Sutton North COCUS News from your Lib Dem team

Cllr Ruth Dombey, Cllr Marlene Heron, Cllr Steve Penneck and Amna Ahmad









Prince Regent Pub

Residents will be aware of the planning application to demolish the Prince Regent pub and build a nine storey block of flats.

This follows on from the Government's decision to de-list the pub which we opposed.

Local residents have called for the pub to be 'locally listed' and registered as an Asset of Community Value. The Council has a commitment to encouraging the retention of Locally Listed buildings. Further details of this are on our website.

The developers have also applied for planning permission to demolish the pub. Councillors have called for this to be deferred until the other applications have been decided.



Your local Councillors - Ruth, Marlene and Steve - are pressing for the planning application to be refused on the grounds of its excessive height, design and lack of retail use on the ground floor.

Congratulations Chaucer Stars!

The roll started in February when Rosemary Langley, Alice McFadden and Pat McGuire were runners up in the Community Spirit Award for their Mini Mix which brings young and old together.

Ms Svindland was runner up for the Best Allotment Garden. At Sutton Housing Partnership Star Awards Jill Eldridge won Good Neighbour and Employee of the Year went to Patrick O'Riley Chaucer Gardens Caretaker. There was stiff competition for all these awards and we are so proud of the difference these people make to our community.

Updates from around Sutton North

Find out more on our website.

The Council is now consulting on a draft of the Local Plan. It deals with subjects such as: new regeneration areas; housing, retail and office development; and provision of sites for schools. The Plan proposes allocating the All Weather Pitch and part of the Tennis Centre in Rosehill Park for a new High school.

The planning application to build four bungalows on undeveloped land behind gardens in Benhilton Gardens has been turned down by the Council.

A planning application has been received to build eight detached houses on former allotment land in Sutton Garden Suburb.

Local cycling

The Council will be consulting residents shortly about a proposal for a 'Quietway' cycle route along Benhill Wood Road, Elgin Road, Grennell Road and through Greenshaw Woods. 'Quietways' are cycling routes that can be promoted to encourage cycling as a safe and healthy option. The proposal will not include separate cycle paths, but will suggest some junction improvements.

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Your Councillors hold a surgery every Saturday from 11am until 12 noon at the Salvation Army Hall on Benhill Avenue

NHS in funding crisis



Amna Ahmad, Lib Dem Spokesperson for Sutton & Cheam, is working with a national group of doctors, nurses and economists to find a solution to the NHS funding crisis.

This year, the NHS is facing additional pressure but the Tory Government refuses to provide more funding.

Some hospitals have become dangerously over-crowded, putting staff under impossible pressure, resulting in delayed discharges, failures in care and unnecessary distress to some of the most vulnerable patients.

St Helier Hospital, whilst inundated with

patients, has coped well over the winter months thanks to its great staff team.

Amna said: "The Tories are failing to provide the investment needed to deliver a safe, effective and modern national health and care service.

"It's such a shame that the local Tories have been unable to secure extra funding from the Government.

"The Liberal Democrats are the only party prepared to be honest with the public about the scale of the problem. I will continue to work to find a solution to this crisis."

Sutton leads the way on **Dementia** care

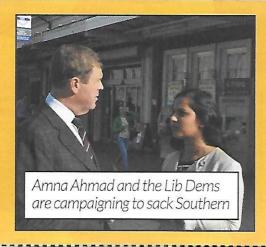


Lib Dem-run Sutton Council is the only London Council to fund Admiral Nurses.

These specialist dementia nurses help patients to live in their own homes for longer, retaining comfort and independence, and work with families to help them understand what is happening.

Cllr Ruth Dombey, Leader of Sutton Council said: "Actions like this are helping us make Sutton a truly dementia-friendly borough. You can help us achieve this goal by signing up to become a Dementia Friend today!"

Become a Dementia Friend: www.dementiafriends.org.uk



Government must stop playing politics and Sack Southern Rail

Last year, Transport for London (TfL) was working with the Government to take control of London's suburban rail network.

Disappointingly, Transport Secretary Chris Grayling MP then u-turned and announced that the plans had been abandoned to "keep it (train services) out of the clutches of Labour.

Amna Ahmad said: "This u-turn and the attitude of this Government is shameful. A clear solution is available and yet the Government is putting

party-politics ahead of common sense. This has been going on for far too long-it just shouldn't be so hard for local people to get to work. We need to end this crisis now.

"Our Tory MP needs to stop sticking up for the Government and rail companies and start sticking up for commuters.

Sign Amna's petition below calling on the Government to sack Southern Rail and get TfL to run suburban rail services.

Sign the petition: Sack Southern

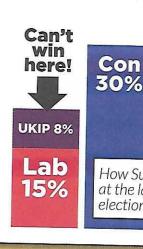
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I can deliver some leaflets in my area to help the campaign

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