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**We make just three pledges
to you**

- *We will continue to keep in touch with you regularly.*
- *We will put the interests of Church End residents first.*
- *We will ensure the Focus Team continues to get things done locally*

Hugh Cleaver

Richard Hoskins

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**The Focus Team -
campaigning all year round**

£35 million swimming complex in Seven Kings Ilford - none here !

The current Conservative administration has turned its back on the long promised swimming pool in our area. Instead they want to spend £35 million on an Olympic size pool over in Ilford.

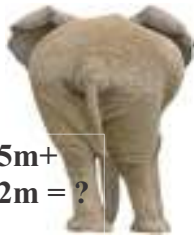
All the Tory councillors have voted in favour of the idea. Some £1.5 million has already been allocated from the Council's precarious budget towards the project.

What the administration is unable to say is where the remaining £33.5 million is coming from.

Officers have been told to find whatever there is that can be sold off.

The prime target seems to be land the Council owns.

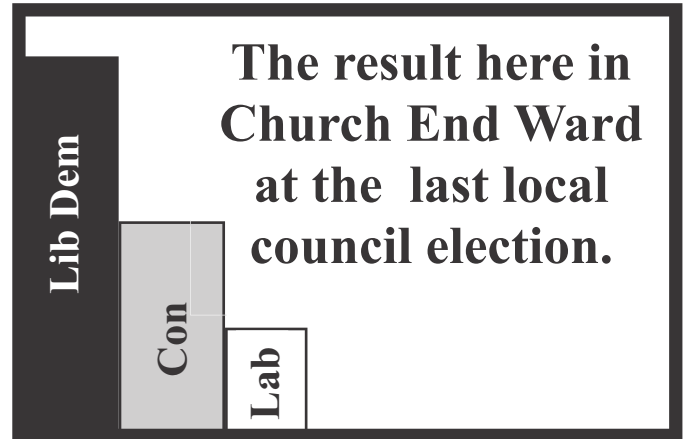
That is places like allotments etc! £35m+ £12m = ?



New pavements will be completed along remaining part of Woodford High Road.

The Highways officers have asked the Cabinet for the extra money to complete the section from Empress Avenue to Bunces Lane.

But the Tory administration which runs Redbridge has cut £580,000 from the Highways budget which means no local money for any other traffic management schemes here this next year.



Keeping in touch all year round

Your idea to make Church End a better place in which to live

Dear Focus Team

My / our idea is



Your names Address

..... Tel/Emails

The Lib Dems 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 used for this purpose.

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The Lib Dems have a proven record of action and working with local people

Residents keep eye on local pub's opening hours

Planning Committee backs Residents, and refuses to change mind on Hogs Head opening hours

Local residents disturbed by late night revellers from the Hogs Head tried unsuccessfully to stop later opening hours at the Council's Licencing Committee and Magistrates Court.

But the Planning Committee has now confirmed that the earlier hours set when the pub opened must apply.

Residents argued their case against longer hours forcefully at a recent Regional West Planning committee. They were backed by a petition collected by Cllr Hugh Cleaver and Nicola Sinclair.

Cllr Richard Hoskins, who is a member of the planning committee, listened to all the representations. Then he backed the residents, and argued strongly against longer hours being granted.

The committee agreed with him in view of the evidence it had heard.

The planning restriction against longer hours at the Hogs Head will remain in force. A decision welcomed by local residents

Councillor 'unmoved by plight of Churchfields children'

Rebuilding of Churchfields Junior should have begun in earnest this year. Money had already been allocated by the Council.

Instead Cllr Stark, the Tory Cabinet Member responsible for school spending, prioritised Ilford schools and delayed spending here.

When challenged by Church End ward councillors he said he was 'unmoved by the plight of Churchfields children.'

Residents also win against Napier Arms later opening.

Residents in the area around the Napier also complained about disturbance and anti-social behaviour by its customers.

This case was heard by the Council's Licensing Committee.

Many residents turned up at the Town Hall to argue their case against longer opening. They were backed by Cllr Richard Hoskins, who had also been asked to speak on the residents' behalf.

Despite the Napier being represented by a barrister its case for later opening was demolished.

Residents had hoped for shortened opening hours, but that could not be decided at this hearing.

The Licensing Committee refused the application for longer hours.

Derby Road Car-park

At the last Area 2 Committee meeting the Cabinet Member responsible for the charges on the car park agreed to consider our arguments that Derby Road car-park would again be made free parking.

We again pointed out how empty the car park was, the extra on-street parking and the night time problems suffered by residents.

A final decision is likely from whoever forms the new Council administration after May 4th

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www.redbridgelibdems.co.uk**

Churchfields Park - almost there !

We got the funding for the lights across the park from Area 2 committee. They went up in double quick time.

But sadly there is a problem connecting up two lights to the fibre optic system in Churchfields.

The Electricity Board who are responsible have temporarily refilled their hole. We are chasing them to get the job finished.

Annoyingly the fencing behind the houses in **Rokeby Gardens** has not yet been replaced yet.

Following a site meeting between Cllr Richard Hoskins and Leisure Officers on Tuesday. Fresh estimates have been obtained and there is sufficient money from Area 2 to complete the work. A contractor will be appointed

COUNCIL TAX RISES HIT PENSIONERS HARDEST

The absence of a Council Tax rebate in the Budget means a rise of at least £200 in pensioners bills.

This is in addition to our 5.3% rise from Redbridge and Ken Livingstone's GLA.

The absence of any Government pre-election bribe this time must spell the end for this unfair tax.

It must be replaced by a fair system, based on the ability to pay.



Horatio expects every elector to do their duty on May 4th !



Nicola Sinclair's 9 month old Shar-pei Horatio is in no doubt !

If he had three votes on Thursday May 4th Nicola, Hugh & Richard would get them all

Salway Gardens 'rat-run' !

We have been told some motorists have been driving through Salway Gardens to cut past the gate closures.

This happened before and we have asked the parks department to block this as residents taking an early morning walk could be at risk

LOCAL ELECTION POLLING DAY

THURSDAY MAY 4th

POLLS OPEN 7.00 AM UNTIL 10.00PM

**If you would like a lift to vote
please phone 8504 4253**

Locally it is the Lib Dems who get things done !