



# FOCUS

on Middle Park  
& Sutcliffe

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## Junction delays 'beyond a joke'



*Cllr Brian Woodcraft surveys the ongoing improvement work at the Lee Green junction.*

Your local Lib Dem Councillors are calling on Transport for London (TfL) to take urgent action to complete the ongoing improvement works at the Lee Green junction.

It is now more than 12 months since the work began to improve pedestrian safety and traffic flow at this major junction.

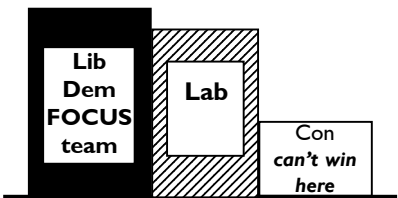
Cllr Brian Woodcraft says, "So far TfL have only succeeded in making matters worse. Local residents and shoppers have been inconvenienced by the delays."

Among those worst affected are pedestrians for who it is now even more dangerous to cross the road than before the works started.

Brian added, "We have yet to receive an adequate explanation of why this work has taken so long and, more importantly, how much longer it will be before it is finished".

"We know that some unexpected cables were found when digging up the area which then delayed the work, however it is odd how quickly work was completed in Blackheath village earlier this year while we are still waiting at this end of Lee Road - TfL still has questions to answer."

**Remember only the Lib Dems can beat Labour in this area**



Based on the 2002 ward result

## Open spaces saved from redevelopment

Your local Lib Dem FOCUS team has welcomed the news that the Public Inquiry into the Kidbrooke redevelopment has concluded that all the land on the south side of Weigall Road should return to being Metropolitan Open Land.

Although to a very large extent the recommendations of the inquiry agree with the Council's plans for the provision of 4,400 dwellings on the redeveloped Ferrier estate, an exception is the decision that the whole of the Crofton Albion Sports Club Ground will remain as Metropolitan Open Land.

Previously, Labour-run Greenwich Council planned that strip of land of the sports ground - the part alongside Weigall Road - be made available for 'new build' development of houses and flats.

Also this decision means that the derelict golf driving range, which had been earmarked for development some time ago, will not now have homes built on it.

Cllr Brian Woodcraft says, "I am pleased that the Council will not be appealing against this decision by the inquiry. I think that this is very good news indeed for all local residents of Weigall Road and roads on the Courtlands Estate.



Outside the saved Crofton Albion Sports Club Ground: Cllr Brian Woodcraft (right) with local resident Paul Webbewood who have long campaigned against development on the playing fields

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# Your Local Liberal Democrats Working All Year Round

## Progress on pedestrian safety

Your local Lib Dem Councillor **Brian Woodcraft** is pleased to report that after persistent lobbying of Transport for London (TfL) and the Mayor of London, they have agreed to reinstate 3 more pedestrian refuge islands along Eltham Road between Cambridge Drive and Weigall Road.



**Brian had taken up complaints from local residents following the completion of the new bus lane along the westbound Eltham Road, which was installed by TfL despite a massive protest from both local residents and your Lib Dem councillors.**

**Cllr Brian Woodcraft** [pictured left on Eltham Road by the junction with Weigall Road], comments, "I am delighted that TfL has finally seen sense and agreed to put back the islands that were removed to make space for the bus lane."

"I hope that the work needed to install the islands will not be delayed for too long so that the current dangerous situation for pedestrians can be ended."

## Leaseholders beware

**Cllr Harry Potter** recently took up the cause of leaseholders in Ravens Way being charged for inadequate windows and for the installations of pigeon spikes that had not taken place. The windows were of inadequate design and this led to cracks in the windows and bulges at the seals. The leaseholders took their case to Leasehold Valuation Tribunal where their bills were reduced by a third. Despite this the Council sought costs from the leaseholders which the tribunal refused.

This is but one instance of the problems facing leaseholders and is likely to be replicated throughout the ward. If you have had a similar bad experience please contact with your local councillors [see contact details below].

## Paul joins the team

You local Lib Dem Councillors have welcomed local resident and campaigner **Paul Webbwood** to the FOCUS team.

Paul is a former civil servant who is now a black cab driver. He lives on the Courtlands Estate where he is Secretary of the Residents Association. He is an experienced campaigner, particularly, on issues relating to local policing and the environment.

Paul has already been actively taking up issues on behalf of local residents, including:



**Graffiti in Sutcliffe Park** - Paul [pictured above] wrote to the Environment Agency to get graffiti cleaned off the concrete walls in Sutcliffe Park where the River Quaggy enters and leaves the park.

**Tegel, Horn Park** - Paul spoke against the proposed redevelopment on the Tegel site in Horn Park on the grounds of excessive density.

## Council told: You cannot sell what you do not own!

Greenwich Council's Strategy and Development Unit recently wanted to dispose of various Council owned garage sites in the ward in order to generate funds for the Council to allow new build 'social housing' on the sites. Included in the disposal were the garage courts next to numbers 10a and 13 Brooklands Park, SE3.

**Cllr Brian Woodcraft** immediately realised that the trouble with this proposal was that the garage sites do not belong to the Council!



The garages are privately owned by residents in Brooklands Park. Brian quickly advised several owners of the properties concerned, including the Chair of the **Brook Park Residents Society** who have title to the garage forecourts, of the Council's

intentions. The residents confirmed that the Council were in error - over their claim to own the land and the garages on them - and so Brian advised the Council to stop trying to sell the garages immediately....

Brian has also made clear his opposition to the selling off of council-owned garages on various sites on the Brooklands Park estate.

## Councillor surgeries

### Councillor Brian Woodcraft:

1st Thursday of each month; 6 - 7:30 pm;

2nd February, 2nd March, 6th April

St. Peter's Church, Weigall Road (Corner of Eltham Road);

### Councillor Ian Gerrard:

2nd Saturday of each month; 11am - 12noon;

10th February, 11th March, 8th April

Middle Park Community Centre (wooden hut at front),  
150 Middle Park Avenue;

### Councillor Harry Potter:

Last Saturday of each month; 11am - 12noon;

25th February, 25th March, 29th April

Horn Park Community Centre (main office building), 96  
Sibthorpe Rd;

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