

# FOCUS

**Your Local Newsletter No. 282**

## Controlled parking for Ferndale, Malvern and Montague Roads



Ferndale Road

When the Council carried out a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) consultation in **Ferndale, Malvern and Montague Roads**, 75% of residents who responded voted in favour of a CPZ.

These residents will now be pleased to learn that the Council has agreed to set up a CPZ in the whole of **Ferndale and Malvern Roads** and the top part of **Montague Road**.

On the even numbered side of Montague the CPZ will cover from Ferndale down to Cookes Close, and on the opposite side down to Fred Wigg Tower.

The days and hours of operation will be Monday – Friday from 10.00am – 2.00pm. It is intended that the scheme will be implemented by January 2017.

### When are we going to hear from ... our Labour Councillors?

### Will Waltham Forest tenants get a refund of the water charge?

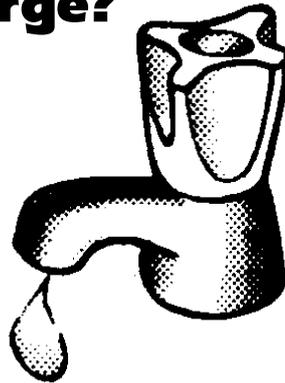
In March of this year Southwark Council lost a High Court case on water charges which could affect councils all over London including Waltham Forest. Councils collect payment for water and sewerage services from tenants on behalf of Thames Water and in return the councils receive a commission fee.

The High Court found Southwark Council should have passed on any savings to tenants, as they were technically reselling water services.

**Southwark has already announced that they have “decided not to appeal the decision,” and are refunding current and past tenants up to £700.**

**Waltham Forest should do the same.** Waltham Forest Council say they accept that “**establishing the legality of a practice is a matter for the Courts**”. Yet instead of refunding people straight away, they are still ganging up with other councils to hire “**an external firm and a barrister**” to give them legal advice on what to do.

**Focus Team member Liz Phillips** says: If you are a Waltham Forest tenant and you want to do something about this, fill in the slip and return it to the **Focus Team at 61 Matcham Road, Leytonstone, E11 3LA.**



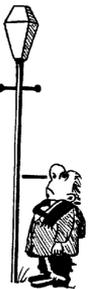
Happy Christmas & a peaceful New Year from your Focus Team



### Let there be light!

The alleyway on **Leytonstone High Road** between **The Bell pub** and the closed down **police station** has no lights and potholes, which is dangerous for local residents walking at night.. The lights used to be the responsibility of the police - but not now.

**Focus Team member Rupert Alexander** has contacted the council to find out who is now responsible for managing the lights.



### Water Charges Survey

I/we believe that Waltham Forest Council should follow Southwark's example and refund overcharges to their tenants

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Post Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Tel \_\_\_\_\_

# PLANNING PERMISSION for Theobin House refused



Theobin House

The revised plans for **Theobin House** on the corner of **Sansom/Acacia Roads** were refused by the Council. The two reasons for refusal were:

- failure to provide business units that were on the original plans, which are now flats and
- failure to provide outside amenity space for occupiers. Theori & Partners who own the flats are appealing to the Secretary of State.

**Focus** will keep you informed of the decision.

**Lib Dem Focus Team: Local People - Local Action - All Year Round**



## Buxton Primary School – new school opened

**Focus** is pleased to report the successful opening of the new **Buxton Primary School**, the entrance is via **Courtenay Road** and **Cann Hall Park**, in **Cann Hall Road**. The next stage will be the demolition of the old

school on the corner of **Woodhouse** and **Cann Hall Roads** to make way for the building of the new **Buxton Secondary School**.

## Fly Tipping

Although the Council provides a free bulk collection service we are still plagued with fly-tipping. The two photographs show a mattress in **Borthwick Road** and general rubbish in **Woodhouse Road**.



Rubbish dumped in Woodhouse Road



Mattress reported in Borthwick Road

Please report any fly-tipping to Neighbourhood Officer **Anmol Rana**, on: [anmol.rana@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:anmol.rana@walthamforest.gov.uk). If you are not on email then please contact the **Focus Team**.



## Problems - Ideas - Views, We Want To Hear From You

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Tel/Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Return to THE CANN HALL FOCUS TEAM, 61 MATCHAM ROAD, LEYTONSTONE, E11 3LA**

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**Working together to improve our area**

**Focus Team member Rupert Alexander** recently had a meeting with the Council's South Neighbourhood Area Manager, at which residents' concerns were highlighted. The following are some of the issues discussed:

- Persistent fly-tipping underneath **Pevensay Road** and **Vansittart Road** bridges plus other well documented locations.
- The need for CCTV to be installed in hotspots -to deter and detect anti-social behaviour.
- Particular businesses taking responsibility by sweeping outside their premises at the end of the working day in **Winchelsea Road**.
- Litter bins installed where appropriate.
- Irregular street sweeping by the refuse team causing neighbourhoods to look an eyesore.

**Focus says:** It is important that residents receive responsive local services. We will keep you informed of progress.

## Focus Team fighting the cuts

**Lib Dem activist Amanda Connolly** was in Parliament with **Crisis** (the Homelessness Charity) in support of the Homelessness Reduction Bill. The government has pledged its "Full and unfettered" support for the bill, aimed at forcing councils to do more to tackle homelessness. **Focus Team member Alice Thomas asks:** How has our Labour Council reacted? They have shamelessly slashed £1million off the homelessness budget, at a time when they were giving themselves backdated pay rises and spending millions on "free" papers and summer parties.

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