

FOCUS

Putting People First



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How Would You Spend £26,000?

Liberal Democrats have hit out at Labour's decision to give the Deputy Leader of the council a £5,000 pay rise.

During December's Council Meeting, arrogant Labour council bosses voted to increase the Special Responsibility Allowance of the Deputy Leader to £26,000. This is on top of the £10,000 allowance all councillors receive.

"This is absolutely outrageous," said Focus Team member **James Goodman**, "Labour couldn't be more out of touch."

The Deputy Leader has taken on

the responsibility of a junior cabinet position. The Liberal Democrats have pledged to scrap the junior cabinet positions (as they serve no real purpose) to save £32,000 per years that could go to local services.



The Deputy Leaders Special Responsibility Allowance has increased by 24%

Police Action On Drug Dealing

The Chapel End Safer Neighbourhood Team from the Metropolitan Police are keeping an eye on some of the garages in the Billett Road area after residents reported potential drug dealing.

The Focus Team raised concerns with the police over Roberts Road and Chingford Road.

The police told us that they had successfully made a number of arrests recently, and continue to patrol the area.

Focus Team member **Sean Meiszner** said, "We can all do our bit to help keep our neighbourhood safe. If you have any information you can pass it on to the local Safer Neighbourhood Team at chapelend.npt@met.pnn.police.uk"

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Kitchener Road Park Confusion

The new signs in Kitchener Road Park have caused some concern amongst local residents.

Under the new dog control orders that started on 6th January, dogs may still be walked without a lead in the park, but must be put on a lead if directed by a council officer. **Dogs are not allowed in the childrens play area, or in the fenced-off sports area.**

"The sports area in Kitchener

Road Park takes up most of the park and is only used at weekends, it's unreasonable to ban dogs completely from this area." said Focus Team member **Tulat Raja**, "In last years consultation most residents only wanted dogs banned from sports pitches when they were being used."

What do you think? Please get in touch, or fill in our survey at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MZSP7VW>.

Conservatives cannot win here. Only the Lib Dems can beat Labour in Chapel End



Con
2496

Lib Dem
3866

Lab
5998

The results last time around



Residents of Ex-Warner Estate Face Hefty Insurance Costs

Several leasehold residents who own ex-Warner maisonettes in **Chingford Road, Beresford Road, Kitchener Road**, and surrounding areas, have been upset to receive legal letters from their freeholder, requiring them to expensively cancel their own insurance, and take it out through their company at much higher rates.

Anthony Dempsey, one of the local residents affected, said "I've lived here since 1986, and they only started these demands eight

months ago. It's a complete rip-off."

"It's a question of fairness," said Focus Team Member **James Goodman**, "the freeholder is not breaking the law, but that doesn't make it fair on hardworking families and tenants who have to shoulder the burden of the extra costs."

If anyone is affected by this and wants to be put in contact with the residents campaign, please get in touch with the Focus Team.

Penrhyn Grove Let Down on Parking

Despite promising that only one on-street parking space would be lost when **Penrhyn Grove** garages are turned into houses (see Focus 160), the Council have now backtracked and want to put more double yellow lines down, which will only worsen parking problems in the area. Local residents have until 17th February to object to this unplanned change. Focus Team

member **Sean Meiszner** said, "This is hopelessly bad planning, and shows we were right to oppose the original application as too intensive."



Working For You

Spot The Landmark

Can you tell which local landmark the Focus Team has photographed?



If you know the answer get in touch with us and you could win £20



Helping with Living Costs

Lib Dems in government have frozen fuel duty, making it 13p per litre less than it would have been under Labour, saving motorists around £170 a year.



Liberal Democrats have also funded a 3-year council tax freeze, saving the average family £600 since 2010 and frozen TV licence fees, saving £110.

Since 2010 28,000 cancer patients have accessed drugs that they weren't allowed under Labour.

Have Your Say

Anything we can do to help?

Name:

Address:

Email:

Tel:

I can help by delivering leaflets for the local Lib Dems

I would like to know more about the Lib Dems

Return to:

Chapel End Focus Team
1A Palmerston Road
E17 9PQ

If you return this form the Liberal Democrats may use the information you have provided to contact you from time to time about issues we think you may find of interest. Some of the contacts may be automated. You can opt out of some or all contacts at any time by contacting us.

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