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Following the withdrawal of Rosebery Housing Association from this project, the borough council are set to take the lead on regenerating this area at the heart of the Longmead Estate, which has lain semi-derelict for years. This initiative follows on from the successful local Liberal Democrat campaigns to demolish the Sefton Arms pub and to landscape that area. Now your local Liberal Democrat councillors are driving forward to see both short-term and permanent solutions.

Your local ward Lib-Dem councillor, David Buxton, will be part of a working group set up with the objectives of attracting a new developer and improving the appearance of the site in the short-term. **David said "A working group is really good news. It does seem as though we might be able to attract investors and end the stalemate we've had to deal with for so many years. A group of individuals entirely focused on this project can only be a good thing."**

Colleague Cllr Dave Morgan added "I know local residents will want to be involved too - a cross section of both owner-occupiers and tenants would be a good mix. Perhaps we can use our Citizens Panel to ask for expressions of interest from local residents."

The council has already been in touch with both the public and private sector. There have been some expressions of interest and in one case, the possibility of some community development funds to improve the look of the whole site until permanent plans are underway.

The existing planning permission for the site expires in February 2011 and it is anticipated that a new project will be put forward. The importance of a general store of some kind on this site is absolutely key to the project, say the Lib Dems, but other than that any expressions of interest in the regeneration project are to be welcomed.

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The Court ward Focus team needs volunteers to help deliver Focus. If you are interested please contact Dave Morgan (contact details overleaf).

Court Ward FOCUS E-News

We have over 120 people signed up to this electronic newsletter. If you are not on the list please let one of your local councillors know.

More Action from your local councillors

TREE MAINTENANCE ON LONGMEAD ESTATE

In response to a number of concerns raised by your local Lib-Dem councillors, on behalf of residents in Longmead, the council have reviewed their plans for tree maintenance on Longmead Estate. In the past the Longmead Estate has received a higher level of tree maintenance. When the programme of tree maintenance was set the frequency was reduced so other sites could be brought up to standard. This has now been changed as a result of recent inspections. There is a high density of buildings and trees with the potential for far more maintenance request than more remote sites. The council officers have therefore made some adjustments to the routine inspection and maintenance programme to bring forward tree maintenance on the Longmead. Instead of being due in 2012 the inspection is now scheduled to take place this financial year. Tree pruning will then hopefully take place before mid summer 2011.

The Inspection is likely to identify pruning to reduce the Willow in Cumberland Close/Lincoln Walk and Lift the Cherry on Anderson Close Green. This is aimed to answer the problems raised by residents.

It's good to report a SUCCESS

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Your Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Postcode: _____

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