



It's a Question of Priorities!

At the borough council elections in 2007, the Liberal Democrats based their Manifesto on your priorities, after conducting surveys across Epsom and Ewell. With borough elections due in 2011, we need to know what importance you place on these issues now. There is a "tick box" survey inside this issue of **focus**. There is also space to add your own priorities.

The ruling RA Residents' Party has consistently refused to consult local residents on the council budget, claiming they know what is important to residents already.

After a year of targeting vulnerable groups of people, such as charging disabled residents for parking, closing public toilets, closing a lunchtime club for older people, they have recently stated "there will be no cuts next year".

No-one wants cuts in services, but your Lib Dem councillors believe that in the present economic climate it's really important that the council conducts its affairs in line with what residents say is important to them.

Please spend a few minutes completing the survey and send it back via Freepost.

**Because
Liberal
Democrats
are in
government:**



Pensions will rise in future years at the same rate as earnings, prices or 2.5%, whichever is the greatest.



The Lib Dems have made sure that the potential oversupply of disabled parking bays in the Town Hall car park is closely monitored. This car park is intended for short-stay shoppers and the balance of parking bays needs to be right for everyone.

When you have completed this survey, please return it to:

Epsom & Ewell Lib Dems, FREEPOST KT3525, Epsom KT19 9BR.

You don't need to use a stamp, but it saves us money if you do use one !

Thank you for your response.



OUR ENVIRONMENT

The council has signed up to the 10:10 campaign and the government has given councils the power to stop back garden development, although quite recently the Conservatives running one Surrey borough voted against stopping garden grabbing! **What is your view about :**

- ◆ Support planning policies on back garden development.
- ◆ Making our town festive at Christmas time.
- ◆ Preventing development of Green Belt land.
- ◆ Keeping all council-owned venues, e.g. *Ewell Court House*.



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YOUNG PEOPLE AND OLDER PEOPLE

We eventually secured a teenage play area in Court Recreation Ground but we still don't have wardens in our parks. We are now campaigning to stop late night noise and anti-social behaviour in our town centre. **How important are the following to you :**

- ◆ Creating a team of park wardens to reduce problems.
- ◆ Investing in late night / early morning patrols around pubs and clubs.
- ◆ Having a night bus system to get young people home safely.
- ◆ Extending transport and day centre facilities for older people.

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OUR TOWN HALL AND ITS DECISION MAKING

Residents Association councillors continue their expensive robe-wearing habit, but we have persuaded the council to cut back on paper and produce more information electronically. **Please rank the following :**

- ◆ Abolishing the wearing of special robes at council meetings.
- ◆ Permitting residents to ask questions at meetings of the Council.
- ◆ Transmitting video of council meetings "live" over the internet.
- ◆ Charging the big developers for advice before they submit plans.

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YOUR OWN IDEAS FOR MAKING AND SAVING MONEY

The Government's Spending Review is likely to make things even more difficult for local authorities. **Please tell us about your own ideas as to how the council can increase its income or make savings.**

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Ward News ...

After weekly emails from us, London & Quadrant Housing (owners of Horton Water Tower) have finally confirmed the a appointment of a planning consultant to look at demolition, after extending the tower or just restoring it, had both been ruled out.

There's more success to report with the formation of a "working group" to progress regeneration of the Hollymoor Lane shops site. Cllr David Buxton will shortly be meeting with council officials and talk about how to get new developers interested.

After pressure from your Lib Dem councillors, the council's Chief Executive has written to Persimmon Homes about outstanding issues on Livingstone Park and the council are now intending to serve enforcement notices.

EAST STREET BRIDGE WILL CLOSE LOCAL ROADS

The railway bridge in East Street will be replaced next Easter. Roads will be closed around it for three weeks. Cllr Dave Morgan says that Epsom is likely to be gridlocked and it will be chaos!



The Horton Centre under construction

HORTON CENTRE SHOP—GOOD NEWS AT LAST? Tesco have applied for a licence to sell alcohol at a Horton Centre shop which must mean they have plans to open a store.

David Buxton, a Livingstone Park resident himself, says "This could be really good news for the residents of Clarendon, Manor and Livingstone Parks. All our campaigning will have been worthwhile. Local people won't have to get in a car to buy a newspaper or groceries!" Dave Morgan added "a local store is a really important part of a new community and we must make sure that everyone knows of the facilities nearby, e.g. the David Lloyd Centre, Horton Country Park and hopefully Tesco!"

- The footpath across the railway line between Longmead and Stones Road is going to stay closed for ages—Surrey CC need next year's money to complete the job.
- **Your Lib Dem councillors have made sure the council will discuss a Borough Parking Strategy in October— why don't they have one already?**

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