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On East Park Ward

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and the Liberal Democrat Focus Team working for East Park Ward

Plans Approved! "Traffic calming plans given ok"

Wolverhampton City Council has approved plans for traffic calming measures to ease the horrendous parking problems on the East Park Estate. These plans were revealed to me following a visit and discussions I had with road safety officers at the Regeneration & Transportation Department. The proposals, which I have detailed for you opposite, will be announced in the press. They will be the subject of consultation over the next three months. It is hoped to start the work in February 2008.



Darren at the site of proposed raised table at the junction with Woodstock Road

Planning proposals

- Visual rumble strips to be added at the top Of Parklands Road - Leading into Hollington Road
- Proposed road hump as traffic enters Hollington Road
- Proposed build - out of kerb to slow traffic and Give way to on coming traffic
- Proposed raised table at the junction with Woodstock Road, guard rails to be added to Opposing corners of Woodstock Road
- Proposed crossing adjacent the hair dressers in Hollington Road, with raised tactile paving
- Existing island to form one - way system Running clockwise from Hurstbourne Cres
- Three 2 metre wide parking bays around the Outer ring, placed outside the former - Dan O'Connell, East Park infants and the shops

School parking chaos

There is complete chaos at school home time, and local residents, parents, shops and road users are now at the end of their tether. Ideally children should be encouraged to walk to school but they must be safe when doing so which is unlikely in this day and age. At the moment parents are having to break the law attempting to park in inadequate parking spaces, and residents are furious when their drives are blocked. Other road users are sick and tired of being held up unnecessarily. We need to have greater input into the plans such as; parking time limits, improved bays and other measures. This can only be done by positive, concerted action from residents, parents and the local shops. I do need your support, so please contact me on 560398 or leave a message at the Lib Dem office on 555005, I promise you that prompt action will be taken. I have copies of the plans and if you feel this may effect you and would like a copy, then call 560398.



Parking on traffic island in Hollington Road

How to contact Darren Friel and the Focus Team

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Council Failure



Nightmare for neighbours since February 2000

Unfortunately 72 Deans Road, has been unoccupied for almost 8 years, it is overgrown, dilapidated and is a nightmare for neighbours, the police and the fire service. The problem was discussed at the Council's Resources Panel in September 2006 - AND still nothing has happened. Three bed roomed houses are hard to come by in this area and action is essential immediately. The Council must permit no further delay. Unfortunately, the £10m regeneration of East Park includes two bedroom properties only, and larger families are having to look further afield for their housing needs. This could see pupil numbers fall in our schools, which would impact on our local shops and amenities. Our three Labour councillors are clearly not interested.

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Wolverhampton Homes Chief Executive to meet with East Park Tenants & Residents

The Chief Executive of Wolverhampton Homes, Mrs Lesley Roberts will be the guest speaker at a meeting with East Park Tenants & Residents Association. Local tenants and residents will be allowed to air their views with her regarding repairs and the future regeneration of the East Park Estate.

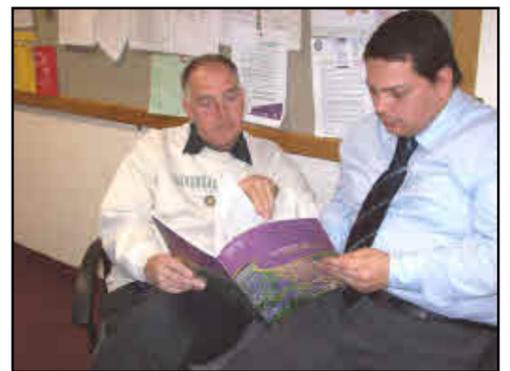
Wolverhampton Homes has received the much vaunted 2 star award from the audit commission. This means millions of pounds will now be unlocked to bring Wolverhampton Council property up to the 'Decent Homes' standard. Darren Friel said, "This does not in any way mean that my Liberal Democrat colleagues and I will let up on our criticism of the management of this off shoot company." As an example, one of our recent criticisms is the expenditure of over £40,000 on a call line for its workforce, to allow them to speak with nurses to decide whether or not they are well enough to attend work.

The meeting will take place on Thursday 6th December, at East Park Junior school, Hollington Road at 6 : 30 pm. All tenants & residents are welcome from within the Ward, I look forward to meeting you there.



Your Council Tax and you

Darren Friel discusses budget options with the Lib Dem finance spokesman Cllr Malcolm Gwinnett



In March Wolverhampton Council will be considering the levels of service and Council Tax for the residents of Wolverhampton. Darren Friel and your Liberal Democrat Focus Team would like **you** to have an input into our recommendations.

The controlling Labour Party will move their budget but the Liberal Democrat councillors can move amendments. **So he would like your opinions.**

Background

The majority of council expenditure is on schools and social services. Much of this is on pay. These pay rates are covered by national agreements. The government gives a grant which covers about 40% of expenditure. However, because of cut backs by Labour in Government, it is only going to increase the level of grant by 1% (well below inflation). They have also ordered equal pay across all council employees to be brought in next year (costing £5m) and paid for by us the Council Taxpayers. As a result of both these actions we are expecting a Labour Council tax rise of around 5% (well above inflation) just to maintain existing services.

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My problem is:

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East Park Tenants & Residents Association

Invite you to attend our open meeting

To be held at East Park Junior School
 In Hollington Road on Thursday 6th December
 At 6:30 pm

Guest Speaker Mrs Lesley Roberts
 Chief executive of Wolverhampton Homes

All are welcome to attend



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