

Focus

on Southfields

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GIVE US BACK OUR TREES!

Local Lib Dems call for re-think on Southside's High Street entrance

The Southfields Lib Dem team is calling for the re-planting of the trees that were cut down at the front of the Southside shopping centre.

Before the revamp of the centre, which is at the north end of the Southfields Ward, there were seven 'London plane' trees standing at the front. These all had tree preservation orders on them. So far they have not been replaced there.

Local campaigner Anna Ahmed said: "Re-planting the trees would make the Wandsworth High Street entrance a much more attractive place. At the moment it looks bare and unfinished, and the general appearance of the front of the building also needs to be smartened up."

The local Liberal Democrat team is in touch with the management of the shopping centre, and we will report back to you on developments!

Lib Dems say no to ID cards!

Expensive

Introducing Labour's mandatory ID card scheme is likely to cost the taxpayer between £12 - 18 billion for the new combined ID cards and passports. **Lib Dems say spend the money on preventing crime instead! We would put 10,000 more police on our streets.**

Ineffective

Spain's ID cards did not prevent the Madrid atrocities. Stella Rimington, the ex-head of MI5, says "I don't think that anybody in the intelligence services ... would be pressing for ID cards".

Intrusive

The Home Secretary can require some types of people to register, by 'proscribing' a group. This is likely to apply to foreign nationals at first but will eventually apply to the entire population.

Sign our petition against ID cards at www.libdems.org.uk/noidcards

Liberal Democrats call for REAL action on anti-social behaviour

The local Lib Dem team is increasingly concerned about the rise in anti-social behaviour in areas such as Merton Road.

Local campaigner Adam Towner said: "Ensuring people feel safe in their homes and communities is at the heart of what we stand for as Liberal Democrats. Lib Dem councils have been at the forefront of efforts to tackle antisocial behaviour, for example Islington's Acceptable Behaviour Contracts, and Sutton's anti-graffiti strategy."

"Liberal Democrats supported the introduction of ASBOs but we

believe they should always be accompanied by other interventions to tackle the causes of the offender's behaviour."

Southfields Lib Dem Tony Burrett stated: "Our proposal for 'ASBO-plus' would ensure that services like mediation, counselling, advice on debt management, and drug and alcohol rehabilitation are provided to tackle the causes of nuisance behaviour at the same time as the ASBO places restrictions on the individual's movements and actions."

London Liberal Democrats force Mayor to oppose third runway at Heathrow

London Assembly Liberal Democrats won a major achievement this week in forcing the Mayor to come out against any prospect of a third runway and a sixth terminal at Heathrow airport. The Mayor had previously avoided addressing the issue. Liberal Democrat Deputy Chair of the London Assembly, Sally Hamwee, said: "I'm glad the Mayor has finally recognised the environmental blight that a third runway and a sixth terminal would bring to Londoners. I shall be ensuring that Ken Livingstone lives up to his words and joins with me in every single possible campaign to stop the threat of Heathrow expansion."

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