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Boris to axe 30 of London's fire engines

Leyton and Leytonstone are each set to lose a fire engine in leaked plans to cut £65 million from the Fire Authority budget.

Conservative Mayor, Boris Johnson's budget cuts could see 17 fire stations close. He is demanding that the Fire Authority find £65m in savings.



Lib Dem Cllr Mahmood Hussain visits the local fire station as it prepares for the cuts

Lib Dems in London are campaigning hard against Boris' cuts.

Councillor Mahmood Hussain said: "The London Tories have the wrong priorities. They need to think again about cutting our fire engines."

Former Police Station for sale



The only local Walthamstow Police Station, which was closed down last year is now up for sale.

Residents are now left with only one 24 hour police station in Chingford to cover the whole of Waltham Forest.

Local residents are worried that it could lead to an increase in crime.

The Focus Team would like to know your views.

20s Plenty' - Lib Dems join speed cut campaign

The Chapel End Focus Team has joined the call to lower speed limits in residential areas to help cyclists and pedestrians.

Focus Team campaigner Sean Meiszner said: "On many of our local roads we don't need to go faster than 20mph. Of course we don't want to slow down traffic on main roads but where there are children crossing or playing near the road, it makes sense to slow down and make the roads safer for everyone."

Lib Dem FOCUS Team service and action all year round NOT just at election time

Chapel End Focus Team ward walk



The Chapel End Focus Team discussing a problem with a resident during a regular ward walk.



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RESIDENTS VIEWS ON CPZ IGNORED

The Labour-run Council held consultations in recent months on whether to put in new Controlled Parking Zones (CPZs). The public were told that these consultations would listen to the views of residents and local businesses with new CPZs to be brought in only in those streets where local communities expressed a clear view in favour of the scheme.

But not so in **Spruce Hills Road**. Local residents opposed to introducing a CPZ in their street decided to take local consultation into their own hands and braving the worst of the recent cold weather called at every home to find out the views of their neighbours. Over 70% of local residents responded and of these 80% opposed bringing in a CPZ on Spruce Hills Road.

One of the organisers of the survey said: "The overwhelming majority of people living in **Spruce Hills Road** see no benefit to them from bringing in a CPZ and don't understand why the Council wants to charge us for the privilege of parking on our own street and having friends and family come to visit.

Focus Team member Sean Meiszner says, "The views of local residents must be fully respected by the Council when consulting on whether to bring in a new CPZ as they are the people who will be directly affected. The clear evidence that has been shown to the Focus Team and collected by local residents themselves local people's opinions do not appear to have been listened to by the Labour Council."

Council officials state that 60% of residents of Spruce Hills Road who responded to their formal consultation supported the introduction of a CPZ. However, figures published on the Council website show that this is based on only just over a 40% response rate way below that achieved by those actually living on the street itself.

Focus Team member Tulat Raja stated, "The Council's own figures show that 83% of those consulted in the wider 'Fulbourne Road' area opposed introducing a CPZ. This percentage is almost identical to that identified in Spruce Hills Road by local residents. **The Focus Team** calls on the Council to re-consult the residents of **Spruce Hills Road, Kingsley Road and Clifford Road** before CPZs are fully implemented so that local residents can be sure that their views are fully heard. Better a short delay than pushing ahead and imposing CPZs on streets where they are not wanted"

Your Chapel End Focus Team



Matt Lake Sean Meiszner Tulat Raja

Lib Dems Get More Money for Our Schools

In Government the **Liberal Democrats** introduced the **Pupil Premium**.

This is additional money put into our schools to help the more disadvantaged children.

Schools can use this money as they think best – catch-up classes, one-to-one tuition, extra IT support, etc.

This year the pupil premium will rise to £900 per pupil.

This will bring over £12 million extra in to Waltham Forest schools.

The Focus Team understands that **Frederick Bremer School** will receive an extra £406,800, **Woodside**: £312,300, **Chapel End Juniors**: £138,600 and **Chapel End Infants and Early Years**: £81,900.

Using this money wisely will give all our children a much better start in life.

Liberal Democrat FOCUS Team keeping you informed

We want to hear from YOU

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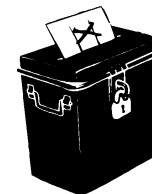
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I think something should be done about ...

Please return to THE FOCUS TEAM, 3 PALMERSTON ROAD, E17 6PQ

The Liberal Democrats may contact you from time to time to keep you informed on issues we think you may find of interest. Please let us know if you do not wish the information above to be used for this purpose.

Your Right to Vote



The new electoral register was published on 1st December 2012. In order to vote your name needs to be on the register.

If you did not fill in your form during August/September 2012 or have recently moved in please contact **Electoral Registrations** on **8496 3000** in order to get a registration form.

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