



FOCUS on LOXFORD

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Tories cut care budget despite pleas

About 400 people in Redbridge would lose care services when the Tories backed the changes in the eligibility criteria with a margin of two votes 31-29 at the last Council meeting. All Liberal Democrat Councillors voted against this proposal. Many angry careers spoke at the meeting but the Tory administration ignored them. More than 86% of these people are pensioners and will be left dependent on their families. Tories blamed this action on poor funding from Labour Government and ignored the pleas for any options. The rise in threshold of the eligibility criteria came into effect from 1 August 2007. Care remains in place for need, who were previously cared for, would lose out or disqualified.



A tale of two Jags

Redbridge Council ordered two gas guzzling, CO2 polluting Jaguars last December for use of Mayor and senior Council officers. When challenged Council Leader Alan Weinberg blamed the officers for the decision to buy these cars. Liberal Democrat Councillors Richard Hoskins and Irfan Mustafa tabled a motion to the Council in May 2007 saying the Council should use 'green' environmental friendly cars. The Tory Leader of the Council stood up at the meeting and agreed. He said the deal should be cancelled. With in weeks he was forced to admit that he had himself authorised the Jaguars six months earlier and could not be cancelled. The deal cost Redbridge taxpayers £120,000. Judge this Council administration for yourself

The Council's Top priority should be reducing anti social behaviour.



That was the message residents across the Redbridge gave the Council when they asked you in their survey how they should spend Council tax money. Instead the Tory cabinet cut the crime reduction budget by £185,000. Ten Liberal Democrat Councillors led the attack on the Tory budget at this years Council tax meeting and still putting pressure to provide more. Loxford ward has suffered long with anti social behaviour, high crime rate and open prostitution on high street. The Police and Safer Neighbourhood Team are working hard but even Borough Commander Dave Grant ask the Council to reverse their decision on cutting Crime Reduction scheme budget but Tory cabinet is not listening.

Liberal Democrats say that people have the right to live in safe neighbourhoods. If you have any concerns about the Loxford Ward, Please write to Liberal Democrat Team.

I/We have concern about _____

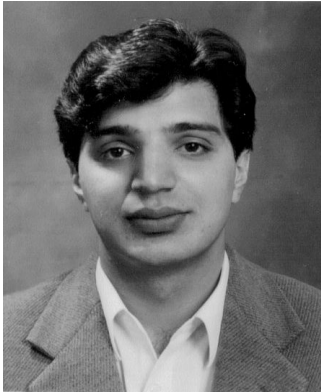
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Please return this form to Liberal Democrat Team at 141 Woodlands Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1JR
The Liberal Democrats may use this information to contact you from time to time on issues we feel may be important. If you do not want to receive this information please place a tick in this box

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Loxford Liberal Democrat



Jamshed Nawaz has lived in Loxford for 30 years. He is married and has a son. He took over his father's local business and has been managing it for the last five years. Jamshed has been actively involved in the community and has concerns about local representation. He stood for local elections in May 2006.

On joining Liberal Democrat, Jamshed said "Both Tory and Labour Parties have failed to address the issues and concerns of local people. On the other hand Liberal Democrats have grass root policies such as crime reduction, cleaner and greener neighbourhoods and involve local residents in decision making process. Loxford Ward has suffered for a long change of direction. My main priority is to work with local residents, the Council and Police to handle crime and high Anti Social Behaviour in Loxford Ward".

Contact Jamshed Nawaz on 07702401513 or email jamshed1973@googlemail.com.

Other Liberal Democrats details will be published in future Editions of Focus.

[If you would like to join Redbridge Liberal Democrats.](#)

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SAVE OUR POST OFFICES



The Labour Government has announced that it will close more than 2500 post offices including Ilford's main Post Office -this despite overwhelming public opposition. WH Smiths in the Exchange is taking over business.

Liberal Democrats have opposed Governments Plans to close Post Offices. Liberal Democrats put forward plan to invest £2 billion in Post Office, Open new branches where needed, Retain Post Office Card Accounts for benefit payments.

Liberal Democrats have launched a petition to Save Our Post Offices Please sign our petition on:

<http://www.libdems.org.uk/commerce/issues/postoffice>

USEFUL NUMBERS

We list here some useful numbers for local services

Abandoned Cars 020 8708 3946

Fly Tipping 020 8708

5510 Graffiti

020

8708 5512

Pest Control 020

8708 5716

Land Sales Petition

Redbridge Liberal Democrats have put a petition to the Prime Minister condemning Redbridge Council's plans of sale of allotments, car parks and other open spaces worth £200 millions without proper consultation of public and decision taken behind close doors. To show your support, please sign the petition by logging on the following link.

<http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/LBRlandsales>

Please visit Liberal Democrats Surgery at 141 Woodlands Road, Ilford, IG1 1JR

Every Friday between 5.30 – 6.30 p.

If you wish to help or join Liberal Democrats and the Focus Team of Loxford Ward,
Please contact **Liberal Democrats Team** at the above address.

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