

# Sutton North FOCUS

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## Tackling Grennell Road parking

Residents have contacted us with concerns about safety and access in the local area. Inconsiderate parking has led to residents (and in some roads emergency vehicles) having problems accessing their driveways, safety concerns, congestion, and difficulties for the S4 bus.

We have worked closely with residents to help the Council develop proposals for limited parking controls and other safety measures in the Grennell Road area and have been consulting with residents in the affected area to get their views.

The only sustainable solution is to have fewer parked cars. Otherwise every extra set of double yellow lines simply moves the parking elsewhere.

### Rosehill Park

The Council recently consulted on the possible use of part of Rosehill Park for a school. The consultation attracted a petition from 350 local residents against a school. These views will feed into the draft local plan due to be finalised by December, which will be subject to further consultation early next year. Your councillors will continue to defend the designation of the whole of the park as Metropolitan Open Land. While we understand the need for a new school we would resist any building on any open areas in the park.



The local Lib Dem team are working to solve problems with parking in and around Grennell Road

To tackle this, the Council will be considering a borough wide parking strategy this autumn to see what can be done on a larger scale.

We'll report back to you in future editions of Focus to let you know how the council plans to proceed to tackle the issue.

### Gypsy and traveller sites

All councils are required by to identify sites for Gypsy and Traveller provision and include them in their Local Plans. We know that residents are concerned about the Kimpton Road site and we have listened to those concerns. Ruth, Steve and Marlene believe that, if the Council needs to find space for 12 more pitches, the existing site in Woodmansterne should be re-looked at.

**Sutton Local Committee** next meets on Tuesday 6 September at 7pm at Sutton Grammar School, Manor Lane.

### Get in touch

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



# No wasting money

Lib Dems save your money and boost recycling



Sutton Lib Dems' bin plan will save £10m for local taxpayers and boost Sutton's recycling rate

With Tory government cuts to local councils expected to slash funding over 50% by 2019, Sutton's Lib Dem councillors have agreed to enter an innovative new contract for waste collection with neighbouring councils in Merton, Kingston and Croydon – maximising economies of scale to protect services while saving local taxpayers £10m in the next ten years.

The final plan will be discussed and agreed amongst the four boroughs over the summer, but the current proposal would see;

- A weekly food waste collection in a food caddy to cut down the amount put in brown bins – as requested by 72% of local

residents in a recent survey.

- A weekly collection of recyclable waste - paper and card in two weeks every month and tins/bottles/plastics in the other two alternate weeks, increasing the value of the recycled waste.
- A fortnightly collection of non-recyclable waste, like polystyrene.
- A fortnightly paid collection of green garden waste (for those who want it), extended from nine months to all year round.

The new scheme will not only double the weekly capacity for recycling, but it should also increase Sutton's recycling rates from 37% to 42% in the first year alone – helping the environment and reducing landfill tax.

# 1 in 4 local pharmacies under threat



**Tory Government cuts could see 11 local pharmacies close.**

The Conservative Government has decided that £170 million will be cut from community pharmacies in 2016/17.

An estimated £660,000 will be cut from Sutton's pharmacies.

Council leader Ruth Dombey said, "I am very concerned about these proposals, which are simply a backdoor health cut.

"Local pharmacists tell me that the need for changes has not been explained and the public will receive a worse service."

Lib Dem councillor Steve Penneck added, "Pharmacies offer a huge range of services to take pressure off GPs and A&E departments.

"Our borough can't afford to lose a single pharmacy, let alone 11!"

## Save our local pharmacies

I/we, the undersigned, call upon the Health Secretary to stop cuts to pharmacy funding and support pharmacy services that save the NHS money and reduce the burden on GPs and A&E:

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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## How can I help the campaign today?

The local Lib Dem team will lead the fight to support local pharmacies and ensure that everybody can have access to a local pharmacy.

You can back the campaign now by signing the petition to the left and returning it to us.

Alternatively, you can sign the petition at: [tombrake.co.uk/pharmacies](http://tombrake.co.uk/pharmacies).

You can also support the local team's campaigning by volunteering to help the Lib Dems fight for us.

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