

Sutton North FOCUS

News from your Lib Dem team



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Parking: your chance to have your say

Many residents have been telling us about the growing parking problems in the area due to St Helier hospital, commuter parking and people visiting the town centre.

The Council consulted us about the problems late last year and have now analysed the 5,500 replies received. Based on those responses, Council officers have now prepared street-by-street proposals, and the Council will be consulting on these before Christmas.

The main proposals are:

- An extension of the town centre CPZ into the rest of Collingwood Road, and into Stayton, Dibdin, Marlborough, Blenheim, Hallmead and Vermont Roads;
- A separate CPZ in Aultone Way, Woodend and Green Hill



- Parking bays with yellow line restrictions in the roads to the east of Rose Hill

They will also be discussed at the Local Committee on 26th November (7.30pm at the Salvation Army, Benhill Ave). The detailed plans will be available online and at Sutton library.

Your Lib Dem Council wants to address the problems that many have raised over the years. But it all depends on whether the proposals get your support. So look out for the consultation letter from the Council in mid November, and make sure you tell the Council your views.

Collingwood Road Road Safety

If you live in the Collingwood Road area you will shortly be consulted on proposals to improve safety in the road. We have had many people raise concerns about speeding traffic and heavy lorries. There are particular concerns for parents taking their

children to Westbourne School. Look out for a letter from the Council directing you to a website where you can see the detailed proposals, and let the Council have your views. If you don't respond, no action will be taken.

Tram update

TfL is consulting us on possible routes for their tram proposal, now called 'Sutton Link'. All the routes go around the one way system, two then travel up Angel Hill and Rose Hill, and on to link with the Northern Line, either South Wimbledon or Colliers Wood. The third route picks up the Sutton/ Wimbledon rail line near Sutton bus garage and on to Wimbledon.

There is also an alternative of a Bus Rapid Transit on the two Rose Hill routes. The proposal could cost over £400m, and funding has not yet been agreed. If it goes ahead, work to construct the route will take three years commencing in 2022.

Please make sure you respond to the consultation to let TfL know your views - everyone should receive a letter in November with the details.

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

Taking air quality seriously

Lib Dems in Sutton are working hard to tackle the issue of poor air quality, which is thought to lead to around 9000 premature deaths a year in London.

The main source of pollution in our borough is car emissions and the Lib Dems are campaigning for public transport improvements to reduce car use.

We are working to Sack Southern and hand the franchise to TfL so they can

run more frequent and reliable services, calling for more investment in buses in poorly served areas, and are working with schools to bring in travel plans so that children learn to use public transport from a young age.

A key part of improving public transport is extending the tram to Sutton and following a long term campaign, the consultation on the tram is now live.

Lib Dem MP Tom Brake welcomed the news: "After years of campaigning, I'm glad to see that we are a step closer to bringing the Tram to Sutton." Tom said.



Cars emissions are the largest polluter in Sutton



700,000 marched for a vote on the deal

“Give us a People’s Vote to avoid a no deal Brexit”

The Lib Dems are united in fighting the Tories’ damaging and chaotic Brexit deal.

We all know it will be a disaster for Britain. Bad for jobs, the economy and the NHS. It will cost £39 billion, and in return, we will lose access to the single market and have to follow rules from Brussels without a say.

It's so unpopular, we are now in danger of heading for no deal at all.

The Liberal Democrats demand better for Britain. We want people, not politicians, to have the final say on Brexit, with the option to stay in the EU. We think YOU should decide the future of our country and your family.

If you share our vision for a better Britain, sign up to our campaign at

www.libdems.org.uk/brexit

Charles Cryer to Reopen

Following the Council’s decision in October, we are pleased to confirm that CryerArts has been chosen to run the Charles Cryer Theatre.

Maintaining an arts and cultural space in Sutton has been a priority for the Lib Dem-run Sutton Council and we have pushed hard since 2016 for the Charles Cryer to be reopened as a cultural or community venue.

CryerArts is made up of local residents and business people who care deeply about our local community. A major part of the site will be a new bar and restaurant.

The Cryer will also be able to host a wide range of events such as live music, talks and community functions.



CryerArts has won a bid to keep the Cryer as an arts hub.

Keys to new Council homes handed to new tenants



Lib Dems have fulfilled their commitment to build more homes.

The new Fellowes Road development in Carshalton has been officially opened, providing 11 two bedroom and 4 three bedroom houses.

The Lib Dem run Sutton Council are particularly proud that a number of these houses are fully wheelchair accessible and have lift access.

These homes are the first Council houses to be built in Sutton for 30 years, and fulfil a manifesto

commitment to build more affordable homes.

The Lib Dems have also committed to use the Council-owned property company to build more affordable houses in the coming years.

Jayne McCoy, Sutton Council’s Deputy Leader said “We are proud to be delivering these new high quality homes for Sutton families and look forward to more.”