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Your Local Newsletter



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Campaigns carried out by the Lib Dem Focus Team

Opposing Labour's closure of Harrow Green Library

Labour run Waltham Forest council voted to close down Harrow Green Library on 2 December 2011. All the Labour councillors voted, en masse, for the closure. This included Cann Hall's two Labour councillors. They did this despite the fact that well over 5,000 local residents signed petitions, one carried out by local **Liberal Democrats**, to keep it open. It is quite clear that our two Labour councillors obey Labour Party diktat rather than the views of the very people they represent. Shame on them!

Lib Dem Focus Team member Liz Phillips said: *"the statistic that struck me most was that 50% of the library users are local children. My main reason for doing the petition was for them and their future"*.



Liz Phillips and Clyde Kitson outside Harrow Green Library with the petition



Rupert, Liz and Adrian outside Leytonstone Fire Station

Lib Dems Oppose Fire Service Cuts

The grass fires in Leytonstone emphasised why we need our local fire engines to stay and not to be cut back. Recently **Lib Dems** along with other elected members of the London Fire Authority voted once again to reject the widespread closure of fire stations being pushed forward by the Mayor Boris Johnson. The plans included removing one engine from each station in Leytonstone, Leyton and Chingford.

Focus team member Rupert Alexander says: *"Lib Dems continue to oppose these cuts to our local fire service. We are still running our online petition which you can sign at: <http://eepurl.com/uzftb>"*.

Opposing Labour's plans for a CPZ Residents vote overwhelmingly NO to a CPZ

The Labour Council's proposals to make the whole of Cann Hall Ward a Controlled Parking Zone failed miserably after residents voted a whopping 'NO' to their plans.

After the Olympics, the parking signs were all taken down by Newham, Tower Hamlets and Hackney Councils, but Waltham Forest kept them up in the hope that residents would vote 'YES'. Well, they got a big shock as angry residents set up campaigns to stop the Council from getting their way.



Action against the increase in the number of betting shops

Many residents have been up in arms about the increase in the number of betting shops in Leytonstone.

While an application to turn **'The Thatched House'** into a betting shop was turned down, we were told that there was little the Council could do, owing to planning regulations.

Well, not now!

At a Council meeting **Lib Dem councillors** got the Council to agree a list of measures that will give more planning control of betting shops. We may now, if the Council acts promptly, stop the spread of betting shops in the borough.

and many more including fly-tipping, dirty streets, Labour's reckless spending and those wretched potholes.

Can you trust Labour to run the Council?

Shocking attitude to our children in care



A recent damning report showed that Waltham Forest had five children, in the care of the Council, missing! This shocking report showed the Council's failure to keep some of the most vulnerable children safe while they are in the legal care of the borough. This is nothing short of a disgrace.

Liberal Democrat councillors, including Liz Phillips, were shocked with the news and immediately contacted the Director responsible for the Borough's children to find out what was being done. They were not impressed by the response. They asked that an urgent report go to the Council's Children's committee showing the steps taken to find these children and whether systems and checks are in place to prevent a recurrence. **Liz says:** "I am disgusted that it takes a report to find out that we are failing our children. Like all councillors we have a duty to the children in the Council's care - as we would if they were our own children."

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The Wanstead Tap - premises licence



Following the council inviting responses from residents on **The Wanstead Tap** applying for a Premises Licence, a hearing was held on Friday, 25 April 2014, attended by **Cllr Liz Phillips** and **Focus Team Member Rupert Alexander** plus local residents.

The Premises Licence was granted with the conditions that closing time is at 10pm on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and that the entrance doors must remain closed during events.

The owner Dan Clapton assured the community that events will never go beyond 11pm on a Friday and Saturday. All consumption will take place within the premises and no alcohol will be allowed outside.



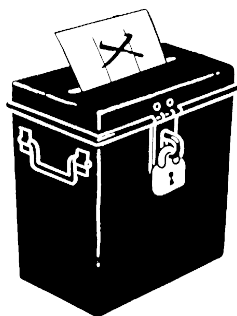
All three Liberal Democrat Focus Team candidates live in Cann Hall

The local election on Thursday 22 May in Cann Hall Ward is between the Liberal Democrats and Labour, as the other parties can't win here.




The Liberal Democrat Focus Team candidates all live in the ward.

Two of the Labour candidates live in Walthamstow.

Only the Liberal Democrats know the issues in the ward.



Cann Hall Liberal Democrat Focus Team

1	Rupert ALEXANDER Liberal Democrat Focus Team		X
9	Liz PHILLIPS Liberal Democrat Focus Team		X
11	Adrian TRETT Liberal Democrat Focus Team		X

**Remember you have three votes at this election
Vote for the Liberal Democrat Focus Team**

Cann Hall Focus Team



Rupert, Liz and Adrian

Labour Council wasting your money again!

Can you believe it?

The local Guardian newspaper has highlighted that Waltham Forest Labour Council paid £50,000 of taxpayers' money to a company but does not know why or how it was spent.

Previously the council was found to have mismanaged millions of pounds of taxpayers' money after an independent panel found rules to prevent fraud were regularly ignored.

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