

Focus

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Road crossing success. We are pleased to report that, together with the help of local residents, our campaign over the last five years has borne fruit. The Staffordshire County Council has funded and installed the much needed Puffin crossing over the Birmingham Road, near to Ivanhoe Road. Marguerite Stockdale and Cllr Ian Jackson of our Focus team, accompanied local residents (on left of photo) Tom and Jennifer Halford, to try out the facility. The Halfords said that the crossing would provide a safe route for pedestrians and cyclists into the City and to local schools. Another road crossing has been funded out of s.106 developers' contributions to serve a MUGA off St. Foye Avenue. Work has not yet begun on this.

Consultation? When and where?

In our last Focus we highlighted shortcomings in the way in which Council consultations were advertised. We will continue to press for better ways to do this and as an example of our willingness to take the lead, we recently made a presentation at the Leomansley Residents Association AGM to bring residents up to date with the local Development Framework process.

Greenhill Area Traffic proposals

The Lichfield Advisory Group is a permanent task group on the LDC, which advises the Cabinet on Lichfield matters. A scheme for improving the traffic flow around Greenhill and to alleviate the congestion and "hold ups" from the Backcester Lane Car Parks was presented by the Staffs County Council, with 5 options. All of them included basic improvements at the Greenhill Crossroads traffic lights. Three options included doing away with the second set of lights by George Lane/Tamworth Street, installing a mini roundabout at this location and making George Lane (access uphill only) and Tamworth Street (access downhill only) one way, to create a one way clockwise system.

Members were very negative and were minded to decide, that only the Crossroads traffic lights scheme should go ahead at present and none of the other items. SCC hinted that if they went down this path, it was unlikely that they could bring into effect the rest of the scheme for some considerable time.

Despite the warning, members recommended to the cabinet that the partial scheme be adopted. Our Lib Dem member was in favour of the comprehensive one way, mini round about scheme, which he thought would greatly improve the traffic flow from the Three Spires shopping centre car parks and speed up the traffic flow around the whole of this area.



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Victoria Hospital site.

A significant delay was expected to the development of this site, due to the recession. We were pleased, therefore, that work commenced recently on this housing scheme.

Cllr Derek Love has been in touch with the developers and with the District Council planners to discuss the design of a feature to preserve the memory of the Victoria Hospital. This will include the foundation stone, saved from the hospital demolition, which will be built in to the entrance wall to the development, together with a plaque setting out some historical facts about the hospital.

Help with house repairs and improvements

Lichfield District Council has joined forces with the home improvement agency Spiritia to help householders to repair, adapt and improve their homes. The KickStart household repair scheme is available to Lichfield District homeowners whose household income is not more than £27,000 a year, or aged 60 or over.

This Council also operates the Warm Front scheme, to give grants to householders to install loft and cavity insulation, an important element in saving fuel costs and reducing one's carbon footprint. **In this ward 27.5 % of householders have insufficient loft insulation and 13.2 % do not have cavity wall insulation. Householders are urged to take advantage of this scheme and thus improve their own and the District's energy efficiency. The District is a particularly high energy consumer in comparison to other districts in the West Midlands.**

Tough measures by the Conservative - Lib Dem Coalition.

David Cameron and Nick Clegg are taking a tough line, to get us out of the recession and early signs are that their policies are beginning to have an effect, with some growth in the economy.

Any help which you can give to our local party would be appreciated, whether delivering leaflets, making a donation, or joining the party.

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