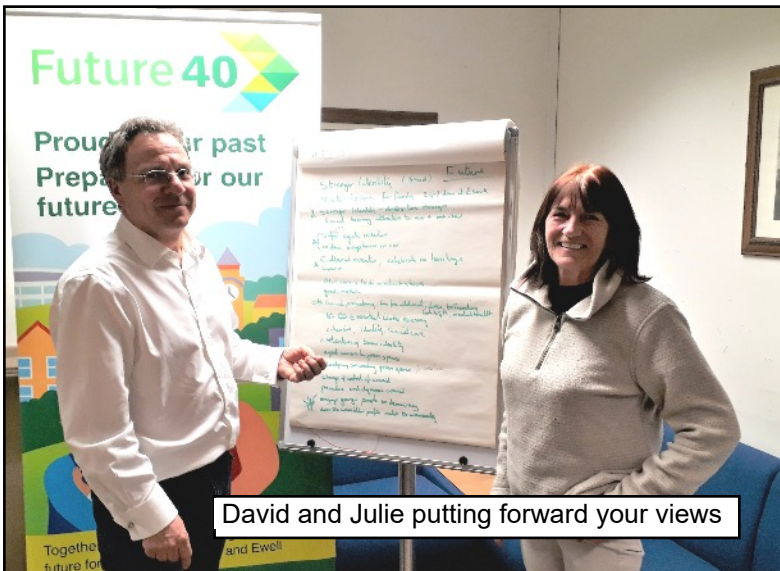




Representing YOU at the Town Hall

FOCUS team makes sure your views are heard



David and Julie putting forward your views

The College Ward **FOCUS** team, along with other Epsom (and Ewell) **FOCUS** teams and other local groups, was invited to participate in a Future40 survey at the Town Hall last month.

Team members **David Gulland** and **Julie Morris** put forward loads of the ideas that you suggested in the **FOCUS** survey earlier in the year, including

- build more starter homes for families
- improve road safety for pedestrians and cyclists
- ways to improve Epsom town centre

as well as suggesting ways for the council to engage residents, particularly younger people, in the democratic process.

You can complete the Future 40 survey on line at the council's website until the middle of January. Contact David for more information.

Parking Success in Alexandra Park

After pressure from your **FOCUS** team and the Friends of Alexandra Park, the council is likely to approve the introduction of parking restrictions in the car park of Alexandra Recreation Ground. It was being used for all-day parking by commuters.

The proposals will operate only between Monday and Friday and will restrict the maximum stay to 4 hours between 9am and 6pm. Contact Andre for more information.



Andre and the FOCUS team fought for parking restrictions

Out Of Touch

Amazement at Tories' lack of local knowledge



After having been College Ward councillors for nearly four years, it appears the Conservatives still don't know their way around the ward.

Their recent 'In Touch' leaflet had a headline about the **BRINDLE ROAD** allotments. The same road name is repeated in the article itself. We can only think they mean **BRIDLE ROAD**. But the allotments there are the **ALEXANDRA** allotments and Bridle Road is not the only entrance to the site.

The article also talks about "green bins planned to be turned into parking spaces". That's a good trick.

And is the photo of Conservative councillors standing next to a portalo a joke or is it a coded message?

Unfortunately, these Tory councillors do not attend Allotment Forum meetings and clearly know nothing about the effects of the cuts being made by THEIR government on the local authority, all of which has meant little money to invest in allotments.

Another FOCUS team success

Meanwhile, Julie and the **FOCUS** team have taken on the council on behalf of **Alexandra** allotment holders, who had nowhere to park after double yellow lines were recently painted in **Bridle Road** and the **Church Road** entrance is now within a Residents' Parking Zone.

There is now a single yellow line in **Bridle Road**, allowing almost unlimited parking for allotment holders. A timeplate will soon be installed to specify no parking for just one hour between 10am and 11am. At all other times parking is legal. This type of restriction is known as Curfew Parking.

Major developments in College Ward

Four blocks of flats and two houses have been approved by the borough council for the railway cutting site in **Mill Road**. The land already had permission for other types of development but none has ever been built.

The wildlife sanctuary section near the Windmill Lane bridge will be retained as part of the development.

It is likely that plans for **South Hatch** stables will go to the Planning Committee in the new year.

More Parking News

ZONE M

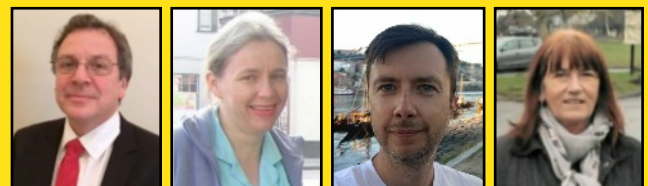
A survey of the hours of operation of a part of Zone M (the **College Road** end) is complete and will be presented to the Local Committee in March 2019, hopefully in time for discussion and action at their summer meeting. Contact Julie for more information.

WELL, FANCY THAT!

When an Epsom shopworker asked his customer (one of the **FOCUS** team) for ID, he found it interesting the address was in **Bridge Road**. "I used to park in **Bridge Road**," he said "but I can't find space there any more. I go to **Ashdown Road** now, or sometimes **Kingsdown**." Yes, we thought, you and lots of others are using our residential roads as car parks!

The **FOCUS** team has sympathy for the parking difficulties faced by people who work in Epsom, but this worker hadn't considered Hook Road car park which is Epsom's cheapest.

Contact the team



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The local Lib Dem **FOCUS** team want to hear from you on any issue, big or small, that you'd like help with.

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