Sutton North CCUS News from your Lib Dem team

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School site proposed for Rosehill Park in Local Plan

Your ward councillors have been working with Council officers to find an alternative school site for a new secondary school, but no suitable site has been found. As a result part of the tennis centre and the disused all weather pitch in Rosehill Park are being recommended for a new school.

Steve said: "We are very aware that the suggestion to put the school in Rosehill Park attracted considerable opposition. Sadly it is becoming clear that we cannot avoid building a second new secondary school in the Borough and that the growth in pupil numbers is in central Sutton. The first new secondary school will be in Belmont on the disused Sutton Hospital site.

"We are opposed to any further development of the open green space on



the park, but it is difficult to oppose a new school located on part of the tennis centre and the disused pitch, areas that are already built on, provided that all the school facilities including play space and parking are contained within that site, and that it meets planning requirements for design, traffic and parking. It is particularly

important that we preserve as open public space the areas of park land to the south of the all-weather pitch, the public tennis courts, the bowling green and land adjoining it, and the cricket pitch. But as councillors we also have a legal duty to provide school places, and there is no credible alternative option."

Ward councillors will support residents in ensuring that any new plans do not encroach upon the open green space of Rosehill Park, which we know is valued by all. Further detail is on our website.

Breaking news - No plans to build a travellers site at Kimpton. Proposal rejected in favour of expanding the existing traveller site in Woodmansterne, near Carshalton.

Prince Regent pub to be de-listed

Ruth, Marlene and Steve were shocked to learn that Historic England has decided to de-list the Prince Regent pub in Sutton High Street. Together with many local residents, we submitted our objections to show the strength of feeling about this important heritage building in our area.

Sadly they have ignored our views. This means that the developer can submit a planning application to knock it down and build flats. We are deeply disappointed. Pubs like the Prince Regent are part of our heritage and we believe they should be protected.

Residents to be consulted on crossing at the Angel Hill/Vermont Road/All Saints Road junction.

Earlier this year, following representations from residents and All Saints (Benhilton) Primary School, Sutton Local Committee asked the Council to look at the possibility of a pedestrian phase at the existing traffic lights. A crossing will be particularly helpful for parents with buggies going to the school. The scheme

involves cutting back the kerbs and grass verges to allow a new larger island for a staggered crossing. There will be informal consultation before the scheme is put to the December meeting of Sutton Local Committee on Tues 13 December (7pm in the Europa Gallery, Sutton Library) for approval.

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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.

Amna Ahmad: "End Southern chaos now"



Recent train delays and cancellations by Southern have left local commuters facing travel chaos. And as if this wasn't enough, unfair compensation schemes have made the problem worse.

Despite this mess, Tory Government ministers have not found a solution.

Lib Dem Parliamentary Spokesperson, Amna Ahmad, is campaigning for better compensation for our commuters and to sack Southern now. Amna said: "I use Southern trains every day and it is chaos. Like many local people, I am fed up.

"Sutton's Tory MP has been virtually silent on the issue, which is unacceptable.

"Local people need a solution. We deserve better train services, better value for money and an MP who speaks up for the things that affect our daily lives."

Action to reduce the effect of cold weather on the vulnerable



Your Lib Dem council has teamed up with a charity to tackle one of the biggest challenges for vulnerable residents - keeping warm in winter.

The free programme, provided by Groundwork London and Sutton Council, will offer practical help in keeping warm, saving money and insulating homes, with free warm clothing for those who need it.

Lib Dem Council Leader, Cllr Ruth Dombey, said: "We all need to look out for our neighbours over the coming months and ensure they're prepared for the cold weather."

If you need extra support or know of someone who does, you can contact Groundwork London on 0300 365 3005 or info@groundwork.org.uk and they will arrange a home visit.



Tories silent on pharmacy cuts

A huge Tory Government cut in the funding that goes to community pharmacies could force 1 in 4 to close here in Sutton Borough.

Lib Dem Amna Ahmad is campaigning against this disastrous cut.

Amna said: "Successive Governments have encouraged people with minor

ailments to go to their pharmacists rather than their GP or local hospital. It's completely nonsensical that the Tories would want to close pharmacies.

"The silence of the local Tories, and Sutton's Tory MP in particular, on pharmacy cuts speaks volumes. It's clear that they can't be trusted to stand up for local people."

Sign the petition: Save Our Pharmacies

I/we the undersigned call upon the Secretary of State for Health and the Government to stop cuts to pharmacy funding and support pharmacy services that save the NHS money and reduce the burden on GPs and A&E departments.

Postcode: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

I can deliver leaflets in my area to help save local pharmacies $\ \square$

Return to us (for free) in an envelope addressed to: FREEPOST Lib Dem Focus Team (yes, that's all you need to put!)

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Remember: elections in our area are always between the Lib Dems and the Conservatives

Can't win here!

UKIP 8%

Lab
15%

How Sutton voted at the last Council elections in 2014

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