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Crime down



More homes



Better schools

Progress on traffic and parking

A record number of residents attended Sutton Local Committee on 3rd November for the second discussion on traffic and parking issues.

At the first meeting, in September, residents had identified 22 parking and traffic hot spots. Council officers came to the meeting with possible solutions. A number of issues will be actioned straight away:

- survey of speeding traffic in All Saints Road.
- enforcement against
 - blocking of crossovers in Benhilton Gdns
 - parking on corners and verges in Gloucester Gdns
 - obstructions caused in Grennell Close during school opening and closing times
 - parking near Westbourne Primary School

The other hot spots can only be dealt with through a more controlled approach to parking over the whole area to avoid simply moving parking from one street to another. We agreed to begin informal consultations with residents on introducing better parking controls and a 20 mph speed limit.

The consultation on better parking controls will be in two phases. The first will be to set

out on a map where it is safe to park, and where it should be prohibited - either on safety grounds or where it would block access. All residents will be consulted on these plans by letter in January.

Once the plans have been finally agreed by the Sutton Local Committee at their meeting on 15 March, there will be further road by road consultation on what kind of parking restriction should be implemented to suit the needs of residents in each road.

The first stage for the 20 mph limit will be the installation of monitors to measure the volume and speed of traffic across the ward. Plans for the new limit will also come to the March Committee meeting for approval.

This is quite a major exercise, which will set the parking standards for some time to come, so we urge you to respond to the consultation letters when they arrive.



▲ Marlene, Ruth and Steve in Rosehill Recreation ground

Your Councillors are here to help. They hold a surgery every Saturday from 11am until 12 noon at the Salvation Army Hall, Benhill Avenue, Sutton.

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New high school site

Marlene, Steve and Ruth have received numerous messages of support for the Council's decision to build the new secondary school on the former Sutton Hospital site in Belmont.

Many of you recognise the pressure on school places all across London and the lack of suitable sites for new primary and secondary schools. Sutton is no different.

That's why we have insisted that the new school should be built on the brownfield site in Belmont that we purchased from the NHS expressly for that purpose.

The Education Funding Agency - which has to agree any Free School application - has confirmed that the Belmont site is suitable for a new school. We know that there are a number of interested Free School providers who wish to submit applications to open a school on the former hospital site.

We believe that the exciting plans for the world leading London Cancer Hub create a unique opportunity to develop a secondary school as part of that campus, giving Sutton students unique access to scientific facilities and learning opportunities.

Updates on other issues

Ruth, Marlene and Steve have been in touch with residents on a number of planning applications in our area: Blenheim Road, Benhilton Gardens, and the redevelopment of the carpet shop in Sutton Common Road.

They have also been in touch about the proposal for double yellow lines at the Benhill Wood Road/ All Saints junction and for pavement parking in Calthorpe Gardens.

They will continue to keep residents informed as these issues progress.

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Working families to be hit by Tory cuts



▲ 3,400 working families in our area will be hit by tax credits cuts

Thousands of working families in Sutton, Cheam and Worcester Park are set to be hit by Tory cuts to tax credits.

At the time of going to print, 3,400 families are set to lose an average of £1000 per year because of the cuts.

Cllr Ruth Dombey said: "Conservative

cuts to the income of hard working people, many of whom are just above the breadline, prove yet again that the Tories can't be trusted to look out for local people.

"In Coalition, the Liberal Democrats stopped the Tories doing this. We remain completely opposed to these cuts and, unlike Labour, voted to axe them when it mattered."

Ruth added: "The Conservatives and our Tory MP need to recognise that hardworking local families will be worse off - left struggling to get by because of these awful proposals. They must listen to the evidence and scrap their plan altogether."

News in brief



Housing: Caroline Pidgeon set out her plan to build 50,000 low rent homes for Londoners



Mental Health: Lib Dems have reaffirmed their commitment to improving mental healthcare



Europe: Lib Dems launched their campaign to stay in Europe for the sake of jobs, peace and prosperity

Lib Dems fight to save local police



▲ Conservative plans would see every neighbourhood PCSO in London axed.

The Lib Dems are fighting to save Sutton's neighbourhood police.

1,000 Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) across London are set to be axed under Conservative plans.

Lib Dem candidate for Mayor of London, Caroline Pidgeon, said: "PCSOs are the eyes and ears of the

police on our streets and provide reassurance to local people.

"The Tory Mayor should cut these plans not cut our local police."

Caroline added: "Sutton has one of the lowest crime rates in London, thanks to the hard work of the police and Lib Dem-run Sutton Council. These cuts could put all that at risk."

Who will stand up for us?

Lib Dems

- ✓ Keeping Sutton one of the safest parts of London
- ✓ Plan to build 50,000 low rent homes for Londoners
- ✓ Cut income tax by £800 for hard working local people

OR

Conservatives

- ✗ Massive cuts to our local neighbourhood police
- ✗ Tory's "affordable" homes out of reach for most people
- ✗ Tory cuts to tax credits will push local families into poverty

The Conservatives cannot be trusted to stand up for Sutton, Cheam & Worcester Park

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