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Half Fares Before Half 7!



Lib Dem Mayoral candidate
Caroline Pidgeon

Caroline Pidgeon, the Liberal Democrat candidate for Mayor of London, set out plans for half price fares on Underground, DLR, Overground and TfL Rail services for people who start their journeys before 7.30am.

Caroline Pidgeon said: "Half price fares on TfL's Tube and rail services would really help some of London's lowest paid workers who often have to work unsocial hours. This is a genuine fare cut that can be delivered immediately.

Half price fares up to 7.30am would also help tackle overcrowding by encouraging people to start their journeys earlier in the morning. Supporting those Londoners who get up early and making our city work is really important, providing real help with the cost of living in the capital. This is a win win policy for Londoners".

Focus says: Caroline Pidgeon is the most experienced candidate in the election, having served on the GLA since 2008 dealing with transport, crime, education, police and emergency services. Caroline is head and shoulders above the rest of the candidates and as Mayor will give residents the London they deserve.

Dangerous blocks

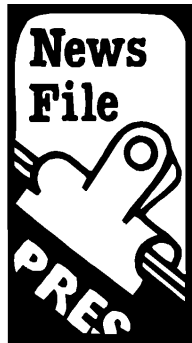
FOCUS Team member Rupert Alexander and residents were delighted at the swift response of the council; defective pavement blocks at junction of **Thorpe and Odessa Roads** were repaired quickly.



Trip hazards for the unwary at the corner of Thorpe Road

Drivers and businesses hit for six!

The Labour Council's decision to scrap the 15 minute free parking and replace it with a single free hour of parking between 1pm and 2pm is described by a resident as "ludicrous". Up to now residents and visitors around the borough could park free for 15 minutes all through the day, popping into local shops to pick up small items or go into the library to pick up information and CPZ parking permits. But now the 15 minute parking is banned. Local businesses and shopping areas, where passing trade is their lifeblood, are under threat and will be hit by this damaging policy.



Focus says: No consultation with residents or businesses has taken place. A special Council meeting to get the Labour Council to change its mind failed, showing once again its unwillingness to listen to residents and review its daft decisions.

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Bell Alley - no lights

Focus has received several complaints about the lack of lights in **Bell Alley** which leads from **Cobden Road** through to the **Leytonstone High Road** which makes it a no go area after dark.

Before the Police Station closed they maintained the lights but the School Trust that now own the building has told **Focus member Liz Phillips** that they have on numerous occasions asked the Council to clarify who is responsible for these lights. The School also agree that the Alley is potentially dangerous when the lights are not working and hope the Council can clarify who is responsible for these lights soon.

Happy New Year from the Liberal Democrats

Anti-Social Behaviour - E.7



Local resident and Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator **Rupert Alexander** has been made aware of residents' concerns of anti-social behaviour in **Pevensey Road** underneath the bridge, **Odessa Road** end of **Huddlestone Road** and **Vansittart**

Road /junction of Winchelsea Road.

Residents' feedback to the council of the problem with fly-tipping and other unsavoury activities has resulted in **Phil Pughe** – Neighbourhoods Manager South East reiterating that residents need to contact the Police to bolster any evidence for deploying temporary CCTV cameras.

The council is currently investigating the possibility of purchasing its own deployable temporary cameras to deter and detect; the council do not have a date or confirmation when they may become available.

Rupert comments, 'FOCUS welcomes action to combat activities which are a blight on our communities; working together will hopefully lead to solutions to problems'.

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Cobden Road - broken pavement



Lib Dem campaigner **Liz Phillips** reported to the Council a dangerous trip hazard at the entrance of the cul-de-sac to **Cobden Road**.

Focus is pleased to report that this has now been filled in.

Cobden Road - trip hazard

Neighbourhood Ward Officer

Zahir Dehgamia is Cann Hall Ward's Neighbourhood Ward Officer; his brief is to ensure our neighbourhoods are clean and safe by tackling issues around street cleansing, untidy front gardens, graffiti removal, abandoned vehicles, food hygiene, enviro crime and anti-social behaviour for example. He can be contacted via the Council's phone number: **020 8496 3000** or on email: **zahir.dehgamia@walthamforest.gov.uk**.

Problems - Ideas - Views:

Name _____
Address _____
Tel/Email _____

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Focus Team Local Action



Sansom Road and Lansdowne Road



Fly tipping in the Sansom Road area

These two streets have been blighted by anti social behaviour of fly-tipping.

Focus Team member Liz Phillips reported it once again to the Council who are putting a dossier together to try and secure a temporary camera for the area.

If you live near this area and you witness people fly tipping, if its safe to do so take their vehicle registration or record the time of day that it's happening and let **Focus** know.



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