

# FOCUS

on Middle Park & Sutcliffe ward

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## Tenants lose out as Labour gets its sums wrong

**Local council tenants may have to wait years longer for desperately needed repairs to their homes because Labour-run Greenwich Council has got its sums wrong.**

The cost of buying back properties due to be demolished on the Ferrier Estate has doubled to over £23 million. The Labour councillors have decided to fund some of this gap by taking money out of the housing investment budget, which is normally used to repair council homes”.

Local Lib Dem **Councillor Paul Webbewood** says, “The Labour Council has mishandled the Ferrier redevelopment and council tenants across the borough are going to suffer.

“The Council is already behind in meeting its Decent Homes pledge to bring properties up to a standard that residents are entitled to expect.

“Raiding money set aside for housing repairs to pay for Labour’s financial mistakes will only make things worse.”



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Cllr Brian Woodcraft (pictured above) and local residents have welcomed the news that works on widening Eltham Road (near the junction with Weigall Road) finally got under way in January.

The work will reinstate the pedestrian refuges that were removed several years ago when the bus lane was introduced.

Brian lobbied Transport for London to have the refuges reintroduced following several injuries to pedestrians.

A further refuge will be installed nearer to Cambridge Drive.

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## Good result on foot tunnels

After a long delay Greenwich Council has announced its proposals on how the Greenwich and Woolwich foot tunnels will operate while the forthcoming repairs take place.

The Greenwich Tunnel will close on weekday nights between 9pm and 6am while the Woolwich Tunnel will only close when the ferry is running.

Local Lib Dem Councillor **Brian Woodcraft** reports, "Cyclists were very concerned in particular about the implications of closing the Greenwich Tunnel and the Liberal Democrat councillors presented a petition on their behalf. It is good that Greenwich Council have listened on this occasion. I understand that Thames Clippers may be able to carry bikes on their late evening services."

*Cllr Brian Woodcraft (front right) joined campaigners at the foot tunnel last Autumn.*



## Kidbrooke Development gets underway

**Work has commenced on Phase 1 of the Kidbrooke redevelopment on the old Greenwich Borough Football Club ground/Harrow Meadow site on the east side of Sutcliffe Park.**

Your Lib Dem FOCUS Team has been supporting the 'Friends of Sutcliffe Park' group and residents of local roads who are unhappy about the impact of the redevelopment on the park.

Local Lib Dems have protested against the cutting down of trees and the proposal to remove the public entrance to the park from Eltham Road to create works access.



*Lib Dem Councillors Brian Woodcraft and Paul Webbewood are concerned that the Council seem prepared to allow Berkeley Homes to do whatever they want as the price for redevelopment*

## News in brief

**Blackwall tunnel:** Your Lib Dem Councillors have urged TfL to introduce a contraflow system to keep the tunnel open both ways when long-term repair work begins.

Current plans are to close the tunnel completely for southbound traffic while late night repairs are carried out. This would mean long delays and diversions for Greenwich residents coming home.

**Cllr Paul Webbewood** says, "There are of course safety considerations, but if a contraflow system is good enough for the Rotherhithe Tunnel, it should work for Blackwall too."

**Middle Park:** Lib Dem Cllr **Brian Woodcraft** successfully arranged for two tenants to be rehoused after their properties became damaged by subsidence caused by large tree roots growing under their flats.

The properties in Brittain Court, Shrubsall Close are now undergoing repairs.

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