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East Gosforth FOCUS



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Gosforth Garden Village - High West Jesmond - South Gosforth - Gosforth Terraces - Central Gosforth Another New Council Year - More Road Change Misery For Gosforth

As FOCUS goes to press the City Council is proposing to close Salters Bridge at the eastern end of the Gosforth Garden Village to all except cyclists and pedestrians - without any consultation on whether people want it or not! The reason given is to protect Hollywood Avenue from so called rat-running by drivers trying to avoid roadwork's that are expected to start shortly.

The utilities companies are carrying out exploratory work in advance of a possible redesign of the Haddricks Mill junction.

Hollywood Ave suffered greatly with traffic congestion following the City Council's recent decision to change the junction near to ASDA from a roundabout to traffic lights. Planners see the bridge closure as a way of heading-off a possible repeat.

Councillor Henry Gallagher said, "There is no doubt drivers faced with road works would try and find an alternative route and therefore use Hollywood Ave.

However the residents should be given the choice and allowed to weigh-up the pros and cons for themselves, not have this change imposed upon them. "

Councillor Peter Leggott added, "We have directly asked the Labour Cabinet member to review this decision and to treat the Garden Village residents like adults and give them the choice!"

Obviously issues like this can move on quickly but this was the state of play when Focus was printed in June.

How you can object:
You Can't!!
Last year the council consulted on the Gosforth Transport plan and the people of Gosforth rejected it. The council is proceeding anyway. This year they come up with this major plan and are not bothering to consult.

Henry Gallagher says "Thank-you"

Councillor Henry Gallagher and the Lib Dem FOCUS Team would like to thank East Gosforth voters who re-elected Henry at the local election in May.

Henry said, "I am delighted to have your support and confidence for another term of office. You made the choice to elect a councillor who will hold the council administration to account for its decisions affecting Gosforth, rather than just toe the party line and rubber-stamp decisions."

Despite this being a tough election nationally for the Liberal Democrats we INCREASED our majority over Labour in East Gosforth. Henry also got more votes than UKIP, Green, Tory and TUSC combined. Following the election Henry was elected to Chair the Lib Dem group by his fellow councillors.



The Action Goes On - Year After Year - Not Just At Election Time

In Recent Weeks the Lib Dem FOCUS Team have been involved in many issues. Here is a quick run-down:

- Asked for fly-tipped rubbish to be removed from the rear of **Hyde Terrace**
- Brought together residents of the **Admirals 5 Estate** and officers to discuss inconsiderate parking on that estate
- Asked for remedial action to be taken to the road surface at back **Honister Avenue/Albury Road**
- Demanded the removal of a dead tree from **South Gosforth Green**
- Alerted police to the fears of **Rydal Road Est & Gosforth Terraces** residents about speeding on Christon Road
- Sought action by the council to cut back the undergrowth blocking drivers vision at **Salters Bridge**

Gosforth To Continue To Be The Roadworks Capital Of Newcastle

It really is incredible to think about the number of issues relating to traffic that are affecting Gosforth at the moment. Whether you are a car driver, cyclist or pedestrian we all look like having to put up with major disruption over the next few years.....

Church Rd Area

Consulting on having a no entry system into Belle Vue Ave, Rectory Grove and Moor Rd North. This affects most of the central part of Gosforth whether you live in the zone or will find extra traffic on your street because of it!

Haddricks Mill Junction

The council plans to consult on changes to this junction from July. Plans are not known but we have received hints that Killingworth Road and the metro bridge could be widened to try and help cut down the congestion.

High Street

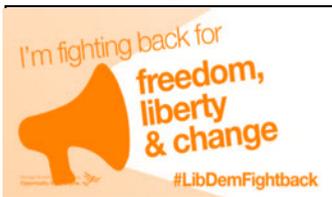
Work is continuing to install new cycle lanes down the Great North Road. Some of the work at Salters Road can take place in the car park without affecting the High St itself until they need to link everything up for the new junction.

Blue House Roundabout

No news on the plans for this scheme but we wonder if we will be forced to change its name to the "Blue House Traffic Lights"? Consultation for this will begin around about the same time as Haddricks Mill.

Councillor David Slesenger writes.... "What do you think? We think the Labour-led council is prioritising Gosforth's roads as strategic routes to help traffic simply pass through Gosforth and around the city - **at the expense of Gosforth, its people and shops.** Tell us your views. Our details are below."

Liberal Democrats' spirits are high after membership soars



Liberal Democrat party membership has soared by 18,000 since the General Election. Locally, there have been many scores of new members and this means that the Liberal Democrats will continue to be a major force in Newcastle. We continue to be the main opposition on the Council, with a 22-member strong group, and we will continue to promote a liberal and progressive agenda both here in Newcastle and across the country. We can only continue our work with volunteers who can give up some time to help. Please let us know if you would like to be involved.

Join the Lib Dem fightback

The Liberal Democrats exist to build and safeguard a fair, free and open society, in which we seek to balance the fundamental values of liberty, equality and community, and in which no one shall be enslaved by poverty, ignorance or conformity. (Preamble to the Liberal Democrats federal party constitution)

Thank you for deciding to join the Liberal Democrat fightback. Please complete your details below.

Name(s):

Address:

Post Code:

The Lib Dems and their elected representatives may use the information you provide to contact you about issues you may find of interest. You can opt out of some or all contacts at any time by contacting us.

- I can help deliver leaflets in my street each month.
- I can help talk to residents either on the doorstep or by phone.
- I can help with clerical tasks either at home or in the office.
- I would like to join Newcastle's Liberal Democrats.

Contact us: Focus Team, 868 Shields Road, Newcastle upon Tyne. NE6 4QP

We hold two surgeries a month in different parts of the ward. On the **first Saturday** of each month we are on the **High St** near to Boots between **10am-Midday**. Then we are at the **Gosforth Garden Village Hall** on the **third Monday** of each month between **6pm-7pm**.

You can of course contact us anytime on the following numbers:

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Cllr David Slesenger 285 3337

Cllr Peter Leggott 285 8255