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Join Caroline Pidgeon's fight to keep London and Britain in Europe



**Lib Dem Mayoral Candidate
Caroline Pidgeon**

Lib Dem Mayoral candidate Caroline Pidgeon today warned that leaving Europe will lose millions in investment for London. With her Conservative opponent advocating leaving the EU and the Tory and Labour parties torn and divided over Europe, Caroline and the Lib Dems are the only major party calling for Britain to remain in the EU.

Caroline Pidgeon told Focus: "Let's be clear, withdrawing from Europe will be a disaster for London. I support a thriving

Britain with real influence across the globe; we should stay in to fight climate change, tackle cross border crime and terrorism and protect jobs."

Join the fight to stay in Europe at:
www.libdems.org.uk/europe-petition

**Don't let the divided Labour and Tories ruin our future
Join the Lib Dem fight for London and Europe**

LOCAL SURVEY

- I will be voting for Caroline Pigeon to be the Mayor of London YES NO
- I will be voting for Lib Dem candidates for the London Assembly YES NO
- Join us in voting in the Referendum for the U.K. to remain in the EU YES NO

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Trumpington and Thorpe Road parking problems

Residents in these two roads contacted the **Focus Team** requesting the introduction of a controlled parking zone (CPZ) in their roads. The Team carried out surveys in both roads with the following results.



In **Trumpington Road** the survey confirmed that the majority of residents did not want a CPZ. Many gave the reason for this as the cost incurred, (see later). In **Thorpe Road** the survey gave a 50/50 split.

It is interesting to note that the council is to increase CPZ fees by 40% from £25 to £35.

What effect will this have, especially on the residents in **Thorpe Road**? Please let us know.

Barking - Gospel Oak Line



Artist's impression of new electric trains

This line will be closed for eight months later this year from early June until February 2017.

This is to allow the electrification of the line and the

introduction of longer trains.

During this time there will be a rail replacement bus service.

Further work to have this line ready for electric trains will be carried out during evenings and weekends only and will be completed by June 2017.

The two carriage diesel trains will be replaced with eight faster and greener four carriage electric trains by January 2018. Platforms need to be extended and twelve bridges will need to be rebuilt to accommodate the new power cables.

Focus says, 'While this is going to cause some disruption it will provide a much better, greener, service in the end'.

Council Tax payers charged for Labour's propaganda

Labours free events, fireworks and propaganda paper delivered every two weeks as well as the allowances that they pay to themselves costs millions. Although taxpayers have always paid for this, they want you to pay more.

Council Tax going up

Having frozen Council Tax before the local and General Elections they are now going to increase it. As from 1st April your Council Tax will go up 1.86 per cent. The Councils charge to Band D payers is an extra £26.97 a year.

CPZ fees going up

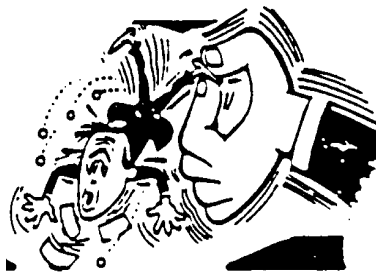
Having reduced CPZ fees to £25 before the elections they are now putting them up 40 per cent to £35.

Council Tax benefit receivers take a hit

Having kept low charges to council tax benefit receivers before elections, those who are the most vulnerable in our society will have to pay a swingeing 24 percent of their Council Tax bill.

Councillor allowances

Having cut councillors' allowances by 5 percent before the elections they are now granting themselves a whacking increase. Council taxpayers will be forking out over £1 million to give to councillors. Labour councillors will pay a percentage of this straight to the local Labour Party.



High Pollution

Last year it was recorded that cancer causing nitrogen oxide dust particles in the air in Waltham Forest were at the highest levels since records began. Recent tests for nitrogen dioxide showed that Waltham Forest far exceeded EU recommendations. Results in October showed that Hoe Street was nearly double the EU limit. Sixty-five per cent of this pollution comes from traffic.

Focus says: We are waiting for the results of new tests planned for early this year. It will be interesting to see the results following the forced increase in traffic onto the borough's main roads.

Supporting our Community

Our local Cann Hall Neighbourhood Policing Team are encouraging us to set up Neighbourhood Watches; Neighbourhood Watch is about local residents/neighbours working together to create and promote safer, attractive and friendly places to live. A Watch co-operates with the police, council and other agencies to help prevent anti-social behaviour and to bring those responsible to account. **Focus Team member Rupert Alexander says "Huddlestone Road has an active and vigilant Watch."** To set up a Neighbourhood Watch in your area contact: Cann Hall Neighbourhood Policing Team
Email: CannHall.NPT@met.police.uk
Tel: 0208 721 2036

Dogs in England

From April all dogs must be microchipped. For advice contact by e mail: dogteam@walthamforest.gov.uk or call 0208 496 3000. More details on our website.

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Council does a U Turn on parking

The Council has finally come to its senses by reversing their plans to scrap the free 15 minute waiting times. The Council is now planning to make only 5 minute free parking and give drivers a 10 minute leeway before fining them for overstaying the time. **Focus** says why spend time and money changing the signs, just leave them as they are and give the extra 10 minute leeway giving drivers 25 minutes free parking.

Planning News

The historic, Victorian, **Lord Rookwood Pub** on Cann Hall Road - closed since 2013 - has been acquired by Antic; who plan to refurbish, spruce up and resume pub business in due course.

Focus Team member Rupert Alexander says, "The Lord Rookwood is an amazing-looking landmark; let's hope it contributes to a thriving local economy".

Problems - Ideas - Views:

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