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Sansom and Acacia Estate residents mislead by Council



At a recent residents' consultation meeting to discuss the new homes to be built on the play area and underground car park on **Sansom and Acacia Estate**, residents were informed that there would be 31 flats built to a height of 6 storeys. This is a massive change to the plans that were outlined over a year ago.

Flats proposed to replace Sansom Estate Car Park

Focus member Liz Phillips says: "During May 2016 I received a letter from a senior Labour councillor and met with the Programme Manager about the new build. They both told me that there would only be a **maximum 21 flats** which, as the Council needed larger properties urgently, included 3 and 4 bed flats. The buildings would only be **4 storeys high** to match the rest of the estate.

Now, months later the plans have changed to **31 flats in a 6 storey block!** Only one 3 bed, but no 4 bed. The majority will be one bed flats! All these flats will be squeezed on to **Sansom and Acacia Estate** with no extra amenity space".

The Lib Dem Focus Team say: "Why the change from 4 storeys to 6 storeys? From 21 to 31 flats? This is an overdevelopment that will dominate the estate. There are no plans to replace the children's play area or a car park with 52 spaces which exist at the moment. **Is this a consultation or a white wash?**"

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Polluting factories plans turned down



The plan to build 3 asphalt and concrete producing plants next to the **London Stadium** has been turned down by the London Mayor's LLDC Planning Committee.

Focus members Liz Phillips and Bob Sullivan, who petitioned against these plans, say: These factories would have produced pollution not only to and around the Olympic Park but across Leyton and Leytonstone. We are pleased that the vote to refuse the plans was unanimous.

Thorpe Road - Dangerous pavement

Lib Dem
campaigner
**Rupert
Alexander**



spotted defective pavement blocks at the junction of **Thorpe and Odessa Roads**. The council were notified of this trip hazard and the repair was completed quickly. Residents were delighted at this swift response.

**Will we ever receive
a newsletter from
our three Labour councillors?
They're now in their fourth and
final year and nothing so far!**

Residents want CPZ days to be reviewed

Residents have called for a review of the days that the new Controlled Parking Zones (CPZ) which were introduced in their area. The CPZ restrictions include a Saturday which impacts on families and friends who visit residents. Including Saturday in the CPZ not only costs residents money but deters people from visiting them.

Focus understands that the Council said they would look into this, but again we see no action.

Will Church Lane car park be sold?

With the problem of car parking in the area it is surprising that the Council is looking to sell off the **Church Lane car park**. **Focus** assumes that this will be sold to a developer to build more flats. This is very similar to the Council getting rid of the **Sansom Road estate car park** for building flats.

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Tories go ahead with the school budget cuts!



Waltham Forest schools are facing total budget cuts of over £14 million, equal to the possible loss of 252 teachers

We were hoping that, when the Tories announced their new funding formula for schools recently, the vicious proposed cuts to our local schools would be cancelled. No such luck. They proposed some more money but not nearly enough to stop budget cuts of

£1,053,300 equal to the loss of 21 teachers from **Buxton, Jenny Hammond, George Tomlinson, Davies Lane and Mayville schools.**

Lib Dem Focus Team member Liz Phillips says: The budget cuts come at a time when inflation is rising so that local schools will be hit twice. We cannot sit back when our children's futures are at risk. We will continue to call on the Government to reverse these cuts. We will keep our School Budget cuts petition open so that if you have not signed it yet you can now: www.walthamforestlibdems.org/save_our_schools

The Lib Dem Focus Team Fighting to protect our area

Tower block safety still a worry

Following the **Lib Dem Focus Team's** enquiry, the Council has confirmed that they are reviewing all the tall residential blocks in Waltham Forest including the ones under construction or have planning permission.

The Council has few tower blocks as most have been demolished over the years. However many private ones are to be built. This is a worry as permission was given with no mention of fire safety.

The Focus Team are also concerned that the Council is about to refurbish the local **Fred Wigg** and **John Walsh Towers** in Montague Road, Leytonstone.

The 'transformation' plans included cladding to the buildings, but have no mention of fire safety.

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South Leytonstone Gardens Competition

Lib Dem gardening enthusiast, **Rupert Alexander**, plus other colleagues congratulated the winners and runners up of a



SLADA (South Leytonstone Area Development Association) front garden competition. A Prize Giving was held at the Salvation Army Hall in **Leytonstone**. The Front Garden Competition, now in its third year, encourages residents in Cann Hall and Cathall Wards to brighten up their front gardens and do their bit to help spruce up their neighbourhood. The standard was high; 9 joint winners were chosen.

Focus Team member Rupert Alexander commented: Since the start of the competition, residents have taken more pride in their 'plot' whether it is big or small, landscaped or pots and window boxes.

Focus says: A good quality environment clearly matters benefiting the health and wellbeing of our communities.

Gospel Oak - Barking line closure update

The **Gospel Oak - Barking London Overground line** is to be closed from **Monday 27 November until Sunday 14 January 2018**.

This closure is part of the major upgrade with better services provided by a new fleet of longer electric trains, doubling the current capacity whilst also providing cleaner air for those living close to the line.

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