

FOCUS



Your Local Newsletter

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Fred Wigg and John Walsh Towers Council Ignores Tenants' Views



At a packed public meeting in early November tenants of the blocks tended to favour the refurbishment of kitchens and bathrooms as their preferred option for redevelopment. However a council officer ruled this out as not being viable. We now learn that our Labour-run council chose the option that the vast majority of people did not want.

The tower blocks in Montague Road Over a six year period the council proposes to carry out a 'transformational refurbishment' – stripping the two blocks down to the core and providing an infil block between the two. In the first instance one block will be decanted by moving all the tenants out – stripping it down and redeveloping to provide a reduced number of flats, down from 232 to 160. When completed the tenants from the other block will be moved into it. The second block will then be free to provide private sale and shared ownership. **Tenants were not happy with this scheme and were very concerned as to where they would be moved to.**

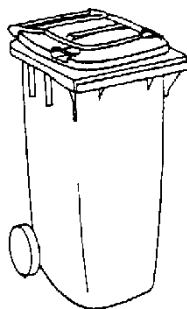
Focus says: 'Once again residents' views are ignored by the Council. It was not a proper consultation as the Council had already decided what they wanted to do.'

Liberal Democrats - fighting for YOU

Regency Court, Harrow Road

Following a complaint from a resident about a lack of rubbish and recycling bins for the nine flats,

Focus Team member Liz Phillips has asked for more bins to be provided. The council has agreed to do this.



Planning News The Woodhouse Tavern



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The Council has received a planning application to demolish the conservatory of the **Woodhouse Tavern** facing **Woodhouse Road**, and replace it with a single storey extension; also included are rear and side extensions at 1st floor level, and

an additional floor above. The upper floors will be converted into 5 self-contained flats (2x2bed, 2x1bed and 1 studio). Neighbours were given 21 days to comment on the proposals.

Focus Team member Liz Phillips spoke against a previous application and will keep you informed of developments.

Seasons Greetings from your Cann Hall Focus Team



Matcham Road trees

The council planned to prune the trees in **Matcham Road** on 18 September. Two were done. Nothing happened and so



Matcham Road

Lib Dem Focus Team member Clyde Kitson contacted the contractor. More were done in October and eventually the last two were done on the 4th and 10th November. In all, five visits were made to the road.

Focus says: 'Why couldn't they all have been done at the same time?'

Planning News - The Lord Rookwood

Residents launch petition against plans

A decision on a planning application, to turn **The Lord Rookwood**, a closed Victorian era pub, on **Cann Hall Road**, into an 18-bed hostel is due to be made by Waltham Forest Council soon.

The downstairs of the building may be retained as a pub.

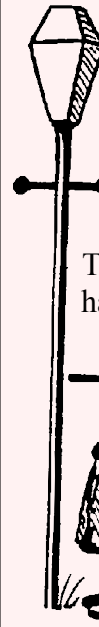
The developer's plans have stirred the community, resulting in a petition of hundreds of people against the plan.

Focus Team member **Rupert Alexander** will keep residents updated on the outcome of these plans.



The Lord Rookwood pub in Cann Hall Road

Street Lighting - Huddlestone Road



Local residents have observed that some street lights in **Huddlestone Road** are not working correctly in terms of not coming on at night and lighting up during the day.

The council's Highways Department have inspected the lights and have acknowledged that work needs to be done.



FOCUS Team member Rupert Alexander will keep residents informed of progress. He would also like to hear from you if you are aware of this problem in your road.

Fly Tipping

FOCUS Team Member Rupert Alexander has received complaints from concerned residents about fly-tipping rearing its ugly head again – spoiling our environment, creating eyesores and dragging our neighbourhoods down. We need to detect and deter this behaviour.

Rupert contacted the council to consider installing CCTV cameras at the junction of **Winchelsea Road** and **Pevensey Road**, and at **Odessa Road** at junction of **Huddlestone Road**.

The council will make their decision in January.



The latest dumping reported

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Leytonstone Fire Station



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Finally, a new Fire Station for Leytonstone. Demolition work on the old building in the **High Road** is due to start in early December. The new station is due to be completed in about a year.

Meanwhile, the fire crews and engine are already in their temporary home at Leyton Fire Station.



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