



# Funky Mojos - public bar or public nuisance

When the owners first applied for permission to operate at the White Hart pub they said they would be running a 'champagne bar with high class restaurant meals'

Instead it has turned out to be a noisy nightclub attracting customers from miles around. No chance of a good meal in quiet surroundings.

The sound insulation is not keeping the noise inside. Elderly residents of the next door sheltered housing, and other neighbours, suffer abuse and anti-social behaviour from Mojos customers and the constant bass thud from the loudspeakers in the nightclub.

We have called for a full Licence Review by the Council. This will now take place at the end of November .

Residents are entitled to a peaceful life. Mojos, like other pubs and clubs, must accept responsibility for the anti social behaviour of their customers.

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Thank you for supporting our petition calling on the Council to start a door to door cardboard collection without delay.

We will present the petition at the next Council meeting and report back on progress.

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## Broomhill Walk - now a second fire

The saga of fires at developers' properties continues. We reported earlier that an arson attack had caused damage at 6 Broomhill Walk. A second mysterious fire has now severely damaged the house. Neighbours, who rightly want to stop flat building there, now have a potentially dangerous structure alongside them.

Police are investigating the cause of the fire. Clearly the owners and proposed developers will argue this strengthens their case for knocking down what remains, and building flats. That is what the developers of other locally burnt down houses have argued.

Should these arson attacks be allowed to determine whether flats replace houses ? ?

# Action all year round

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## Telfords hand back £100,000

When developers get planning permission for their often monstrous flat blocks, Redbridge Council asks for money to compensate the local community. It is called S.106 money

Telfords were asked to contribute to Public Art in South Woodford among other things. However we discovered they got a cashback from the Council of £175,000 of the sum they had agreed to pay over to the community. Worse still the Council had apparently agreed they could spend it behind the security gates they are putting up on their development.

### Leaving the local public out in the cold

We said any S106 money should be spent in areas open to the general public in South Woodford, and persuaded Council officers to renegotiate the agreement.

As a result £100,000 has now been handed back by Telfords

We would like to see this windfall invested in our outstanding Redbridge Drama Centre in Churchfields. It provides Drama training facilities for local young people and schools in addition to performances with a national indeed international reputation.

How do you think the £100k we won back should be spent ?

## Woodford's first festival attracts an audience of thousands

The first Woodford Festival in October had over 120 events. From large ones in churches to individual artists opening their homes.

There was music of every kind, with jazz in the streets, a single harpist to an orchestra, choirs and soloists.

Over 25,000 brochures were distributed to local homes, and the local media did us proud. Thank you to all who took part

### What do you think please ?

What did you think of the festival. Did you get involved in any way ?

How could it have been improved AND do you think we should have another festival ?

**Please let Richard Hoskins co-chair of the festival know**

# Putting Church End Residents FIRST

## Ideas to improve our area - problems or complaints - please let us know

**Dear Councillors**  
**I / we think ...**

**Always feel free to contact us at our home addresses**

**Your name/s** ..... **Address** .....  
..... **Tel.**..... **Email** .....

We may retain this information to contact you again with matters we think you will be interested in If you do not want this please let us know





## **Churchfields Junior School re-build - Council says it has no money !**

After years of Council promises, Cllr Stark, the Cabinet Member responsible for schools, now says the rebuild is shelved.

**“ We don’t have any money to pay for Churchfields rebuilding now”**

Yet the Council made an agreement with a contractor to build two new schools in Ilford and rebuild Churchfields as part of a single package deal.

**Two new schools have been built in Ilford.**

The cost of building the two new schools in Ilford was £2.3 million over budget for one school and £1.8 million over budget at the other. A total overspend of £4.1 million. The Council has found the extra money to pay for this cost over run !

Because of the delays, and their ‘discovery’ that Churchfields is built on a sloping site, the Council says the re-building costs have risen . They say the price has gone up from £6.1m in 2006 to £10m now. And now they don’t have the money !

