proposed building.. A number of them had done this with him prior to the meeting.

### **We will always say no to out of scale developments**

Several residents contacted us before the meeting telling us how horrified they were at the proposal. As none of us were sitting on this particular committee we were able to assure them of our support. Unlike some other local politicians, we have not softened our opposition to out of scale overbearing redevelopments.

A number of residents turned up at the meeting and spoke strongly setting out a clear case for refusing planning permission. They were supported, among others, by Cllr Felicity Banks our Lib Dem Councillor colleague in Roding ward

The plan was turned down. So now we wait to see if the developers will appeal over the Council's head to central government and their Bristol

## **Stopping the floods**

Thames Water have at last agreed to carry out a scheme to improve drainage in St Albans Road. Welcome news to many local residents who have suffered flooding over the years.

But the scheme is being held up. As we write this Focus no one can agree where to site the construction vehicles. The Council's Planning and Highways Departments are involved with the Corporation of London and some residents who don't want the construction equipment outside their homes . We will try and get agreement so the much needed work can be done.

**Acting locally - thinking globally !**

# Derby Road Car Park - what's going to happen next ?

You know we want the Council to make this free to local residents. Just as it used to be.

Before the May elections we persuaded the Tory Cabinet Member responsible for car parks to agree to consider this. However nothing further has been heard on the subject So we raised it at the last Area 2 meeting.

In the meantime we have picked up rumours that the Tory council administration wants to sell off the Derby Road car park

We know they are desperate to raise money to pay for their £34 million swimming pool in Ilford.

If the Tory councillors do sell off the Derby Road car park it will go to developers who will build more flats there.

## Church End Tories u-turn on redevelopment ?

Is that why the Church End Tories latest leaflet says they "won't oppose redevelopment for its own sake". Or do they mean they won't oppose more flat building when our Tory Council sell its land to developers ?

# No to ID Cards !

**Liberal Democrats are leading the campaign to stop Tony Blair's expensive plans for Identity Cards.**

The cards could cost £10 billion and will be a huge waste of money. And we will each be charged more than £80 to have one!

'The Liberal Democrats are the only major party to have consistently opposed ID cards' says Cllr Hugh Cleaver the local Lib Dem leader

'Winston Churchill scrapped them, Margaret Thatcher was always against them, but the current lot of Tories shilly-shally. Back in 1995 even Tony Blair said the money would be better spent on more police than ID cards!'

## Local Action

Here in Redbridge the 9 strong Lib Dem group of councillors is backing the all-party campaign "No2IDcards" campaign

They have tabled a motion for next full meeting of Redbridge Council on Nov 16th opposing ID cards.

The Lib Dem councillors want Redbridge Council to declare its opposition to the ID cards and to refuse to have anything to do with them unless required to do so by law.

For more information contact us or email the all-party 'redbridge@no2id.net' or the local Lib Dems on [www.redbridgelibdems.co.uk](http://www.redbridgelibdems.co.uk)

## ID Cards - back the campaign

ID Cards won't stop terrorism or crime but they will cost billions of pounds to introduce. You can help the campaign against ID Cards by adding your name to the petition below.

**We, the undersigned, believe that the Government should scrap its plans for ID cards and spend more money on more police**

Your Name/s

Address

Please return this petition to any of the 3 Councillors

**Or sign the petition online at [www.libdems.org.uk/noidcards](http://www.libdems.org.uk/noidcards)**

## **Grove Road massage parlour to close**

A number of residents have contacted us telling their concerns over the unlicensed massage parlour that has been operating there for some time.

They were worried by the men waiting around the area late at night. Then the arson attack in which a young female visitor was badly injured appeared on Crimewatch.

We had previously contacted the police and the Council's planning department. Now the owner of the premises has agreed to stop the operation of the parlour.

## **Safety Barrier on A406**

We are still backing the campaign to get Transport for London to raise the central reservation barriers in the A406 near Elm-hurst Gardens.

Unbelievably adults and children run across the 11 lane A406 here, using it as a short cut.

We want Transport for London to play its part in making this stretch of road safe.

No one else must be tempted and die crossing this stretch of roadway.

## **Council cuts local funding**

The Council decided to stop funding the local traders group in Woodford Green/Bridge, who pay for hanging baskets and Christmas lights in their area.

Instead they passed the buck to our Area 2 Committee. We complained about this. Now we will have to use £7,500 from our limited budget instead of spending to money on other local improvements

**Of course the vast Council spending on Ilford Town Centre continues with no cuts there !**

## **Churchfields Park action**

*Cllr Nicola Sinclair is sponsoring a survey on Churchfields Park among local residents. She wants to identify the ways residents feel they can best use the park.*

*Following action from Nicola swings have been mended, graffiti removed and another piece of play equipment is on the way.*

*Consideration is now being given to a change in the by-laws to ban drinking in the park.*

*Later security patrols have also been arranged for Friday & Saturday nights by the Council's Parks Security and our Neighbourhood Community Police.*

*We want Churchfields Park to be an amenity all local people can enjoy and take pride in*

## **Speed Guns into action**

*Area 2 sponsored a speed gun for use by our Community Police. It has been in action recently in Churchfields & Shenfield Roads & Cavendish Ave.*

*Police officers will also be targeting other local roads over coming weeks*

## **Woodford New Road traffic islands**

*Transport for London agreed to pay for the new islands on Woodford New Road.*

*Residents have told us they have slowed traffic down and reduced dangerous overtaking in the stretch between the Salway Hill roundabout and Waterworks Corner*

## **Bunces Lane one-way change**

Area 2 Committee agreed to bring in a one-way system from Woodford New Rd to Salway Hill.

This was decided following discussion with St Aubyn's School. Measures will be put in to protect The Roses from motorists using the area for parking and turning.

*Cllr Richard Hoskins has been re-elected as co-chair of the Area 2 Committee for the coming year*

**Further Planning  
Application for 29  
St Ronans Crescent**

Another application has been sent in for extensions to this house.

Another was turned down recently by officers.

Copies of the latest application number 2567/06 are available in the Library. Resident wishing to comment of the plans can write to The Planning Officer, Town Hall, Ilford quoting the reference number above.

**Neighbourhood Watch**

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**Hillcrest Rd : Keith Lloyd**

**Napier Arms given warning to improve**

Cllr Nicola Sinclair called for a review of the Napier Arms Licence following requests from residents. It took place at a special Licensing Committee meeting on October 5th.

Having listened to Nicola, residents and the licensee the Licensing Committee decided to tighten the conditions on noise limitation controls to reduce nuisance to residents.

The committee gave the Napier until Jan 1st to fully meet the licensing conditions. If it fails more serious action may be taken.

**Traders Concern over new QMC railings.**

Following complaints from traders we have asked Council officers to explain why the new crossing and railings outside the former QMC went up without consultation.

The crossing outside the Library will also be removed with part of its railings.

The costs were met by the developers as one of the conditions before getting planning permission. But there should have been proper public consultation

**Buckingham Road - Pavement Parking ?**

Residents in Buckingham Road are going to be consulted by the Council, to see whether or not they want pavement parking.

The Council cannot afford to lower the kerbs so they will remain at their present height above the road surface. Residents will have a simple choice "Yes" or "No" to the pavement parking.

**Cleaner, Greener , Safer !**

**Please let us know your ideas for improving our area !**

Your Name/s ..... Address .....  
..... Tel/email .....

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