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Saving Derby Road Car Park Petition Success

At the last Council Meeting Cllr Cleaver presented the massive petition signed by 3157 people. This included some 250 signatures returned from our last Focus, and another 43 signatures we collected from the public gallery during the Council meeting. A clear sign of public opposition to car park sales. Thank you for your support.

The Tory Council Leader was also forced to accept our motion telling the Cabinet to think again on their allotment and car park sales policy. This was because 9 of his 34 Tory Councillors said they agreed with us and would not back him if he refused.



Save Derby Road Car Park Co-Ordinator Frank Cruder campaigning with Cllrs Richard Hoskins and Hugh Cleaver

Winning the fight ?

The Save Derby Road Campaign Group has carried the fight to the Highways Scrutiny Committee Councillors in the Town Hall. Campaign members helped persuade these Councillors to ask the 10 Cabinet Member a series of questions they want answered before any car park sales are finally decided.

This included considering the impact of Higgins development on Derby Road Car park usage

Of course the Cabinet can simply ignore these questions. They have before. But as the number of Councillors challenging the Cabinet's sell off policies grows, so does the chance of saving our car parks (and allotments) .

The Cabinet's sell off of plans will only stop if they either abandon their £200 million spending spree altogether or find alternative ways of paying for their spending.

As Ward Councillors, we will continue to work with residents & businesses and other Councillors to "SAVE DERBY ROAD CAR PARK"

The Cabinet 'accepted' our motion telling them to reconsider their sales plans. Tactical retreat or genuine change ?



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**Working with residents
- all year round**

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL SHOPKEEPERS

Many small local businesses feel threatened by the massive operations of the major super market chains. The big boys have the advantages of massive sales and sites. And usually large car parks for their customers.

Now Redbridge Council's policy of selling off its car-parks is an added threat to our smaller local shops. They rely on customers and staff being able to park in council or parks near their premises.

In addition to Derby Road the Council car parks around George Lane and Eastwood Road are also on the Redbridge 'For Sale' list.

If the Council goes ahead with the sale George Lane traders will be hard hit. Indeed so will local residents. Many local shops are now collecting a petition calling on Redbridge to keep the car parks around George Lane.

Back our local traders and sign up now !

Woodford Arts Festival

Work is going ahead for an Arts Festival here in Woodford in October 2008.



The Festival is intended to be a showcase for local talents of all kinds. Individuals, groups, local organisations. We hope it will include events for and by young people.

The Festival is being sponsored by the Area 2 Committee who want to hear from anyone who is interested in taking part

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 7th November at 7.30pm. It will be held at the Redbridge Drama Centre, Churchfields E18 2RB

Please come along if you are interested in supporting the Festival.

Please contact Cllr Richard Hoskins see front page, or Cllr Geoffrey Hinds email geoffrey.hinds@redbridge.gov.uk

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How can we help you ?

Please contact us at our homes when you feel we can help you and when you feel you would like to help us. Many thanks.

Dear Councillors

Your name/s Address
..... Tel Email
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Delays for Churchfields Junior School rebuild

In an earlier Focus we told you that delays in the school rebuild was because the original design had come in over budget.

Following discussions between the school, architects, builders and the Council we thought things had been sorted out, and expected work to have begun over the summer holidays. That is what we told you earlier.

Further delays.

It seems some problems remain, and plans have not been finally agreed after all. As a result we do not expect work to begin on the school site until after Christmas. Parents will of course be kept informed

There were also delays in the two new Primary schools the Council is building in Ilford.

New traffic lights switch on soon

The new traffic lights put in for Telford's QMC development are expected to become operational before Christmas. They were designed to make access possible on and off the new development, and were paid for by Telfords.

But the crossing lights near the Library and Health Centre will be taken away. We will have to wait and see the impact on traffic flows of these extra lights



Neighbourhood Watch Section



We now have Neighbourhood Watches covering a large part of the ward. Details of the various co-ordinators are given below. They all look forward to hearing from residents who want to join their watches. Working together we can keep our neighbourhood safe

Chelmsford & Derby Roads including Woodford High Rd from Chelmsford Rd to Empress Ave.

Co-ordinator: **Frank Cruder**

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Co-ordinator: **Betty Brett**

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Malmesbury, Stanley & Lincoln Buckingham Roads

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Abbotsford Gardens, Clementine Walk & Salway Close

Co-ordinator: **Mary Burton**

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Fullers Road & Avenue

Co-ordinator: **David Ross**

70 Fullers Road

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New Co-ordinators wanted

New Co-ordinators are wanted Particularly for a Neighbourhood Watch covering Peel, Grove, Walpole & Carnarvon.

Please contact Frank Cruder for information and details.



The disputed second floor which neighbours insist was to be set back to reduce overlooking and visual intrusion

Higgins Development at 153 High Road

Higgins are a well known local builders They normally cause less controversy than many of their competitors.

But their redevelopment of the Peugeot garage site is raising a storm among residents. Many have complained that the building is right up to the pavement, unlike other buildings in this stretch of the High Road.

Cllr Hoskins wanted the planning committee to get the building back from the pavement. Resi-

dents in the adjoining Fullers Road have objected that the building is not in accordance with the plans the Council approved.

They are certain the second floor overlooking their homes should be set back, as agreed by the Council's Planning Committee to reduce overlooking and intrusion

We have insisted the Council's Planners check what was approved. This is being done as this Focus is being written.

Dispute over new private school at 140 High Road

Residents in the Tempus Court in the High Rd are furious that the Council failed to consult them over the new school next door or the Inspector's Appeal hearing.

The local Planning Committee West refused permission for the school to open.. This was because it was worried about traffic and travel conditions at the school.

The school appealed to the Government Inspector, who over ruled the local committee. However the Planning Inspector was also worried about traffic and travel conditions if the school opened on the busy High Road.

He insisted the school produce a travel plan that is acceptable to the Council.

Residents in adjoining roads must be consulted if the school's travel plan requires traffic restrictions in their roads.



Tempus Court and the adjoining Wilton House where the new school is proposed

We understand the school proposes parents use the car parks of the County Hotel in Oak Hill and Waitrose. Though the store apparently made the offer for a trial period only.

A Conservative Councillor from Bridge ward, has now got the final decision on the travel plan moved from the local Councillors on Planning Committee West to the Council's Central Planning (Regulatory) Committee which meets at the Town Hall. We do not know why he has done this.

RED CIRCLES ON TRIANGLE PAVEMENTS

These are not the latest graffiti craze !
It is part of the street light replacement programme in the Triangle area. The new light posts will not necessarily be in the same position as the old lights

Council's Plans for Massive Swimming and Sports Complex at Seven Kings in Ilford

Redbridge Council has given itself outline planning permission for the complex which forms part of the £200 million spending plans of the Cabinet.

At the same time, having just spent £2 million on the pool at Fulwell, they are now considering selling off the pool, library & car park for re-development Now that really is thinking ahead !