





From your Lib Dem team Cllr Ruth Dombey, Cllr Marlene Heron and Cllr Steve Penneck

SUTTON BUS GARAGE NEDS A NEW HOME

Sign the petition to persuade Go-Ahead to find a better location



Your local ward councillors Ruth Dombey, Marlene Heron and Steve Penneck are concerned at the impact that the increased use of Sutton Bus Garage is having on the local community.

We all recognise the importance of the garage to ensure our bus services run on time. But we were surprised to learn that this is the only bus garage in South London to be located in a residential road.

The number of out of service buses along Collingwood and Bushey Roads is unacceptable, especially at night. We share the concerns raised with us by residents about the vibration and the effect it has on homes, air pollution, noise, the impact of the fuel tankers, traffic congestion, especially around

the bus garage, and the litter outside.

Ruth has written to Go-Ahead London and Transport for London to ask for a meeting to consider relocating the garage to a non-residential site. An opportunity for this will come when Sutton Council begins in this coming year to review the Sutton Local Plan which sets out the planning rules for the borough. We have asked officers in the Council planning department to consider alternative sites which would be more suitable for such a busy garage.

If you share our concerns then please sign the petition online at: www.suttonlibdems.org.uk/sutton_bus_garage and encourage others to do so.

Collingwood Road Tragedy

We were all shocked by the terrible fire in December and the tragic deaths of four little boys.

Our hearts and prayers go out to all the family. We were on the scene the day after and attended the vigil the following week. It was very moving and it was good to see how many people came along to pay their respects. There are several ideas for a lasting memorial to mark the tragedy and we are liaising with the family so that their wishes are respected.

Councillors press for improvements in Rosehill Park



Despite Conservative cuts, Sutton North's Lib Dems are pushing for funding for Rosehill Park projects. Ruth, Marlene and Steve support the Council's plans, which include a scheme to prevent the frequent flooding especially around the car park.

Unfortunately Conservative cuts mean we have to bid against the rest of London. There will be a shallow flood basin – a dry wild meadow area for most of the year adding to the diversity in the park.

Plans also include a junior bike track near the main road. The path from the car park towards the by-pass will be upgraded. Also an upgrade to the lighting in the car park is planned, to improve safety.

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