

## Consultation. Local Development Framework. Martin Heath Hall, Christchurch Lane.

**Saturday 27th November 2010, 10 a.m - Noon.**

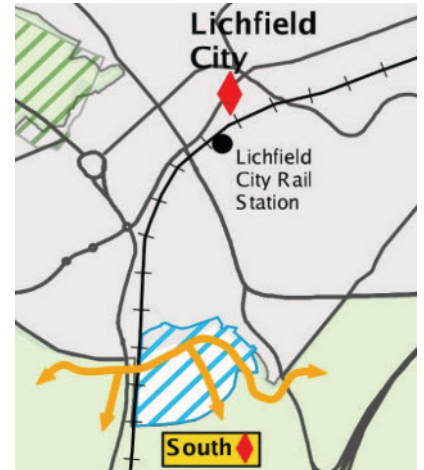
We invite you to our surgery, to examine the documents relating to the above and to enable you to discuss the proposals with us.

Also we will advise you as to how you submit your comments to the Lichfield District Council. The L.D.F sets out the proposals for housing, employment, climate change, transport and leisure until the year 2026. Your input is vital, to ensure that the most appropriate locations and the scale of the same are chosen for future development. You are welcome to raise any other matter with us of local or national interest. Councillors, Ian Jackson, Derek Love, John Smith, Marion Bland, and Christel Roe who can also answer your questions on other local issues.

It is expected that Lichfield District Council will be proposing significant changes from their previous proposals that included 1650 extra new houses to the South of Lichfield City and mainly on Green Belt land. The new proposals are expected to maintain the overall target of 8,000 dwellings between 2006 and 2026.

The Regional target of 10,000 was scrapped by the coalition government and it is now down to local councils to set their own targets. We are expecting the proposals to be published on 19th November which is after this leaflet has to go to the printers

**Come and see the details for yourself!**



### Former Victoria Hospital site

The house building on this site is now well advanced and our campaigners have ensured that the memory of the Victoria hospital is preserved. Cllr Derek Love has met representatives of local organisations, the developers and the planners to draw up a scheme whereby the foundation

stone of the former hospital is built in to one of the walls of the entrance to the estate and also to devise a suitable plaque on the opposite entrance wall to pay tribute to those who helped to fund the building of that hospital and who used it over all those years since 1933. A pleasant area between the frontage houses, near to the site entrance memorial tablets, has been grassed over and will be maintained by the Lichfield District Council. There are no plans at present to plant flowers or shrubs in the grassed area, due to funding restrictions in the maintenance of grounds budget.



### Welcome to Darwin Community Hall

The new Darwin Hall is proving to be a big success with many local groups making use of it. Liberal Democrat councillors worked with residents to get the right design for our area and win council approval for it.

## Cllr Ian Jackson attacks High Speed Rail Route

Cllr Ian Jackson has renewed his criticism of the plans published by the last government and now being reviewed by the coalition.

An excessively high design speed of 250 mph has led to far higher costs and an inflexible and intrusive routing. Such a speed is totally inappropriate for a small country like ours and compared with, for example, a speed of 180 mph it offers only small savings of time at a high financial and environmental cost.

A lower design speed of 180 mph would allow much tighter curves that would allow more use of existing transportation corridors, such as the M40 and the M6 Toll, rather than slicing through undeveloped countryside. North of Birmingham it makes no sense looping around Lichfield when a far more direct and less intrusive route would follow the M6 Toll/M6 corridor.

The current proposals adversely affect Lichfield in many ways. As well as the environmental impact of the route, the proposals effectively blight the area north of the mainline which was being considered for future housing growth. This will have the immediate effect of increasing pressure on development to the south of the City. Our already poor direct service to London is threatened as the Liverpool and London trains that currently stop could be diverted past Lichfield on the new high speed route.



### Road Safety concerns on Sainte Foye Avenue - New Multi-user Games Area

Work on the new multi-use games area here has been zooming ahead and now residents are concerned that there will be no safe crossing over this busy road installed in time. Liberal Democrat councillors have pressed for action to be taken by the County Council to co-ordinate completion of the crossing with that of the games area.

### Climate Change news

Lichfield District Council, through their Working Party, which meets on a regular basis with Liberal Democrat councillor involvement, is exploring a number of ways in which they can lead on this topic. They are hoping to involve Housing Associations in getting together with installers of solar panels and wind turbines, to fit their installations to tenanted properties. This scheme could then be extended to private houses and the economy of scale should bring the cost down to an affordable level. The coalition government initiative of paying a "feed in" tariff for electricity produced by the installations, would also make the scheme attractive, by reducing the household electricity bills. How the initial cost of the installations would be funded and what share of the feed in tariff would be received by the various parties would have to be decided.

## Your Liberal Democrat Focus Team - at your service.

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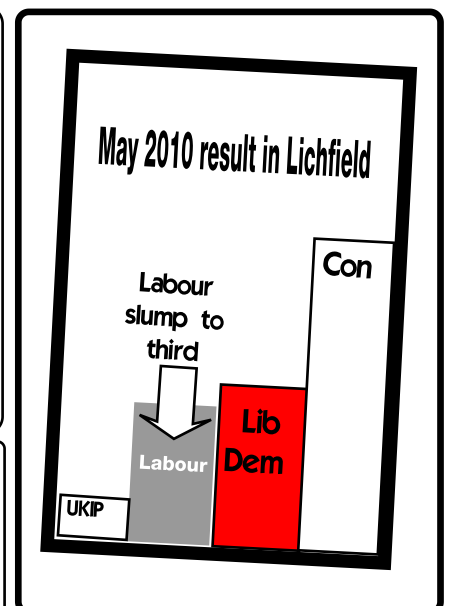
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