**Where has the money for Churchfields gone ?**

Only months ago Cllr Stark told Monkham’s residents in his newsletter, that he had ‘allocated’ £9.5m to rebuild Churchfields Junior School. If he did where has that money gone ?

**What is going on with our Council**

Overspent budgets in Ilford paid, but no money when it is needed for Churchfields rebuild !

Despite this record of Council failure Churchfields is an outstanding school . Pupils, Staff and Parents deserve congratulations for their achievement. They deserve better from our Council.

### **How the other half lives**

In a recent press release the Council proudly announced it had hit its target in reducing gum litter in Ilford Town Centre.

As a result It has halved the cost of steam cleaning the High Road pavements again  
Yes, Ilford gets that kind of treatment.  
In George Lane we have brooms for pavement cleaning !

## **RESIDENTS CONCERN OVER LATE BAR OPENING IN GEORGE LANE**

*We have been contacted by residents living near George Lane concerned that a new bar has applied for a late licence.*

*The new bar is near the former site of Mortimers, which was the cause of serious anti social behaviour and disturbances a few years ago.*

*Working with residents we got a Licence Review, which quietened the area down. Much to the relief of residents whose lives had been made a misery .*

*We don’t want the problems surrounding Mojos repeated in residential areas around George Lane.*

## **Derby Road and other car parks in the clear ?**

**The Redbridge Conversation, the survey the Council carried out, produced some clear views on what the Council should and should not sell off.**

**Residents did not want to see allotments and car parks sold off. The survey shows people would prefer to see the Council sell off small parts of land it owns around Fairlop.**

**BUT Is Derby Road saved ?**

**We cannot be sure until the Council Cabinet of ten decide what they are going to put forward.**

**One thing is clear from the present economic crisis. Any Council selling assets now will get only a fraction of the cash they would have got twelve months ago. And this will last for years.**





# Thinking of paving over your front garden !

Front gardens are a very important green space for us all.

Their attractive green aspect make our lives more pleasant and are important to our environment.

Our world and streets are filling with parked vehicles.

More and more people are tempted to pave over their front gardens to give themselves parking space.

Controls have now come in to regulate this, and planning permission may now be needed.

Planning permission will not be required if the hard surface area exceeds 5 square metres.

But the hard surface must be made of porous materials or rainwater directed to a

lawn or border within the curtilage of the dwelling house to drain naturally.

Porous surfaces can include Gravel, porous asphalt, permeable concrete,.

If council planning permission is required it will cost £150, Confirmation that planning permission is not required is £75

## Vince Cable warned about the coming economic crisis, and says how it should be dealt with !

### The Lib Dems Plan to Help Families

- 1. Cutting taxes for struggling families on low and middle incomes** so they have more money in their pockets to pay bills and spend
- 2. Lowering energy bills so people can afford to keep warm this winter.** Wholesale energy prices are 28% down since August - the reduction must be passed on to consumers.
- 3. Keep people in their homes so they don't fear unfair repossessions.** Get councils and housing associations to buy up unsold homes from developers thus providing needed homes
- 4. Lower mortgage payments and cheaper business loans through interest cuts.** Our interest rates are among the highest in the world. Help people and businesses pay off their loans.

For more details of the Liberal Democrats  
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### 179 & W13 Bus Stop Changes in High Rd - opposite the new Higgins development

This bus stop will now be outside 176 High Rd , and a loading bay created for traders outside 184 to 192 High Road

### Additional Street Lights in Derby and Chelmsford Roads

We are still waiting for the electricity supply to be connected to the extra lamp posts.

It is months since Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator Frank Cruder was promised the lights would go on in seven days

### Can you help us please ?

If you enjoy reading Focus, could you help us spread our news locally.

Would you help us by delivering a street near where you live.

It would take you no more than an hour for each edition of Focus

And it really would be appreciated

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